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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 23-0427 – Baltimore Police Department – Trauma-Informed Care Training

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0427 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would add the Baltimore Police Department to the list of City agencies in City Code Article 1, Subtitle 22 that are required to designate two agency staff members to participate in trauma-informed training and activities. The bill is effective 30 days after it is enacted.

Ordinance 20-341 identified certain City agencies that are required to participate in trauma-informed care training. At the time of the enactment of 20-341, the Baltimore Police Department was a state agency and was not included in the list of agencies required to participate in the training. The General Assembly enacted a Public Local Law in 2022 establishing in the Baltimore Police Department as an agency of the City. See PLL, § 16-2. This section took effect January 1, 2023. See also City Charter, Article VII, § 141 (establishing the BPD as a City agency).

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele M. Toth".

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