

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0148R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Middleton, Cole, Henry, D’Adamo, Curran, Branch, Spector, Kraft, Reisinger, Clarke, Young, Conaway

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Assigned to: Public Safety and Health Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Recreation and Parks, Mayor’s Office of Information Technology, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of Finance, Enoch Pratt Free Library

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – One Card – Youth Identification Card and Access**
3 **Card to City Services**

4 FOR the purpose of exploring the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to
5 make accessing services easier and more convenient for Baltimore City residents; examining
6 the mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of implementing a
7 similar system in Baltimore City.

8 **Recitals**

9 On April 10, 2008, the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Technology Officer
10 announced, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the D.C. Public
11 Libraries, the launch of the D.C. government “One Card”, a new picture ID consolidated
12 credential designed to give adults and children access to all the D.C. government facilities and
13 programs they need to use.

14 The One Card will initially grant borrowing privileges at D.C. libraries and provide access to
15 recreation centers throughout the city. Eventually the One Card will also become a student ID
16 and an access card for all D.C. government buildings and programs. Participants in the Summer
17 Youth program will receive One Cards, and later in the year students in D.C. public schools will
18 get One Cards to serve as student IDs. Ultimately, One Cards will include Metro access
19 capabilities as well.

20 The D.C. Chief Technology Officer predicts that the One Card will be much easier to replace
21 than library cards and other D.C. government ID cards because the cardholder can go to any
22 District facility for a replacement. The citywide consolidation of cards is also expected to yield
23 a long-term cost savings for government operations.

24 The City of Baltimore should examine the feasibility of instituting similar technology in
25 order to provide greater and uniform access to services. Additionally, this card could also
26 provide valuable data that will allow agencies to share information and evaluate the performance
27 of their services. One of the main issues that the City is experiencing with our recreational and
28 youth programming is a lack of data regarding how these programs are performing. Basic

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1 statistics regarding attendance and retention, as well as the impact that these programs are having
2 on our youth, are necessary to determine where the gaps exist and how resources need to be
3 spent. All school-aged children in the City should be issued a card that would act as a School
4 ID, as well as a key to be swiped that grants access to and provides necessary data regarding the
5 performance of our recreational programs.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That The
7 initiative will take the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Mayor’s
8 Office of Informational Technology, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Maryland
9 Transit Administration, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Finance Department, as well as
10 other City and State Agencies. A meeting of these entities should take place as soon as possible
11 in order to work out any issues and technical problems, as well as privacy protection.

12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Director of the Department of Recreation and
13 Parks is hereby requested to coordinate this interagency effort to create the Baltimore City One
14 Card.

15 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
16 Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology,
17 the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of
18 Transportation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pratt Library System, the Director of Finance,
19 and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.