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House Bill 1259
Appropriations

(Delegate McCray, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Police Department - Reports on Funds

This bill requires the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) to prepare specified reports regarding grants the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) makes to BPD. By December 31 each year, BPD must submit the required report to the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly. The annual report must include the intended use of each grant from GOCCP to BPD and the specific expenditures made by BPD with any monetary grants received from GOCCP. The stated purpose of the bill is to ensure that grants from GOCCP to BPD for community policing efforts are used for that purpose.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill only affects BPD.

Local Effect: BPD can prepare the required reports with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: GOCCP is empowered to develop collaborative and deliberative approaches to impact crime through more effective management of Maryland's criminal justice resources. GOCCP is responsible for administering many of the State's law enforcement grants; conducting crime data analysis; performing best practices research; and assisting the development of legislation, policies, plans, programs,

and budgets related to the reduction and prevention of crime, violence, delinquency, and substance abuse.

GOCCP plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. Examples of grants administered by GOCCP include:

- Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant;
- Community Program Fund;
- Gun Violence Reduction Grant;
- Title II Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant;
- Law Enforcement Training Scholarship Program;
- Maryland Victims of Crime Fund;
- State Aid for Police Protection Fund;
- School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund;
- Sex Offender and Compliance Enforcement in Maryland; and
- STOP (Services * Training * Officers * Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.

Since fiscal 2015, GOCCP has awarded more than \$68.5 million in grant funding to entities in Baltimore City. General funds constitute the majority of grant awards and increased by more than \$3.5 million in fiscal 2018. Local government entities are the primary grant recipients, with BPD receiving the single largest grant award of \$9.2 million in fiscal 2018 to support community policing, violent crime reduction, and technology upgrades. According to Baltimore City, BPD has allocated approximately \$2.3 million of its fiscal 2018 grant to community policing efforts.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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