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**BILL NO.:**           **House Bill 1278**

**TITLE:**             **Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program**

**SPONSOR:**        **Delegate P. Young**

**COMMITTEE:**     **Appropriations**

**POSITION:**       **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**            **March 15, 2022**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1278 - Public Safety - Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program. This legislation would provide funding to establish and support interjurisdictional policing efforts.

Crime does not adhere to jurisdictional boundaries. Recognizing the need for collaboration to target criminal activity across jurisdictional borders, the Baltimore County Police Department has worked diligently to engage with regional partners. Initiatives such as the Warrant Apprehension Task Force and the Regional Auto-Theft Task Force allow law enforcement to cross jurisdictions to easily seize evidence, move across borders, make arrests, follow leads and collaborate with peers. These programs have effectively targeted and prevented crime across the State, but their full potential impact has been restricted by funding limitations.

HB 1278 allows Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and other jurisdictions within the region to develop a comprehensive strategy to address crime collectively. This legislation would allocate \$3.5 million to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide grant funding to enhance current interjurisdictional policing efforts, and enable new programs to be created throughout the State. This bill is a priority for Baltimore County, as the safety of residents is of the utmost importance to County Executive Olszewski.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1278. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at [jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov).