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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission - Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission; providing for the appointment of members, an executive director, and staff for the Commission; articulating the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to prepare a 5-year Anti-Gang Strategic Plan; and generally relating to efforts to combat gang violence and other gang-related problems.

BY adding  
Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 29-1 to 29-10, to be under the new subtitle,  
"Subtitle 29. Baltimore Anti-Gang Commission"  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

SUBTITLE 29. BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION

§ 29-1. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION.

§ 29-2. PURPOSE.

THE BALTIMORE ANTI-GANG COMMISSION IS DEDICATED TO:

- (1) COORDINATING THE LONG TERM EFFORTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS GANGRELATED PROBLEMS; AND
- (2) WORKING WITH THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND OTHERS ON POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND CONCERNS RELATED TO COMBATING GANGS AND ELIMINATING GANG VIOLENCE.

§ 29-3. MEMBERS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

- (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 27 MEMBERS.
- (2) OF THESE:
  - (I) 10 MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER;
  - (II) 15 AT LARGE MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND
  - (III) 2 MEMBERS ARE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

(B) MAYORAL APPOINTED MEMBERS.

THE 10 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR ARE APPOINTED FROM THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES AS INDICATED BELOW:

- (1) 1 FROM CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS.
- (2) 1 FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
- (3) 1 FROM THE FAITH COMMUNITY.
- (4) 1 FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY COMMUNITY.
- (5) 1 FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS.
- (6) 1 FROM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.
- (7) 1 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
- (8) 1 FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

(9) 2 AT LARGE.

(C) AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

THE 2 AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE FOLLOWING, OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES:

- (1) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER; AND
- (2) THE CHIEF OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE FORCE.

§ 29-4. {RESERVED}

§ 29~~5~~. TERMS, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

(A) TERMS.

APPOINTED MEMBERS SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS CONCURRENT WITH THE MAYOR'S TERM OF OFFICE.

(B) COMPENSATION.

MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(C) VACANCIES.

- (1) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER SERVES UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.
- (2) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES OUT THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(D) MEETINGS; QUORUM.

- (1) THE COMMISSION MEETS ON THE CALL OF THE MAYOR OR ITS CHAIR.
- (2) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS, AND AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS SUFFICIENT FOR ANY OFFICIAL ACTION.

(E) RULES.

THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS.

(F) OFFICERS.

- (1) THE MAYOR MAY DESIGNATE AN APPOINTED MEMBER AS CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

(2) THE CHAIR MAY SELECT OTHER OFFICERS.

§ 296: PERSONNEL; BUDGET.

(A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(1) THE COMMISSION MAY APPOINT A PROPERLY QUALIFIED PERSON AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION, TO SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE MAYOR.

(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS ENTITLED TO A SALARY, AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

(3) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMS THE DUTIES THAT THE COMMISSION PRESCRIBES.

(4) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER AFFECTED AGENCY HEADS, AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN ISSUES RELATING TO COMBATING GANGS AND ELIMINATING GANG VIOLENCE.

(B) STAFF.

(1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

(2) STAFF MEMBERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

(C) VOLUNTEERS.

THE COMMISSION MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND CONSULTANTS, WITHOUT SALARY, AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY FROM TIME TO TIME.

(D) BUDGET.

THE COMMISSION MAY EXPEND FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

§ 297: DUTIES.

THE COMMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

(1) DETERMINING THE STANDARDS TO BE USED IN ANALYZING WHETHER OR NOT PARTICULAR GROUPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE "GANGS";

(2) DESIGNING AND DEVELOPING A 5-YEAR ANTI-GANG STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BALTIMORE THAT WILL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NON-PROFITS WITHIN THE CITY, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY;

(3) PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN;

(4) RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND OTHER ACTIONS TO CONTROL,

MITIGATE, AND PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF GANG VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE;

(5) PROVIDING POLICY GUIDANCE, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CONSULTATION TO THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS ON THE BEST ANTI-GANG PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT BALTIMORE'S CITIZENS;

(6) SERVING AS ADVOCATES FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS MOST PRODUCTIVE FOR BALTIMORE; AND

(7) KEEPING THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR INFORMED OF CRITICAL GANG VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS.

§ 29-8. {RESERVED}

§ 29-9. AGENCY COOPERATION.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES MUST COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN THEIR PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

§ 29-10. ANNUAL REPORT.

THE COMMISSION MUST SUBMIT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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