

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0153R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Harris, Curran, Kraft, Welch, Conaway, Holton, Young
Introduced and read first time: March 6, 2006
Assigned to: Public Safety Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Determining the Factors Involved in Assignment of**
3 **“Uniformed Strength” Numbers to Baltimore City’s Nine Police Districts and**
4 **the Status of Achieving Those Goals in Each District**

5 FOR the purpose of requesting the Baltimore Police Department to define the meaning of
6 “uniformed strength” as a staffing model, to explain the factors involved in assigning
7 “uniformed strength” numbers to Baltimore City’s nine police districts, and to outline the
8 history of “uniformed strength” goals and actual staffing for each of these nine districts.

9 **WHEREAS**, “Uniformed strength” is the number assigned to each police district as the
10 staffing goal for that district’s uniformed police positions.

11 **WHEREAS**, In some districts, like Northern, these uniformed strength goals have been greatly
12 reduced over the past few years, by as much as 25%, despite unchanged boundaries and a
13 relatively small loss of population.

14 **WHEREAS**, In some instances, even these reduced staffing goals have not been achieved in
15 the current fiscal year.

16 **WHEREAS**, Patrol is the basic safety net on which the citizens of our City rely.

17 **WHEREAS**, The Table of Organization for each district should indicate the “uniformed
18 strength” goals for that district, the status of achieving those goals in each district, and therefore
19 the availability of officers for patrol assignments throughout City neighborhoods.

20 **WHEREAS**, The Board of Estimates is currently reviewing agency budgets for the fiscal year
21 beginning on July 1, 2006.

22 **WHEREAS**, It is important now, before the Police budget is finalized, to evaluate the factors
23 involved in assigning “uniformed strength” to each district and to assess any overall shortage of
24 patrol personnel that may contribute to staffing shortfalls in any or all nine police districts.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
26 Baltimore City Council requests the Police Commissioner, the Chief of Operations, and the
27 Chief of Patrol to review with the City Council the definition of “uniformed strength” as a
28 staffing model, the factors involved in assigning “uniformed strength” numbers to Baltimore’s

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 police districts, the Table of Organization for each of the nine police districts indicating patrol
2 staffing goals, an account of any shortfalls in meeting these goals, and a history of changes in
3 “uniformed strength” goals per district in the past two years.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner,
5 Chief of Operations, and Chief of Patrol of the Baltimore Police Department and to Mayor
6 Martin O’Malley, Deputy Mayor Jeanne Hitchcock, and Council Liaison Angela Gibson.