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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Firearms-Intercept Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to create and
4 implement a firearms-intercept task force to seize unlawful firearms and thus
5 reduce the number of crimes involving firearms; requiring the Commissioner to
6 submit to the Superintendent of the State Police a written report by a certain date;
7 specifying the information the report must include; and generally relating to a
8 firearms-intercept task force in Baltimore City.

9 BY adding to

10 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
11 Section 16-7A
12 Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
13 (1979 Edition and 1993 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 4 - Baltimore City**

17 16-7A.

18 (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A
19 FIREARMS-INTERCEPT TASK FORCE TO SEIZE UNLAWFUL FIREARMS AND THUS
20 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CRIMES INVOLVING FIREARMS.

21 (B) A FIREARMS-INTERCEPT TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF TEAMS OF
22 POLICE OFFICERS WHO PATROL HIGH-CRIME NEIGHBORHOODS TO SEIZE
23 HANDGUNS, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND OTHER FIREARMS THAT ARE UNLAWFULLY
24 POSSESSED OR TRANSPORTED.

25 (C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1997 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBMIT TO
26 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE POLICE A WRITTEN REPORT THAT CONTAINS:

27 (1) THE NUMBER OF FIREARMS SEIZED BY THE FIREARMS-INTERCEPT
28 TASK FORCE DURING THE FIRST 6 MONTHS AFTER THE FIREARMS-INTERCEPT TASK
29 FORCE BEGINS OPERATION;

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1 (2) THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES, DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, AND OTHER
2 CRIMES INVOLVING FIREARMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN WHICH THE
3 FIREARMS-INTERCEPT TASK FORCE OPERATED, COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER OF
4 SIMILAR CRIMES IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOODS IN PREVIOUS YEARS;

5 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE FIREARMS-INTERCEPT
6 TASK FORCE SHOULD BE CONTINUED OR EXPANDED; AND

7 (4) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
8 STATE POLICE REQUIRES.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 1996.