

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0771  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, Curran, Stokes, D’Adamo, Holton, Middleton,  
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Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Commissioner, Baltimore City  
Public School System, Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Department of Finance, Board of  
Estimates

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission; providing for the  
4 appointment of members, an executive director, and staff for the Commission; articulating  
5 the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to prepare a 5-year Anti-Gang  
6 Strategic Plan; and generally relating to efforts to combat gang violence and other  
7 gang-related problems.

8 BY adding

9 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
10 Section(s) 29-1 to 29-10, to be under the new subtitle,  
11 “Subtitle 29. Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission”  
12 Baltimore City Code  
13 (Edition 2000)

14 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
15 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

16 **Baltimore City Code**

17 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

18 **SUBTITLE 29. BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION**

19 **§ 29-1. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

20 THERE IS A BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION.

21 **§ 29-2. PURPOSE.**

22 THE BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION IS DEDICATED TO:

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

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1 (1) COORDINATING THE LONG TERM EFFORTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL,  
2 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS  
3 GANG-RELATED PROBLEMS; AND

4 (2) WORKING WITH THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND OTHERS ON  
5 POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND CONCERNS RELATED TO COMBATING GANGS AND  
6 ELIMINATING GANG VIOLENCE.

7 **§ 29-3. MEMBERS.**

8 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

9 (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 27 MEMBERS.

10 (2) OF THESE:

11 (i) 10 MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE  
12 IV, § 6 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER;

13 (ii) 15 AT LARGE MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY  
14 COUNCIL; AND

15 (iii) 2 MEMBERS ARE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

16 (B) *MAYORAL APPOINTED MEMBERS.*

17 THE 10 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR ARE APPOINTED FROM THE FOLLOWING  
18 CATEGORIES AS INDICATED BELOW:

19 (1) 1 FROM CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS.

20 (2) 1 FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

21 (3) 1 FROM THE FAITH COMMUNITY.

22 (4) 1 FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY COMMUNITY.

23 (5) 1 FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.

24 (6) 1 FROM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

25 (7) 1 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

26 (8) 1 FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

27 (9) 2 AT LARGE.

28 (C) *AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.*

29 THE 2 AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE FOLLOWING, OR THEIR DESIGNATED  
30 REPRESENTATIVES:

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1 (1) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER; AND

2 (2) THE CHIEF OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE FORCE.

3 **§ 29-4. {RESERVED}**

4 **§ 29-5. TERMS, ORGANIZATION, ETC.**

5 (A) *TERMS.*

6 APPOINTED MEMBERS SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS CONCURRENT WITH THE MAYOR'S  
7 TERM OF OFFICE.

8 (B) *COMPENSATION.*

9 MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

10 (C) *VACANCIES.*

11 (1) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER SERVES UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS  
12 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

13 (2) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES OUT THE REST OF  
14 THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

15 (D) *MEETINGS; QUORUM.*

16 (1) THE COMMISSION MEETS ON THE CALL OF THE MAYOR OR ITS CHAIR.

17 (2) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE  
18 TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS, AND AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MAJORITY OF A  
19 QUORUM IS SUFFICIENT FOR ANY OFFICIAL ACTION.

20 (E) *RULES.*

21 THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS.

22 (F) *OFFICERS.*

23 (1) THE MAYOR MAY DESIGNATE AN APPOINTED MEMBER AS CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

24 (2) THE CHAIR MAY SELECT OTHER OFFICERS.

25 **§ 29-6. PERSONNEL; BUDGET.**

26 (A) *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.*

27 (1) THE COMMISSION MAY APPOINT A PROPERLY QUALIFIED PERSON AS THE EXECUTIVE  
28 DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS CONCURRENT WITH  
29 THE TERM OF THE MAYOR.

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1 (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO A SALARY, AS PROVIDED IN THE  
2 ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

3 (3) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMS THE DUTIES THAT THE COMMISSION  
4 PRESCRIBES.

5 (4) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER AFFECTED AGENCY  
6 HEADS, AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND  
7 ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN ISSUES RELATING TO COMBATING GANGS AND  
8 ELIMINATING GANG VIOLENCE.

9 (B) *STAFF.*

10 (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF  
11 ESTIMATES.

12 (2) STAFF MEMBERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

13 (C) *VOLUNTEERS.*

14 THE COMMISSION MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND  
15 CONSULTANTS, WITHOUT SALARY, AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY FROM TIME TO TIME.

16 (D) *BUDGET.*

17 THE COMMISSION MAY EXPEND FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE OF  
18 ESTIMATES.

19 **§ 29-7. DUTIES.**

20 THE COMMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

21 (1) DETERMINING THE STANDARDS TO BE USED IN ANALYZING WHETHER OR NOT  
22 PARTICULAR GROUPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE "GANGS";

23 (2) DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING A 5-YEAR ANTI-GANG STRATEGIC PLAN FOR  
24 BALTIMORE THAT WILL CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
25 NON-PROFITS WITHIN THE CITY, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY;

26 (3) PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN;

27 (4) RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND OTHER ACTIONS TO CONTROL,  
28 MITIGATE, AND PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF GANG VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE;

29 (5) PROVIDING POLICY GUIDANCE, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CONSULTATION TO THE CITY  
30 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE  
31 GROUPS ON THE BEST ANTI-GANG PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT BALTIMORE'S  
32 CITIZENS;

33 (6) SERVING AS ADVOCATES FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS  
34 MOST PRODUCTIVE FOR BALTIMORE; AND

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1 (7) KEEPING THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR INFORMED OF CRITICAL GANG  
2 VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS.

3 **§ 29-8. {RESERVED}**

4 **§ 29-9. AGENCY COOPERATION.**

5 AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES MUST COOPERATE  
6 WITH THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT THE COMMISSION  
7 REQUIRES, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN  
8 THEIR PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

9 **§ 29-10. ANNUAL REPORT.**

10 THE COMMISSION MUST SUBMIT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AN ANNUAL REPORT ON  
11 ITS ACTIVITIES.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
13 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
14 Ordinance.

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
16 after the date it is enacted.