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BILL NO.: **HB 1355**

TITLE: Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program -
Establishment

SPONSOR: Delegate P. Young

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 3, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1355 – Public Safety – Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program – Establishment. This bill would provide a State-funded matching grant program to support interjurisdictional law enforcement initiatives critical to fighting crime regionally.

Programs such as the Warrant Apprehension Task Force and the Regional Auto-theft Task Force have been indispensable resources that have helped the Baltimore County Police Department to partner with other jurisdictions to combat crime in the Baltimore region. Their success can be attributed to their emphasis on communication across jurisdictional borders and a regional approach to addressing crime.

Unfortunately, these programs have been under-funded. With matching funds from the State, Baltimore County would be in a better fiscal position to devote the necessary resources towards regional crime fighting initiatives. Our approach to law enforcement strategy cannot be tailored within a particular set of borders, it must be the result of interjurisdictional communication and cooperation within the regions where these crimes are being committed.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1355. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.