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Senate Bill 81

(Senator McCray)

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - Police Department - Reports on Funds

This bill requires the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) to prepare specified reports, in fiscal 2019 and 2020, regarding the expenditure of grants received from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). By December 31 each year, BPD must submit the required report to the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly. The report must include the intended use of each grant from GOCCP to BPD and the specific expenditures made by BPD with any monetary grants received from GOCCP. The stated purpose of the bill is to ensure that grants from GOCCP to BPD for community policing efforts are used for that purpose.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill only affects BPD.

Local Effect: BPD can prepare the required reports with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: GOCCP is empowered to develop collaborative and deliberative approaches to impact crime through more effective management of Maryland's criminal justice resources. GOCCP is responsible for administering many of the State's law enforcement grants; conducting crime data analysis; performing best practices research; and assisting the development of legislation, policies, plans, programs,

and budgets related to the reduction and prevention of crime, violence, delinquency, and substance abuse.

GOCCP plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. Examples of grants administered by GOCCP include:

- Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant;
- Community Program Fund;
- Gun Violence Reduction Grant;
- Title II Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant;
- Law Enforcement Training Scholarship Program;
- Maryland Victims of Crime Fund;
- State Aid for Police Protection Fund;
- School Bus Safety Enforcement Fund;
- Sex Offender and Compliance Enforcement in Maryland; and
- STOP (Services * Training * Officers * Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.

Since fiscal 2015, GOCCP has awarded more than \$100 million in grant funding to entities in Baltimore City. In October 2018, the Governor announced awards totaling \$12 million to Baltimore City to supplement local law enforcement efforts through the creation of a new program to curb violence, the development of a new state-of-the-art computer system to provide officers with real-time data, and funding for 75 police officers whose primary jobs are community policing. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2020 budget for GOCCP includes funding to provide local law enforcement grants of approximately \$2.9 million for the Baltimore City Crime Prevention Initiative, \$9.2 million for the Baltimore City Police Department, and \$3.6 million for the Baltimore City Safe Streets Program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1259 of 2018, a similar bill, passed the House with amendments and received a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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