

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0112
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer and Bullock

Introduced and read first time: July 19, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Baltimore Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Supplementary Criminal**
3 **Apprehension and Conviction Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Supplementary Criminal
5 Apprehension and Conviction Fund, to be used exclusively to supplement rewards offered to
6 the public for information leading to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal
7 suspects; providing for certain modes of appropriation to this Fund; authorizing the Mayor
8 and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration
9 of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption
10 or rejection.

11 BY proposing to add
12 Article I - General Provisions
13 Section 19
14 Baltimore City Charter
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Charter**

19 **Article I. General Provisions**

20 **§ 19. SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION FUND.**

21 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED; SCOPE.*

22 THERE IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND
23 CONVICTION FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPLEMENTING
24 REWARDS OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE
25 DEPARTMENT OR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL APPREHENSION,
26 ARREST, AND CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL SUSPECTS.

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

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1 (B) *LIMITATIONS ON USE.*

2 THE SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION FUND:

3 (1) SHALL ONLY BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT REWARDS; AND

4 (2) MAY NOT BE USED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OR REPLACE EXISTING FUNDING FOR
5 REWARDS PROVIDED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY NON-
6 PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

7 (C) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

8 THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONSIST OF:

9 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL ORDINANCES OF ESTIMATES;

10 (2) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; AND

11 (3) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, SURCHARGES, OR OTHER REVENUES DEDICATED TO
12 THE FUND BY ORDINANCE.

13 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

14 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE
15 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

16 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;

17 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

18 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

19 (E) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

20 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR THE OVERSIGHT,
21 GOVERNANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City
23 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
24 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
25 City Solicitor.