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(Delegate Ali, *et al.*)

Baltimore Police Department - Reporting on Community Policing

This bill expands the information that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City must report each year to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly concerning the Baltimore Police Department. The following additional information must be included: (1) the number of sworn Hispanic American police officers in the department; (2) the number of sworn officers assigned to the Community Collaboration Division within the department; and (3) the fiscal year budget allocation for the Community Collaboration Division.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: By February 1, each year, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is required to report to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly the following information concerning the Baltimore Police Department, for 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.

As of the writing of this fiscal and policy note, the report due February 1, 2018, was not yet available. The January 1, 2017 [report](#) indicates that, as of December 1, 2016, the Baltimore Police Department had 2,528 sworn police officers. Findings from the report include that, of the sworn police officers in the department, approximately 40% were African American, 16% were female, and 20% were city residents. Of the 1,255 officers assigned to the Patrol Division, approximately 80% are assigned to sector patrols. Between December 1, 2015, and December 1, 2016, the department sponsored or participated in 29 recruiting events, which was 12 more than the previous year.

The Community Collaboration Division's mission is to develop strategies that produce collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, Baltimore City residents, faith-based organizations, businesses, schools, media, other government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1635 of 2017 was referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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