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House Bill 113
 Appropriations

(Delegate Branch, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Public Safety - Baltimore City Safe Streets Initiatives - Funding (The Tyrone Ray Safe Streets Act)

This emergency bill requires the Governor to appropriate \$3.6 million in the annual State budget for Baltimore City to be used only to provide grants to community-based organizations to operate Safe Streets Initiatives in Baltimore City. By December 31 each year, the Mayor of Baltimore City must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on (1) the effectiveness of Safe Streets Initiatives in Baltimore City; (2) the status of all Safe Streets Initiatives in Baltimore City, as specified; and (3) any other information considered necessary by the Mayor of Baltimore City.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$3.6 million beginning in FY 2019 to provide funding for Baltimore City. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2020.**

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000
Net Effect	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues and expenditures increase by \$3.6 million annually beginning in FY 2019.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses are not directly affected.

Analysis

Bill Summary: A grant made with the appropriated funds may not (1) require a matching fund; (2) exceed \$300,000 per Safe Streets Initiative; or (3) supplant grant funding otherwise available for Safe Streets Initiatives. The funds appropriated must be used solely to supplement, and not supplant, funds otherwise available for Safe Streets Initiatives in Baltimore City.

“Safe Streets Initiative” means a violence prevention or intervention program operated by a community-based organization in a neighborhood that is disproportionately affected by violent crime.

Current Law/Background: Before December 2017, the Baltimore City Health Department funded community-based organizations to implement the Safe Streets model in identified target neighborhoods. Safe Streets emphasizes the delivery of a unified message that violence is no longer acceptable through community organization and public education. In addition, Safe Streets incorporates and emphasizes a street outreach component, with outreach workers canvassing neighborhoods and connecting with high-risk youth and young adults during evenings and weekends to diffuse situations and link such individuals to services. According to the Baltimore City Health Department, Safe Streets is a tool that communities can use to restore street safety and strengthen community bonds through community mobilization, outreach, public education, faith, and criminal justice community involvement. Approximately \$1.7 million has been allocated by Baltimore City for the program in fiscal 2018.

In December 2017, Baltimore City Mayor Catherine Pugh announced that the program will be expanded and shifted from the health department to the mayor’s criminal justice office. The Safe Streets initiative currently operates in four sites in Baltimore City: McElderry Park, Cherry Hill, Mondawmin, and Park Heights.

State/Local Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$3.6 million annually beginning in fiscal 2019 to provide funding for Baltimore City. This analysis assumes that funding is included in the State budget beginning in fiscal 2019 even though the mandated appropriation does not take effect until fiscal 2020. Despite the fact that the bill is an emergency measure, there is no impact in fiscal 2018.

Local grant revenues and expenditures in Baltimore City increase correspondingly. This analysis assumes that all appropriated funds are spent each year. Baltimore City advises that administration of the new funds and the reporting requirement can be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; Department of Budget and Management; *Baltimore Sun*; Department of Legislative Services

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