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Testimony of Delegate Darryl Barnes
February 8, 2022

HB 345 - Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service

Good afternoon Chair McIntosh and members of the House Appropriation Committee. HB 345 as drafted will require the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and \$500,000 to the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for each to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to fund violence prevention and community service initiatives. The funds must be used solely to supplement, and not supplant, funds otherwise available for community service organizations in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. In addition, the bill establishes duties and requirements for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, and nonprofit organizations that apply for and receive grants pursuant to the bill.

The bill as amended, will include non-profits whose mission include teaching financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce development. By partnering with nonprofits, we will help youth, young adults, and those with barriers to employment reach their full potential through early employment experience and professional development by providing the tools and skills needed to prepare individuals for jobs and knowledge to create their own sources of income. By doing so, we begin to help to build a stronger pipeline of diverse talent, fuel local economic growth and contribute to the success of our community and our state.

For this reason, I ask your **Favorable** report on HB 345.

Respectfully yours,

Darryl Barnes

Delegate Darryl Barnes, Chairman
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HB 345

Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service

House Appropriations Committee

Position: Support

The Maryland Catholic Conference (“Conference”) represents the public policy interests of the three Roman Catholic (arch)dioceses serving Maryland: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

House Bill 345 requires the Governor to annually include \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for grants to nonprofit organizations to fund violence prevention and community service initiatives; requiring the offices to establish certain procedures and enhance certain coordination of services; requiring an organization that receives grant funding to comply with certain data sharing and reporting requirements.

The Catholic Church has a strong interest in public safety and keeping communities safe from violence. In a pastoral letter, *The Enduring Power of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Principles of Nonviolence*, Archbishop William E. Lori states “*Without denying or minimizing the tragic problems that beset our community, we need to abstain from a narrative of hopelessness that fails to see the good that is going on all around us. We need to acknowledge and actively support the efforts of many in the government, faith communities, education and non-profit communities to improve conditions, not to mention the heroic efforts and witness of many good people who live in our most underserved neighborhoods. When we fail to heed these voices and acknowledge their good work, we weave a story of despair, a self-fulfilling prophecy that only makes things worse. Hopelessness, as much as violence, destroys people and their communities. On the other hand, when we acknowledge one another's efforts and try to maximize and coordinate them, then we are building enthusiasm, momentum and goodwill – all necessary ingredients for achieving a better day.*”

House Bill 345 seeks to identify and prioritize violence impacting communities and offer viable solutions, involving networks that can effectively address the issue using multiple strategies to reduce and prevent violence within our communities.

The Conference appreciates your consideration and, for these reasons, respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 345.

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Greetings Senators & Delegates:

I am Eric Smith, Executive Director for Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody. We would like to get your support with an amendment SB 0106/HB0345. The amendment would be that 25-35% of the allocated funds be used for nonprofits that have a focus on educating and advocating fathers on co-parenting rights and the rules regarding court procedures when filing for custody. This provision is needed to help fathers who has a desire to co-parent. However, they have questions or uneducated about the process of filing and what they can request when asking for custody.

Fathers have been treated unfairly when they must appear before a judge or judicial appointee. Maryland currently ranks a D- in following the rules in deciding the Best Interest of the Child. Delegate Clippinger - House Chair, Delegate Anderson & Delegate Conway of the Judiciary Committee can attest to the bills that have been presented this session. Bills that limit a dad/father's access to his child/children and are against the father having any equal custody. The amendment to this bill would start to give fathers relief when it comes to custody and co-parenting because they would be educated when speaking before a judge or judicial appointee.

Sincerely,

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HOUSE BILL 345 Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Services (D. Barnes)

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

DATE: February 8, 2022

COMMITTEE: House Appropriations

SUMMARY OF BILL: HB 345 mandates an annual appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 each to the Prince George's State's Attorney's Office and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to fund violence prevention and community service initiatives.

EXPLANATION: The Department of Budget and Management's focus is not on the underlying policy proposal being advanced by the legislation, but rather on the aggregate \$1 million mandated appropriation provision that impacts the FY 2024 and subsequent budgets. The FY 2023 Budget includes \$1.7 million for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and \$1.1 million for the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office.

DBM has the responsibility of submitting a balanced budget to the General Assembly annually, which will require spending allocations for FY 2024 to be within the official revenues estimates approved by the Board of Revenue Estimates in December 2022.

Changes to the Maryland Constitution in 2020 provide the General Assembly with additional budgetary authority, beginning in the 2023 Session, to realign total spending by increasing and adding items to appropriations in the budget submitted by the Governor. The legislature's new budgetary power diminishes, if not negates, the need for mandated appropriation bills.

Fully funding the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan) will require fiscal discipline in the years ahead, if the State is to maintain the current projected structural budget surpluses. Mandated spending increases need to be reevaluated within the context of this education funding priority and the Governor's tax relief proposals.

Economic conditions remain precarious as a result of COVID-19. High rates of inflation and workforce shortages may be short lived or persist, thereby impacting the Maryland economy. While current budget forecasts project structural surpluses, the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to present a significant budgetary vulnerability. The Department continues to urge the General Assembly to focus on maintaining the structural budget surplus.

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