

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0133R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Bullock,  
Burnett, Sneed, Cohen, Costello, Pinkett, Dorsey, Scott, Middleton, Reisinger, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Health Department, Mayor's Office of Human  
Services, Fire Department, Police Department

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Agency Responses to Opioid Epidemic**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting an informational hearing with all the governmental agencies  
4 responding to the opioid epidemic in Baltimore City, including the Health Department, the  
5 Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, and the Baltimore Police Department, so that these  
6 agencies can update the Baltimore City Council regarding their response to the epidemic.

7 **Recitals**

8 The opioid epidemic has hit Baltimore City hard. In the first half of 2018, 483 Baltimore  
9 residents died from overdoses, more than in any other Maryland jurisdiction and a 22% increase  
10 in deaths from the first half of 2017. A variety of Baltimore City agencies, including the Health  
11 Department, the Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, as well as the Baltimore Police  
12 Department have worked hard to end the epidemic in the City. With the beginning of a new year,  
13 it is important that the agencies share with the Council how they have been working to end the  
14 epidemic and what they plan to do during 2019 to achieve this goal. The agencies should outline  
15 what steps they will take to fight the epidemic this year, and should be ready to answer questions  
16 regarding their plans.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
18 Baltimore City Council requests an informational hearing with all the governmental agencies  
19 responding to the opioid epidemic in Baltimore City, including the Health Department, the  
20 Mayor's Office, the Fire Department, and the Baltimore Police Department, so that these  
21 agencies can update the Baltimore City Council regarding their response to the epidemic.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Interim  
23 Director of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Interim Commissioner of the Baltimore  
24 Police Department, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Mayor, and the Mayor's  
25 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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