

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0042R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Parker and Ramos

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Dorsey, Conway, Porter, Jones, and Glover, and President Cohen

Introduced and read first time: December 15, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Public Schools, Health Department, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Impact of Federal Immigration Enforcement on City Students**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the
4 Health Department, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office
5 of Immigrant Affairs, and any interested stakeholders to appear before the City Council to
6 discuss the impact that escalated federal immigration enforcement is having on City students.

7 **Recitals**

8 The federal government's widespread immigration raids and arrests have fostered a climate
9 of fear in communities nationwide. This "crackdown" by Immigration and Customs
10 Enforcement (ICE) has occurred in locations such as churches, hospitals, and even schools,
11 which were all once considered safe havens restricted from immigration enforcement. Since the
12 current presidential administration rescinded such restrictions, detentions and deportations have
13 steadily risen. According to a report by UCLA, some 5 million children in the United States live
14 with at least 1 undocumented parent. Evidence suggests that the stress associated with living
15 under such conditions can lead to issues with academic attendance and achievement.

16 As of 2022, there were over 1 million foreign-born residents in Maryland, representing nearly
17 17% of the total population, a larger share than neighboring states and than the United States as a
18 whole. According to the 2020 Census, foreign-born residents make up 8% of Baltimore's
19 population. The City Council seeks a hearing to discuss the impact that the federal immigration
20 enforcement escalation is having on City schools students. The hearing will seek to learn more
21 about City students' experience with ICE and the federal immigration enforcement apparatus, as
22 well as the effect of that apparatus on student physical and mental health, school attendance,
23 classroom performance, access to basic needs such as food and housing, and life at home.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City**
25 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Health
26 Department, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office of
27 Immigrant Affairs, and any interested stakeholders to appear before the City Council to discuss
28 the impact that escalated federal immigration enforcement is having on City students.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 CEO and Board of Commissioners of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore
3 City Health Commissioner, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family
4 Success, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, and the Mayor's Legislative
5 Liaison to the City Council.