



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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DATE	03/09/2026
SUBJECT	26-0144 - Baltimore City Policies and Procedures - Safe Spaces and Communities

Position: Favorable with Amendment

BILL SYNOPSIS

City Council Bill 26-0144 Baltimore City Policies and Procedures – Safe Spaces and Communities, the purpose of which is to prohibits City agencies from discriminating based on actual or perceived immigration status, limits when they may coordinate with federal immigration authorities, and requires data governance standards and an immigration response plan, while also establishing formal policies governing how the Baltimore Police Department interacts with federal immigration officials.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Baltimore Police Department supports Council Bill 26-0144. BPD currently maintains comprehensive, equitable, and effective policies that address the subject matter proposed in this legislation.

Specifically, the Department’s interactions with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are governed by Baltimore Police Department Policy 1021, titled “Immigration Status,” which establishes clear standards and procedures consistent with applicable law and existing operational practices.

The Baltimore Police Department strictly adheres to Policy 1021 and remains committed to limiting its interactions with ICE to the greatest extent possible under applicable state and federal law. Policy 1021 was developed and approved to ensure compliance with the Consent Decree.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Baltimore Police Department does not anticipate a major fiscal impact.

AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this bill affecting the Baltimore Police Department should align with Policy 1021 and/or the recent Executive Order on Public Safety and Immigration. Any deviation from Policy 1021 could jeopardize compliance with the consent decree.