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Testimony of Delegate Darryl Barnes  
February 8, 2022

**SB 106 - Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service**

Good afternoon Chairman Smith and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee. SB 106 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 SB 106.

Respectfully yours,

*Darryl Barnes*

Delegate Darryl Barnes, Chairman  
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SB 106 – BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – GRANT FUNDING  
– VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

TESTIMONY OF SENATOR MARY WASHINGTON

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the JPR,

SB106 is a tool for the States Attorney’s offices in Prince George’s County and Baltimore City to fund non-profit organizations that work with young people at risk ages 14 -29.

The best way to address crime is to prevent it. The best prevention is by creating an environment and support system that engages young people at the critical ages when they have to make life choices. Criminal behavior is often perpetrated by people who see no other options.

This bill requires 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.

By passing SB106, Prince George’s County and Baltimore City States Attorney’s Offices will be able to identify effective non-profit organizations to receive grant money to continue the work they do with young people at risk in their communities. The States Attorney’s offices are an appropriate and effective office to make decisions on what programs will be most impactful. The States Attorney’s Office will set the procedures for applying and establish clearly defined measurable and reporting guidelines for applicants.

By supporting community based non-profits for the purpose of teaching leadership skills, workforce development, and entrepreneurship and diversion programs; the State would be directly taking an effective, community based approach to the reduction in violence. Property crimes would reduce, dropout rates can be addressed and arrest rates can be diminished.

SB106 gives the State's Attorney's offices funding to target what they see and prioritize what techniques and programs work best. As front line experts in criminal prosecutions and behaviors, the States Attorney's offices can identify trends in criminal behavior and be proactive in prevention. The effectiveness of each program will be reported and analyzed.

The State of Maryland must fund violence and crime prevention efforts if we are ever going to see a reduction in crime. SB106 is one of many investments that needs to be made to make our communities safer and more productive.

I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 106.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "W".

Senator Mary Washington  
Maryland 43<sup>rd</sup> District

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**February 08, 2022**

**SB 106**

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

**Senate Judicial Proceedings 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.

Senate Bill 106 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.*”

Senate Bill 106 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 Senate Bill 106.

**Fatherhood Fairness SB 0106 HB 0345.pdf**

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February 4, 2022

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,

Eric Smith & The Winning Strategies Team

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# **SB 106 Balt City and PG Co-Grant Funding (Washingt**

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## **SENATE BILL 106 Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Services (Washington)**

### **STATEMENT OF INFORMATION**

**DATE: February 8, 2022**

**COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings**

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** SB 106 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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# **Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant**

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February 8, 2022

Chair William C. Smith, Jr.  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 345/SB 106 - Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service**

### **POSITION: Information**

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office) is providing this letter of information for House Bill 345/Senate Bill 106: Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence Prevention and Community Service.

This legislation 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. The bill requires the two State's Attorney's Offices to establish procedures for nonprofit organizations to use in applying for grants and enhance coordination of existing anti violence programs and nonprofit grant funds to minimize duplication of services. A nonprofit organization that receives funding under this legislation and shall comply with data sharing and reporting requirements, established by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services as a condition of receiving funding.

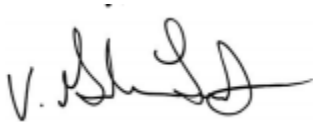
In prior and current fiscal years, the Office has funded both the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office (PGSAO) currently receives approximately \$1,624,681 to include state and federal funding sources, for a total of 6 awards. Of the \$1.6 million, \$1,145,600 is based on a State pass-through grant to support personnel within the Strategic Investigative and Charging Unit (PGSI). The program increases the number of successful prosecutions of violent and non-violent, repeat and chronic offenders in order to

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further enhance and ensure safer communities in Prince George's County. Furthermore, the remainder of funding (\$479,000) is issued based on a competitive basis. Funds support gun violence reduction, targeted repeat offenders, one-time housing assistance for victims of domestic violence under the COVID Emergency Supplemental Funds, and sexual assault/domestic violence prosecution efforts for the PGSAO. The Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office currently receives \$5,150,756.00 in grant funding from the Office, with some of the funds as follows: \$1,760,355.00 going towards FY22 Comprehensive Violence Prosecution, \$100,000 going towards Gun Violence Reduction, \$214,240.00 towards Targeting Repeat Violent Offenders, and \$1,798,101.00 towards the Victim/Witness Unit.

In addition to the funding that both State's Attorney's Offices receive, the organizations are eligible to apply for competitive grants that the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services offers, should eligibility requirements be met. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services will continue to support state law enforcement efforts to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services