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Title: Study and Report - Towing Dispatch Systems
For the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

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| 2/22/2021 | 0 | Baltimore City Council | Approved and Sent to the Mayor | |
| 2/8/2021 | 0 | Public Safety and Government Operations | Recommended Favorably with Amendment | |
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| 1/14/2021 | 0 | Baltimore City Council | Refer to Police Department | |
| 1/14/2021 | 0 | Baltimore City Council | Refer to Fire Department | |
| 1/14/2021 | 0 | Baltimore City Council | Refer to Dept. of Public Works | |
| 1/14/2021 | 0 | Baltimore City Council | Refer to Mayor's Office of Information Technology | |
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Introductory*
City of Baltimore
Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Study and Report - Towing Dispatch Systems

For the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That:

- (a) No later than 60 days from the enactment of this Ordinance, Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation with the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Fire Department, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Works, shall submit a report to the Mayor and City Council setting forth a comprehensive evaluation of cost, feasibility, and the respective strengths and weaknesses of at least 3 different methods of dispatching towing vehicles.
- (b) At least 1 of the dispatch methods evaluated in the report required by this Section shall include direct integration with the existing computer-aided dispatch system and utilized in the same manner as the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Department of Public Works currently use that same dispatch system. The other methods evaluated may rely primarily on third-party software.
- (c) Any evaluation of the cost of a respective dispatch method shall account for the hardware and software required and propose a reasonable means to share the cost between the City and licensed towing companies.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.