



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Erin C. Murphy – Director of Government Relations – Baltimore Police Department
CC	Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
DATE	02/13/2025
SUBJECT	25-0002 Study and Report – Absences in Baltimore City Schools

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 25-0002, for the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Public School System (“City Schools”) to prepare a report exploring the causes of student absences to better identify solutions to address the most persistent barriers students face to attending school; requiring City Schools to collaborate with certain City agencies to propose recommendations to address the root causes of unexcused absences found in the report; and providing for a special effective date.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Baltimore Police Department concurs that student absences are a serious issue and intends to cooperate to the greatest extent possible in developing solutions that will address the root causes of unexcused student absences.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Baltimore Police Department does not anticipate a fiscal impact if this legislation is enacted.

AMENDMENTS

The Baltimore Police Department has no requested amendments for Council Bill 25-0002.