

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0300R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Young, D’Adamo, Curran, Holton,  
Kraft, Clarke, Mitchell, Middleton, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: June 4, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Commissioner, Mayor’s Office of Criminal  
Justice

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Urgent Request for Assistance – Baltimore City Police Staffing Shortage**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control &  
4 Prevention to provide Baltimore City with a grant to aid in the development of a campaign to  
5 recruit persons to fill the 140 vacancies on the Baltimore City Police Force to enable the City  
6 to curtail the rise in violent crime; and respectfully urging the Governor to lend his support to  
7 this request for emergency assistance.

8 **Recitals**

9 In a concerted effort to stem the rise in incidents of violent crime in the City, a Baltimore  
10 City Council Resolution requesting the Mayor to provide emergency funding to assist in the  
11 development of a campaign to recruit persons to serve as sworn police officers, bringing the  
12 force to its optimal force of 3,118, presented a plan that included:

- 13 • The production of public service announcements aimed at recruiting new officers to  
14 air by August 1, 2007.
- 15 • The development of recruitment banners to display at Baltimore City Police  
16 Headquarters, as well as at facilities in each of the 9 Police Districts.
- 17 • The creation of recruitment materials targeted at recent Baltimore City high school  
18 graduates, current Baltimore City Community College students, and other eligible  
19 City residents.
- 20 • Materials to be used at Police Department job fairs to be held in each of the 9 Police  
21 Districts, beginning July 15, 2007.

22 Because of the Office’s mission to be local governments’ “one stop shop for resources to  
23 improve public safety in Maryland” and because the Office can provide “access to federal and  
24 state grant funds” and “provide assistance in maneuvering the red tape to tap these resources, the  
25 Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) can provide invaluable assistance  
26 to the City in the quest to rescue its citizens, visitors, and workers from the ravages of criminal  
27 activity.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 In granting this request, the GOCCP will truly be able to live up to it's slogan – Baltimore  
2 City's success will be your success as well.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
4 Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention is hereby requested to provide  
5 Baltimore City with a grant to aid in the development of a campaign to recruit persons to fill the  
6 140 vacancies on the Baltimore City Police Force to enable the City to curtail the rise in violent  
7 crime; and the Governor is respectfully urged to lend his support to this request for emergency  
8 assistance.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the  
10 Mayor, the Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, and the Mayor's  
11 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.