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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 771  
Judiciary

(Delegate Carter, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Baltimore Police Department - Reporting on Community Policing**

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This bill requires the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, by January 1 of each year, to report specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly. The report must be made available to the public on the department's website.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Baltimore City can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The report must contain, as of December 1 of the previous year:

- the total number of sworn police officers in the department;
- the number of sworn African American police officers in the department;
- the number of sworn female police officers in the department; and
- the number of sworn police officers in the department who are residents of Baltimore City.

The report must also contain the following information from the previous calendar year:

- the number of recruiting events the department sponsored or participated in in Baltimore City;
- the number of instances of use of force that resulted in the admission of a civilian to a hospital, when the injury directly resulted from an officer's actions;
- the number of civilian complaints about the use of force by an officer;
- the number of officers who were suspended with pay;
- the number of officers who were suspended without pay;
- the percentage of patrol officers who were assigned to neighborhood patrols;
- the number of youth younger than age 18 referred to intervention programs by officers; and
- a description of the Baltimore Police Department's community policing efforts, including community policing programs, participation in town hall meetings, and efforts to engage with schools, recreation centers, community centers, and senior centers.

**Current Law/Background:** Baltimore City does not currently report on the data required under the bill.

The Baltimore City Police Civilian Review Board is a permanent, independent agency in Baltimore City that is authorized to process complaints lodged by members of the public who allege abusive language, harassment, or excessive force by members of the Baltimore Police Department. The board may also review Police Department Policies and make recommendations to the Police Commissioner. The following police agencies fall under the jurisdiction of the board: the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City School Police, the Housing Authority Police of Baltimore City; and the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department.

The board is composed of nine voting members and three nonvoting members. The voting members consist of one citizen representative of each of the nine Baltimore police districts. The nonvoting members consist of one representative each from the Fraternal Order of Police, the Vanguard Justice Society, and the Baltimore City Police Commissioner. Voting members may not be a current employee of a municipal, county, State, or federal law enforcement agency.

The nine voting members are appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council. Each member's term is three years, and staggered so that the terms of three members expire annually. Members may not serve more than two full successive terms.

Although the board was originally created without a budget, city funds are now used to employ two professional investigators to assist the board in gathering information on cases. The staff of the Baltimore City Community Relations Commission provides administrative and clerical support to the board. The office of the City Solicitor provides the board with legal assistance.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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