

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0171
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: April 6, 2026
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of**
3 **the State's Attorney – \$2,000,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$2,000,000 to the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City – Service 786
6 (Victim and Witness Services), to provide funding for personnel, travel, relocation assistance,
7 and other items to help support the State's Attorney's Victim and Witness Services Program;
8 and providing for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates
11 Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the State of Maryland's
16 Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy in excess of the revenue relied on by the
17 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year
18 2026.

19 That grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of
20 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated.

21 On February 4, 2026, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
22 Council.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$2,000,000 shall be made available to the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore
3 City – Service 786 (Victim and Witness Services) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating
4 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026, to provide funding for personnel, travel, relocation
5 assistance, and other items to help support the State’s Attorney’s Victim and Witness Services
6 Program. The source of revenue for this appropriation is a grant from the State of Maryland’s
7 Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy in excess of the amount from this source that
8 was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the
9 budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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