"Secure DC" Omnibus Crime Bill

What/Why

- Expand stop-and-frisk
    - Cops may search anyone in a public place without a warrant if they are on parole or probation for a gun conviction.
- Expand pretrial detention
    - More difficult for judges to release people charged with certain crimes pretrail
- Loosening restrictions on car chases
- Drug Free Zones
    - Puts people at risk for arrest for being in groups of 2 or more for not 'dispersing'
    - Police can arrest just off 'suspicion' if they can connect it to drug use or activity
- Allows for police to use neck restraint to detain someone
- Mandatory minimums and longer prison sentences
- Anti Masking law
    - Ban people from wearing masks/face covers if intended to commit a crime
- DNA collection for certain crimes
    - CM Brooke Pinto pushed for this to be brought back
- Arrest if you don't give your name and address for fare evasion
    - Also double fare fine
- Allows cop to review body cam footage before filing their report
- ETC

DC Bias Crime Data

"Under the Bias-Related Crime Act of 1989 (D.C. Official Code § 22-3700 et. seq.), a bias-related, or hate, crime is a criminal act or attempted criminal act "that demonstrates an accused's prejudice based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibility, homelessness, physical disability, matriculation, or political affiliation of a victim.""

Comparing it to General DC Reported Crime 2023

"The dataset contains a subset of locations and attributes of incidents reported in the ASAP (Analytical Services Application) crime report database by the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). Visit https://crimecards.dc.gov for more information. This data is shared via an automated process where addresses are geocoded to the District's Master Address Repository and assigned to the appropriate street block. Block locations for some crime points could not be automatically assigned resulting in 0,0 for x,y coordinates. These can be interactively assigned using the MAR Geocoder."

What I found interesting about these data sets