

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0022R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Welch, Branch, Henry, Stokes, President Young,
Councilmembers Scott, Mosby, Reisinger, Clarke, Curran, Spector, Middleton
Introduced and read first time: February 27, 2012
Assigned to: Education and Youth Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Office of Employment Development, Baltimore City
Public School System, Mayor's Office of Information Technology, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Automating YouthWorks Registration**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Mayor and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment
4 Development to continue to build on the success of the YouthWorks program by automating
5 the use of Baltimore City Public Schools data bases for program registration to ensure that all
6 eligible youth are able to participate.

7 **Recitals**

8 The annual YouthWorks program should be celebrated for consistently providing thousands
9 of young people with meaningful summer work experiences. Still, even as we celebrate these
10 successes, it is important to examine ways that the program could be improved.

11 At a hearing called by the City Council to review the state of the YouthWorks program
12 during the last legislative session, administrators were able to provide a great deal of helpful
13 information, and a number of ideas for improvements were raised. One of these ideas in
14 particular merits further consideration with an eye towards implementation in the near future.

15 This idea concerns the registration process that begins a young person's experience with
16 YouthWorks. Unfortunately, for some, this process also ends their YouthWorks experience, as
17 they are unable to procure all the necessary documentation to complete their registration in a
18 timely fashion. One suggestion to overcome this hurdle is to link information already in
19 databases belonging to the Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) directly into the YouthWorks
20 registration process to automate and streamline registration.

21 Since most YouthWorks participants are also BCPS students, this linkage would facilitate
22 registration for many and allow some of the most at-risk students to participate more easily.

23 Implementation of this idea would ensure that all eligible youth could participate in the
24 program rather than be turned away due to paperwork errors or difficulties in obtaining particular
25 documentation.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
27 Council calls on the Mayor and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 to continue to build on the success of the YouthWorks program by automating the use of
2 Baltimore City Public Schools data bases for program registration to ensure that all eligible youth
3 are able to participate.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
5 Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, and the Mayor's Legislative
6 Liaison to the City Council.