



**SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations**

**City Council Resolution: 22-0138R**

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**Informational Hearing - Coordination between Police Commissioner, School Police Chief, and Sheriff**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Stokes, et al

**Introduced:** September 19, 2022

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of inviting the Baltimore Police Commissioner, Chief of Baltimore City Schools Police, Baltimore Sheriff, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, to explain to the City Council how the agencies and their officials coordinate planning and activities to enhance public safety for the citizens of Baltimore.

**Effective:** Upon enactment

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

Office of the Mayor	
Police Department	
Sheriff’s Office	Not Opposed
Public School System	Comments
State’s Attorney’s Office	
City Solicitor	Favorable

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**ANALYSIS**

The resolution invites the Baltimore Police Commissioner, Chief of Baltimore City Schools Police, Baltimore Sheriff, State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, to explain to the City Council how the agencies and their officials coordinate planning and activities to enhance public safety for the citizens of Baltimore.

The Baltimore Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for Baltimore City. For Fiscal Year 2023, the Police Department’s budget is over \$579.5 million and includes 3,211 positions. Over \$231.2 million, and 1583 of the budgeted positions, are in Service 622 Police Patrol. The Criminal Investigations Division is budgeted over \$62.9 million and 382 positions for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Baltimore City School Police Force is responsible for policing property owned, leased, and operated or controlled by Baltimore City Public Schools. The School Police Force also has a “concurrent jurisdiction agreement” with the Baltimore Police Department, which gives school police the authority to enforce the law within the limits of the City of Baltimore. For Fiscal Year 2023, the School Police Force’s budget is over \$7.2 million.

The Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office is primarily responsible for service of court documents, execution of warrants and Sheriff’s sales, collection of fines and fees, transportation of prisoners, and providing courthouse security. Deputy Sheriffs also have the authority to enforce civil, criminal, and traffic laws, and perform these duties in conjunction with the Baltimore City Police Department. For Fiscal Year 2023, the Sheriff’s budget is over \$24.7 million and includes 212 positions.

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):** Fiscal 2023 Agency Budget Detail, Reporting Agencies, Resolution 22-0138R

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