

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 23, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0067 – Supplementary State Fund Operating
Appropriation –State’s Attorney– \$1,190,562

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0067 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,190,562 to the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office. The bill shall take effect on the date that it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(2) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when it is made necessary by a government grant that could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” This is the appropriate method to accept this State grant from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elena R. DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Acting City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Office of Government Relations
Kyron Banks, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Jennifer Landis, Assistant Solicitor