



2021 Maryland Legislation



The Maryland legislature passed policing reform bills. Included are overhauling the disciplinary process for officers accused of misconduct, penalties for officers using excessive force, and body cameras for all officers by 2025. These laws will be reviewed and refined in the 2022 session. The resulting legislation will be implemented then.

Blueprint for Maryland's Future (formally Kirwan legislation) passed. It is intended to improve salaries for public school teachers, improve both college and career educational programs, and help underperforming schools. Legislators passed a digital download tax which is expected to generate revenue to help support the Blueprint legislation.

What Do Our Local Politicians Have to Say?

Delegate Mark Fisher (Cal. Co. Repub.)

"We simply can't afford the 'Blueprint' legislation. It will result in the largest tax increase in the state's history. It's unsustainable."

Delegate Jerry Clark (Cal. Co./St. Mary's Repub.)

Clark stated he didn't support any of the police reform bills. "It's a very technical issue," he said. "If we don't have law and order we don't have anything."

Senator Jack Bailey (Cal. Co./St. Mary's Repub.)

"I believe in open and transparent policing," said Bailey. "This [police reform bill package] was simply a soundbite for social media." (Bailey is a retired, 30-year, law enforcement officer.) In regard to Blueprint, Bailey commented, "It taxes every one of us and has no accountability as far as what goes on in the classroom."