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HB 1355 – Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program – Establishment

Honorable Chair McIntosh, Vice Chair Jackson and Members of the Committee:

I am happy to introduce to you House Bill 1355 Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program – Establishment. This bill establishes the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program, administered by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim’s Services.

This grant will provide funding to offset costs associated with establishing and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements between counties. This would mandate an appropriation in the annual budget bill of **\$3.5 million** to be used exclusively for grants for this program.

This bill is part of County Executive Olszewski’s 2020 legislative agenda and received a favorable report from the Baltimore County Delegation, along with its cross-file, SB 1051. The Baltimore County Police Department works with neighboring jurisdictions to target violent crime through the Warrant Apprehension Task Force and Regional Auto-theft Task Force. Both programs are successful but under-resourced. Baltimore County has proposed HB 1355 to create a State-funded matching grant program for interjurisdictional law enforcement initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 1134.

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