
By: **Delegate Gladden**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - School Safety Act of 2002**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring at least one member of the Baltimore City School Police

4 Force to be posted, during certain times, at each public elementary and
5 secondary school located in Baltimore City; requiring Baltimore City school
6 police officers to operate metal detectors and police scanners at certain places in
7 certain schools in Baltimore City; and generally relating to school safety in
8 Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Education
11 Section 4-318
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 4-318.

18 (a) In this section, "Baltimore City school police officer" means any person
19 who, when acting in an official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who
20 is a member of the Baltimore City School Police Force.

21 (b) There is a Baltimore City School Police Force.

22 (c) The members of the Baltimore City School Police Force shall be employees
23 of and be appointed by the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

24 (D) (1) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE
25 FORCE SHALL BE POSTED, DURING SCHOOL HOURS, AT EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY
26 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY.

1 (2) BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE OFFICERS SHALL OPERATE
2 METAL DETECTORS AND POLICE SCANNERS AT THE PRIMARY ENTRANCE OF ALL
3 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BALTIMORE CITY.

4 [(d)] (E) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, a
5 Baltimore City school police officer has all the powers of a law enforcement officer in
6 the State.

7 (2) (i) A Baltimore City school police officer may act in an official
8 capacity only on the premises of schools and any other property used for educational
9 purposes owned, leased, or operated by, or under the control of the New Baltimore
10 City Board of School Commissioners.

11 (ii) A Baltimore City school police officer may not act in an official
12 capacity on any other property unless:

- 13 1. Engaged in fresh pursuit of a suspected offender;
- 14 2. Requested or authorized to do so by the Police
15 Commissioner of Baltimore City;
- 16 3. The exercise of power is necessary to facilitate the orderly
17 flow of traffic to and from property owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of
18 the Baltimore City School System; or
- 19 4. Ordered to do so by the Mayor of Baltimore City.

20 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Baltimore City school
21 police officer whose permanent or temporary assignment is at a school or on school
22 property may not carry a rifle, gun, or other deadly weapon of any kind from 7 a.m. to
23 4 p.m. on school days on the premises of schools.

24 [(e)] (F) (1) In consultation with the Maryland Police Training Commission,
25 the Civil Service Commission of Baltimore City shall adopt:

26 (i) Requirements for education, training, human and public
27 relations skills, and moral character that an applicant must meet to qualify for
28 employment as a Baltimore City school police officer; and

29 (ii) Standards for the performance of duties.

30 (2) Any requirements adopted by the Civil Service Commission on or
31 after July 1, 1991 may not affect the status of any individual who is a qualified
32 Baltimore City school police officer on that date.

33 [(f)] (G) The New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall adopt
34 regulations governing the:

- 35 (1) Operation of the Baltimore City School Police Force; and
- 36 (2) Conduct of each Baltimore City school police officer.

1 [(g)] (H) This section does not:

2 (1) Make a Baltimore City school police officer a member of the
3 Baltimore City Police Department; or

4 (2) Affect the salary, benefits, or retirement program of an employee of
5 Baltimore City or the New Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2002.