

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0018
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock, Glover, Torrence

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Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Transportation, Office of the Mayor,
Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Study and Report – Towing Dispatch Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation
4 with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating
5 methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for
6 a special effective date.

7 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

- 8 (a) No later than 60 days from the enactment of this Ordinance, Baltimore City
9 Information and Technology, in consultation with the Baltimore Police Department,
10 the Baltimore City Fire Department, Department of Transportation, and the
11 Department of Public Works, shall submit a report to the Mayor and City Council
12 setting forth a comprehensive evaluation of cost, feasibility, and the respective
13 strengths and weaknesses of at least 3 different methods of dispatching towing
14 vehicles.
- 15 (b) At least 1 of the dispatch methods evaluated in the report required by this Section
16 shall include direct integration with the existing computer-aided dispatch system and
17 utilized in the same manner as the Baltimore City Fire Department and the
18 Department of Public Works currently use that same dispatch system. The other
19 methods evaluated may rely primarily on third-party software.
- 20 (c) Any evaluation of the cost of a respective dispatch method shall account for the
21 hardware and software required and propose a reasonable means to share the cost
22 between the City and licensed towing companies.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is**
24 **enacted.**

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