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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE EXPANSION FOR ACRB

The Atlanta City Council has voted unanimously today to approve an amended ordinance expansion for the Atlanta Citizen Review Board (ACRB). Mayor Kasim Reed has eight calendar days from the Council's passage to decide whether to sign the bill into law.

If implemented the 13 changes to the ordinance have the potential to significantly increase the number of complaints that the agency can handle. One of its provisions allows for the first time the investigation of anonymous complaints. Other firsts include mediation, required police training and term limits for Board members, detailed responses from chiefs when Board recommendations are denied and a method for filling prolonged Board vacancies.

Executive Director Lee Reid noted "The ACRB ordinance (amendment) was created to help foster a better understanding between citizens and officers, and increase the level of accountability and transparency within the City's officer accountability mechanism. The reasonable and measured approach of the proposal to require the chiefs of police and corrections to provide greater detailed responses to ACRB sustained complaints benefits all stakeholders – citizens, elected officials, community groups, police and corrections, and the ACRB."

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