

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0328
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President, Councilmember Conway
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2023
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Office of Equity and Civil Rights – \$2,388,311**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$2,388,311.00 to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849 (Police
6 Accountability Board), to provide funding to secure the necessary staffing, equipment,
7 technology, and training resources to support the Baltimore City Police Accountability Board
8 and Administrative Charging Committee and to implement related police accountability; and
9 providing for a special effective date.

10 BY authority of
11 Article VI - Board of Estimates
12 Section 8(b)(2)(iii) and (c)
13 Baltimore City Charter
14 (1996 Edition)

15 **Recitals**

16 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents Transfer Taxes in excess of the
17 revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the
18 budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

19 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
20 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated.

21 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
22 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated or is for a new program that could
23 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

24 On December 7, 2022, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
25 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$2,388,311.00 shall be made available to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849
3 (Police Accountability Board) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for
4 Fiscal Year 2023, to provide funding for the hiring of staff, the purchase of equipment and
5 technology, and the development of training resources to support the implementation of new
6 police accountability structures established under Mayor and City Council Ordinance 22-146,
7 establishing the Baltimore City Police Accountability Board and the Administrative Charging
8 Committee. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Transfer Taxes in excess of the
9 amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy
10 required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
12 enacted.