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Title: Funding for the Consent Decree Between the Baltimore City Police Department and the United States Department of Justice
For the purpose of requesting that the Director of Finance and the Police Commissioner work to ensure that there are no current spending efficiencies within the Police Department before more dollars are allocated for the implementation of changes mandated in the recently signed consent decree with the United States Department of Justice.

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4/4/2017	0	Budget and Appropriations Committee		
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1/26/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Police Department	
1/26/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
1/26/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice	
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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Funding for the Consent Decree Between the Baltimore City Police Department and the United States Department of Justice

For the purpose of requesting that the Director of Finance and the Police Commissioner work to ensure that there are no current spending efficiencies within the Police Department before more dollars are allocated for the implementation of changes mandated in the recently signed consent decree with the United States Department of Justice.

Recitals

Baltimore's Police Department is by far the City's most funded agency with a budget of \$450 million. The recently agreed upon consent decree between it and the United States Department of Justice is estimated to carry an initial cost of at least \$10 million along with estimated ongoing costs of \$3 million annually. Baltimore's budgets in recent years have seen significant cuts to all agencies with the Police Department seeing less cuts than many other agencies. With this being true, it would be fiscally irresponsible for the City to increase the Police Department's budget in order to cover consent decree reforms before ensuring that those dollars can't be currently found in the Police Department's budget.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That it requests that the Director of Finance and the Police Commissioner work to ensure that there are no current spending efficiencies within the Police Department before more dollars are allocated for the implementation of changes mandated in the recently signed consent decree with the United States Department of Justice.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Police Commissioner, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.