

CHAPTER 331

(Senate Bill 661)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - ~~Police Department~~ Law Enforcement - Settlement Agreements Reports

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that a settlement agreement entered into by a person, who had a claim or filed a civil action against the Prince George's County Police Department, and the Prince George's County Police Department is a matter of public record; requiring the Chief of Police of the Prince George's County Police Department to make the terms of the settlement agreement available to the public; prohibiting a court from sealing the terms of certain settlement agreements; providing for the application of this Act requiring Prince George's County to report each year to certain persons on the total number of settlements of tort claims involving law enforcement activities and the annual expenditures of the county for those settlements; and generally relating to settlement agreements with the settlements of tort claims involving law enforcement activities in Prince George's County Police Department.~~

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Prince George's County
Section 18-146.02
Article 17 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1999 Edition and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

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~~Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 6-411
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 17 - Prince George's County

18-146.02.

~~(A) ANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY A PERSON, WHO HAD A CLAIM OR FILED A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.~~

~~(B) THE CHIEF OF POLICE SHALL MAKE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNDER SUBTITLE 6 OF TITLE 10 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~