

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0031R
(Resolution)**

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Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Baltimore Crime Gun Intelligence Center**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Baltimore Police Department to partner with Federal, State,
4 and local law enforcement agencies to create a Baltimore Crime Gun Intelligence Center.

5 **Recitals**

6 Guns are at the center of 90% of the homicides on the streets of Baltimore. Gun crime has
7 spiked across the country in recent years sending government and police agencies in a scramble
8 to find ways to halt the use and spreading of guns used in crimes. Cities like Denver, Milwaukee
9 and Chicago decided to create Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs) an innovative
10 partnership to track guns and ballistics to incidents, active shooters, and gun traffickers.

11 As explained by a recent report from the Police Executive Research Forum:

12 CGICs are an interagency collaboration among local police departments, the
13 U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and other
14 partners such as state and local prosecutors, to identify perpetrators of gun crime
15 for immediate investigation, apprehension, and prosecution. CGICs combine
16 state-of-the-art analytical technology, data processing systems, and good
17 old-fashioned detective work to help police agencies more quickly analyze
18 ballistic evidence, establish connections among seemingly unrelated crimes, and
19 build criminal cases targeting both gun traffickers and trigger-pullers.

20 Specifically, CGICs rely on the swift processing of data from ATF's National
21 Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), which allows law
22 enforcement to link ballistic evidence to multiple incidents in which the same
23 firearm was used, and eTrace, which allows for the tracing of recovered firearms
24 back to their original manufacturer and purchaser. These technologies allow law
25 enforcement agencies to generate investigative leads and apprehend "active
26 shooters" in the community.

27 The Baltimore Police Department recently partnered with the ATF for the use of its NIBIN
28 van for a trial run. Developing a CGIC would be the next and a much needed step in the fight
29 against the rising gun violence in Baltimore.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
2 Council of Baltimore requests the Baltimore City Police Department to partner with Federal,
3 State, and local law enforcement agencies to create a Baltimore Crime Gun Intelligence Center.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
5 Police Commissioner, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.