

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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May 23, 2012

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

Attn: Karen Randle
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill 12-0047R – Speed Camera Revenue for Schools
Supplemental Report

Dear President and City Council Members:

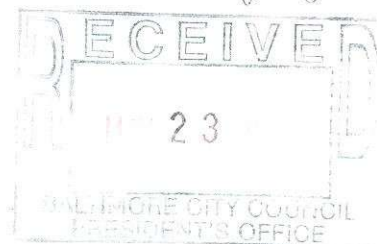
The Law Department is supplementing its report of May 22, 2012 because new information has come to light.

City Council Bill 11-047R is in the form of a resolution requesting the Mayor to divert all annual revenue above \$5 million generated by the City's speed camera program from the general fund into the Public School Construction and Renovation Special Fund. State law, however, restricts the use of speed camera revenue. After allowing the money to be used to recover the costs of implementing and administering the speed monitoring program, State law directs the remaining balance to be used "solely for public safety purposes." Court and Judicial Proceedings Art. § 7-302(e).

Thus, while Council Bill 11-047R is an appropriate expression of the Council's resolve to request that certain portions of the budget be used in the requested manner, State law prohibits the Mayor from satisfying the request.

Sincerely yours,

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