



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

Michael S. Harrison
Police Commissioner

March 1, 2023

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill #23-0329
Minor Curfew—Conduct of Establishments—Penalty

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 23-0329 for the purpose of increasing a certain penalty on the operator of an establishment for knowingly permitting any minor to remain on the premises during certain curfews for minors.

The BPD recognizes the need for action in the face of increased violence against youth in and around school premises. We are looking forward to working with other agencies such as Baltimore City School Police to brainstorm strategies and ways to better interact with and monitor establishments during school hours. Prohibiting youth from utilizing an establishment at certain times is not a simple task and cannot be addressed in a simple manner. Execution of the citation process will need to be nuanced to any number of scenarios that could unfold, and must adhere to the federal Consent Decree.

The BPD has no objections to City Council Bill 21-0329 but believes further discussions and partner collaboration are crucial. Thank you for allowing us to comment on this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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