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House Bill 805  
Judiciary

(Delegate Malone, *et al.*)

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Task Force on Police Staffing Levels in Baltimore City

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This bill establishes the Task Force on Police Staffing Levels. The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) must provide staff for the task force. By December 31, 2018, the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Majority and Minority Leaders of both the Senate and the House of Delegates. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018, and terminates June 30, 2019.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for MPTSC are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources. Local revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The task force must (1) evaluate staffing levels of law enforcement officers in Baltimore City during the past five years both overall and at the police district level; (2) compare and contrast staffing levels of law enforcement officers with the incidence of crimes reported in Baltimore City and in each police district during the past five years; and (3) make recommendations regarding how staffing of law enforcement may be altered to address and combat criminal activity in Baltimore City.

Task force members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

**Current Law/Background:** The Baltimore City Police Department is the eighth largest municipal police force in the United States. The department is staffed by nearly 3,100 civilian and sworn personnel. The department's jurisdiction covers the State's largest city, with a population of approximately 614,000.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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