



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

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

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Monthly Council Stat Meetings for Baltimore City Police Department

For the purpose of calling for the Baltimore City Police Department to participate in monthly Council Stat Meetings in order to provide more frequent legislative oversight into the Department's fight to reduce crime in Baltimore.

Recitals

Whereas, In recent years, the City Council's Public Safety Committee has instituted quarterly Oversight Hearings with the Baltimore Police Department to monitor the Department's progress on its crime fighting plan.

Whereas, Baltimore reached its highest murder rate per capita in 2017, with 342 people murdered, and has suffered 140 murders through July 5th of this year.

Whereas, Historically the office of CitiStat would also be aggressive in its oversight of the Police Department, but that is not yet the case with the newly created Mayor's Office of Sustainable Solutions.

Whereas, In a letter written to the City Council on June 8, 2018, the Mayor's Office of Sustainable Solutions wrote that it was in the finishing stages of reviewing performance measures for the Police Department.

Whereas, Although the City Council does not have legislative authority over the Baltimore City Police Department, due to the Department's status as a state agency, it most certainly has a duty for the lives of Baltimore's citizens.

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That this Council must use legislative oversight to ensure that the Police City Police Department is doing its best make Baltimore safer.

And be it further resolved, That in a effort to do just that, the Council's Public Safety Committee will now host monthly Council Stat Meetings with the Police Department.

And be it further resolved, That the Baltimore City Police Department participate in monthly Council Stat Meetings.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and to the Baltimore City Police Commissioner.