



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0063R

Informational Hearing – An Evaluation of the Deferred Retirement Option Program
as a Retention Strategy for Fire and Police Personnel

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired By: Councilmember Mark Conway

Hearing Date: October 13, 2021

Time (Beginning): 1:00 p.m.

Time (Ending): 2:40 p.m.

Location: Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 50 - 60 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Mark Conway
Kris Burnett
Eric Costello
Phylicia Porter
Zeke Cohen
Odette Ramos
Antonio Glover

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [] YES [X] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Councilmember Ramos
Seconded by: Councilmember Glover
Final Vote: 7 - 0

Major Issues Discussed

- 1. Chairman Conway greeted the audience and deferred to the sponsor.
2. Councilman Schleifer provided opening remarks
3. The Law Department read their agency report into the record and provided comments.
4. The Fire Department read their agency report into the record and provided comments.
5. The Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System read their agency report into the record and provided comments.
6. The Department of Finance read their agency report into the record and provided comments.
7. The Baltimore Police Department read their agency report into the record and provided comments.
8. Councilman Schleifer requested a comparison of the programs participation when it was created and now.

- 9. There was no public testimony.
- 10. The committee approved the bill as favorable.

Further Study

**Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.**

Yes No

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