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**Baltimore Police Department - Reporting on Community Policing**

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This bill alters the date, from January 1 to February 1, by which the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City must report specified information concerning the Baltimore Police Department to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly each year. In addition, the bill alters the information required regarding the number of instances of use of force to when the use of force resulted in the *transport* of a civilian to a hospital *by an emergency vehicle*.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Baltimore City can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Chapter 133 of 2015 required the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, by January 1 of each year, to report to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the members of the Baltimore City delegation to the General Assembly the following information concerning the Baltimore Police Department, as of December 1 of the previous year:

- the total number of sworn police officers in the department;
- the number of sworn African American police officers in the department;

- the number of sworn female police officers in the department; and
- the number of sworn police officers in the department who are residents of Baltimore City.

The report must also contain the following information from the previous calendar year:

- the number of recruiting events the department sponsored, or participated in, in Baltimore City;
- the number of instances of use of force that resulted in the *admission of a civilian to a hospital*, when the injury directly resulted from an officer's actions;
- the number of civilian complaints about the use of force by an officer;
- the number of officers who were suspended with pay;
- the number of officers who were suspended without pay;
- the percentage of patrol officers who were assigned to neighborhood patrols;
- the number of youth younger than age 18 referred to intervention programs by officers; and
- a description of the Baltimore Police Department's community policing efforts, including community policing programs, participation in town hall meetings, and efforts to engage with schools, recreation centers, community centers, and senior centers.

On January 1, 2017, the police department released the latest [report](#) required by Chapter 133. The department notes that due to the January 1 annual deadline for the report, the department is unable to use a January 1 to January 1 time period for its report. Instead, it uses data as of December 1 of the previous year.

The report indicates that, as of December 1, 2016, the Baltimore Police Department had 2,528 sworn police officers. Findings from the report include that, of the sworn police officers in the department, approximately 40% were African American, 16% were female, and 20% were city residents. Of the 1,255 officers assigned to the Patrol Division, approximately 80% are assigned to sector patrols. Between December 1, 2015, and December 1, 2016, the department sponsored or participated in 29 recruiting events, which was 12 more than the previous year.

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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