

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

Mark H. Grimes, Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill 11-0305R-Informational Hearing-Tracking Police

Involved Lawsuits

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0305R-Informational Hearing-Tracking Police Involved Lawsuits which requests representatives from the BPD, Law Department, and the Department of Finance to discuss reasons for the increase in funding for police involved litigation in the 2012 budget and to explain the current process for tracking and learning from these claims to reduce future costs.

The BPD will be happy to address the Council on this matter. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

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