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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **15**

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$476,969 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Police, Office of the State's Attorney and Sherriff's Office for the Body Worn Camera Program.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on September 20, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on October 4, 2021 and Passed ✓, Passed with amendments ✓, Failed _____.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5 day of October, 2021 at 1pm a.m./p.m.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 12, 2021

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Amendment 1 to SAO No. 1 - FY2022

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day No. 16

Date: 10-4-2021

Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment requires the recipient agencies to submit progress reports to the Council.)

1 On page 3, in line 8. After "Section 2." insert:

2 "**And Be It Further Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that, subject
3 to section 22.1000 of the County Code, the Sheriff's Office, the State's Attorney for Howard
4 County, and the Department of Police shall submit a report to the Council:

5 1. not later than 3 months after the day this Act is enacted, that details the status of the body
6 worn camera program including specifics by agency on (a) the progress of implementation, (b)
7 the expenditures of appropriations, (c) the plans for using unspent appropriations, (d) the staff
8 that has been hired or is to be hired, and (e) the accomplishments and progress on reaching
9 project milestones; and

10 2. by June 30, 2022, that includes the material listed in item 1 and provides statistics on the
11 effectiveness of the program and each agency's related personnel efforts.

12 **Section 3."**

I certify this is a true copy of
Am 1 to SAO 1 - FY2022
passed on October 4, 2021
Michelle Howard
Council Administrator

CALVIN BALL
County Executive



LISA D. MYERS
Chief of Police

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

DATE: August 25, 2021

FROM: Lisa D. Myers *APM*
Chief of Police

TO: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Testimony Supporting Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance
Number 1 – Fiscal Year 2022: Body Worn Cameras

As Chief of Police for Howard County, I strongly support SAO Number 1, which will transfer \$476,969 from the Contingency Reserve of the General Fund, to the Department of Police as well as the Office of the State's Attorney and the Sherriff's Office to allow the implementation of Body Worn Cameras.

This funding is essential to advance this project. As I have stated publicly, Police accountability is a fundamental tenet of our agency and these cameras demonstrate that commitment. The cameras are vital to continuing the outstanding relationships, trust and transparency our police department has long-established with our community.

The cameras are mandated by new State law and are also a well-established practice promoting officer and community safety. The HCPD has been researching Body Worn Cameras for over six years and conducted a pilot program in the summer of 2017 that concluded in the Fall of 2018. This funding will allow us to overcome the last of the three major barriers identified to institute the program (lack of staffing, space and budgetary funding).

The release of these funds will allow us to issue cameras covering 300 uniformed officers that have direct and regular contact with the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

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