

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0022R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Gray

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard,
Jones, and Ramos, and President Cohen

Introduced and read first time: April 28, 2025

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore Police Department, Office of the State's
Attorney for Baltimore City

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Missing Persons – Policies and Procedures**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the
4 Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, including the Juvenile Division, the
5 Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Human Services,
6 including Child Protective Services, Black and Missing, and other relevant stakeholders to
7 brief the City Council regarding policies and procedures pertaining to incidents of missing
8 persons; and requesting data concerning such incidents as well as data regarding staffing and
9 turnover, including Baltimore City Police Department Missing Persons Unit data and district-
10 specific data, for the past 5 years.

11 **Recitals**

12 **WHEREAS**, incidents of missing persons, including youth and adults, are a national issue
13 affecting thousands of families annually.

14 **WHEREAS**, comprehensive policies and procedures pertaining to incidents of missing persons
15 are critical to case resolution.

16 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council recognizes that incidents of missing persons in
17 Baltimore City are an important issue and would like to better understand current policies and
18 procedures pertaining to such incidents as well as review relevant available data.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
20 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the Office of the
21 State's Attorney for Baltimore City, including the Juvenile Division, the Maryland Department of
22 Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Human Services, including Child Protective
23 Services, Black and Missing, and representatives from relevant community organizations to
24 inform the City Council on policies and procedures pertaining to incidents of missing persons,
25 and requests data concerning such incidents as well as data regarding staffing and turnover,
26 including Baltimore City Police Department Missing Persons Unit data and district-specific data,
27 for the last 5 years.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City
2 Police Commissioner, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Secretary of the Maryland
3 Department of Juvenile Services, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Services,
4 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.