

HOUSE BILL 1351

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Delegates Branch, Conaway, Glenn, Hammen, Harper, McHale, McIntosh, Oaks, B. Robinson, Rosenberg, and Stukes**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Special Police Officers and School Police Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law relating to the appointment of
4 special police officers in Baltimore City; repealing an obsolete provision of law
5 relating to Baltimore City school police officers; and generally relating to special
6 police officers and school police officers in Baltimore City.

7 BY repealing

8 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

9 Section 16–16

10 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

11 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

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

14 **Article 4 – Baltimore City**

15 [16–16.

16 The Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is hereby authorized, in the exercise
17 of his discretion, upon the application of any corporation, association, firm or person in
18 the City of Baltimore that the said Commissioner may deem responsible, to appoint
19 suitable persons as special police officers to serve without pay from the said City or the
20 State of Maryland, and the corporation, association, firm or person applying for such
21 appointment shall be liable for the official misconduct, wrongful or negligent acts of
22 the officer appointed on such application. Every special police officer appointed under
23 the provisions this section shall, upon the premises of the corporation, association,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 firm or person for which he may have been appointed, but not elsewhere, have power
2 to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, arrest offenders, protect the rights and
3 property in and upon such premises as fully as a regular police officer of Baltimore
4 City. A record of such appointment shall be kept in the office of the said
5 Commissioner, and any appointments so made may be revoked by the said
6 Commissioner at any time; and the form of badge to be worn by such special police
7 officer shall be prescribed by the said Police Commissioner and, additionally, such
8 special police officers shall wear no uniform which does not have the approval of the
9 Commissioner. Nothing herein shall be intended to permit private detectives licensed
10 under the laws of Maryland to act or be appointed under the provisions of this section
11 as a special police officer.

12 Baltimore City school police officers appointed under this section shall have
13 power to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, arrest offenders, make arrests or
14 issue traffic citations for violations of any of the provisions of the Maryland vehicle law
15 or local traffic laws or regulations, including the parking area regulations adopted by a
16 principal for school property, protect rights and property in, upon, and in the
17 immediate vicinity of the premises of schools and other Department of Education
18 properties as fully as regular police officers of Baltimore City. The Baltimore City
19 school police officers shall have and enjoy the immunities and defenses of regular
20 police officers in any suit, civil or criminal, brought against them in consequence of
21 acts done in their official duties. The provision of this section that appointees there
22 under shall serve without pay from the City or the State of Maryland shall not apply
23 to Baltimore City school police officers.]

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2014.