COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. <u>13</u>

Bill No. <u>51-25</u>

Mr. <u>Michael Ertel</u>, Chair By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, August 4, 2025

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

The 2025-2026 Current Expense Budget Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund Victim Witness Unit Services

FOR the purpose of amending the 2025-2026 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy has made an award of federal funds available to the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, to be used for funding (1) Victim Witness Advocate (SA Paralegal) position to provide assistance to District Court victims and witnesses such as court accompaniment; court updates; assistance with the court process; providing transportation to court; requesting interpreters for court; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 306 and 712(a) of the Baltimore County

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill. Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, the County Council may accept gifts and grants, appropriate same to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund and expend the same, said fund having been established solely for the purpose of accounting for certain monetary gifts and grants made available to the County for restricted purposes; and

WHEREAS, such fund remains open perpetually as a mechanism to account for the respective gift and grant appropriations and expenditures throughout the entire term of the grant period, including beyond the current expense budget fiscal year; now therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, pursuant to the power and authority conferred upon it by Sections 306 and 712(a) of the Baltimore County Charter and Section 10-6-102 of the Baltimore County Code, 2015, as amended, that the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, be and is hereby amended by appropriating federal funds made available to the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, in the amount herein specified, to the following program:

7 GR-1008 Victim Witness Unit Services \$49,404

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect September 28, 2025.