

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0225R
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Porter, Cohen, Ramos, Bullock, Middleton, Glover
Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2024

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department, Office of the State's Attorney for
Baltimore City, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, Sheriff's Office

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigational Hearing - Missing Persons - Policies and Procedures**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the
4 Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, including the Juvenile Division, the
5 Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Human Services,
6 including Child Protective Services, and representatives from relevant community
7 organizations to brief the City Council regarding policies and procedures pertaining to
8 incidents of missing persons; and requesting data concerning such incidents as well as data
9 regarding staffing and turnover, including Baltimore City Police Department Missing Persons
10 Unit data and district-specific data, for the last 5 years.

11 **Recitals**

12 **WHEREAS**, incidents of missing persons, including youth and adults, are a national issue
13 affecting thousands of families annually;

14 **WHEREAS**, comprehensive policies and procedures pertaining to incidents of missing persons
15 are critical to case resolution;

16 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council recognizes that incidents of missing persons in
17 Baltimore City are an important issue and would like to better understand current policies and
18 procedures pertaining to such incidents as well as review relevant available data.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
20 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the Office of the
21 State's Attorney for Baltimore City, including the Juvenile Division, the Maryland Department of
22 Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Human Services, including Child Protective
23 Services, and representatives from relevant community organizations to inform the City Council
24 on policies and procedures pertaining to incidents of missing persons, and requests data
25 concerning such incidents as well as data regarding staffing and turnover, including Baltimore
26 City Police Department Missing Persons Unit data and district-specific data, for the last 5 years.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City
2 Police Commissioner, the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, the Maryland
3 Department of Juvenile Services, the Maryland Department of Human Services, representatives
4 from relevant community organizations, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.