

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0461
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2023
Assigned to: Finance and Performance Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Law – \$1,900,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$1,900,000 to the Department of Law – Service 860 (Administration-Law), to
6 provide funding for balancing the Department of Law budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due legal
7 fees and support services fees exceeding the adopted budget; and providing for a special
8 effective date.

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

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$1,900,000 in excess of the revenue
16 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
17 Fiscal Year 2023.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated or is for a new program that could
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On November 15, 2023, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 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 \$1,900,000 shall be made available to the Department of Law – Service 860 (Administration-
3 Law) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023, to
4 provide funding for balancing the Department of Law budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due legal fees
5 and support services fees exceeding the adopted budget. The source of revenue for this
6 appropriation is generated from investment earnings in excess of the amount from this source
7 that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the
8 budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

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