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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 23-0329 – Minor Curfew-Conduct of Establishments-Penalty		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0329, Minor Curfew-Conduct of Establishments-Penalty, the purpose of which is to increase the penalty for businesses that allow young people in the business during certain times from \$500 to \$1,000.

Background

Baltimore City Code establishes daytime and nighttime curfews for young people, prohibiting being in public places or establishments during certain times. In addition, the Code establishes penalties for parents and guardians who permit or allow young people to be in spaces that violate the curfews, as well as businesses that knowingly permit young people to remain on the premises during the curfew periods. Currently, these penalties are established at \$50 and \$500, respectively.

This legislation aims to increase the penalty for establishments from \$500 to \$1,000. The intention of this legislation is to discourage businesses from serving young people during the school day, which falls during the daytime curfew.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact for the City from this legislation. This citation is issued by Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and all relevant data is managed by BPD. There have been a limited number of citations issued by BPD; therefore, increasing the penalty will have minimal fiscal impact for the City.

Conclusion

This legislation increases the penalty for businesses that knowingly allow young people on their premises during curfew times from \$500 to \$1,000. Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact for the City from this legislation.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 23-0329.

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