

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0011R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, McCray, Burnett, Bullock

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Department of Finance

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Financial Literacy Curriculum Content Within**  
3 **the Baltimore City Public School System**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School  
5 System, the Commissioners from the Board of School Commissioners for the Baltimore City  
6 Public School System, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, and  
7 the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success to appear  
8 before the City Council to discuss how we can: develop curriculum content for a course in  
9 financial literacy; require that the curriculum content include instruction in choosing a career,  
10 earning an income, saving and investing money, credit, and budgeting; and require students  
11 to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school in Baltimore  
12 City Public Schools.

13 **Recitals**

14 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City has the highest poverty rate in Maryland, at 21.8% of its  
15 population;

16 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City's unemployment rate has fluctuated between 7% and 10% in  
17 2020;

18 **WHEREAS**, a report produced by the Associated Black Charities of Maryland showed that  
19 black workers in Baltimore City are concentrated in low-wage industries and jobs and tend to  
20 earn less and have higher job turnover than their white counterparts;

21 **WHEREAS**, the report went on to reveal that blacks in Baltimore City earned about half of  
22 what white workers earned - a median of \$38,688 compared to \$76,992;

23 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Public School System educates approximately 82,000 students  
24 in 170 schools citywide;

25 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Public School System has a graduation rate of 72%;

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

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1       **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Public School Systems Blueprint for Success includes a  
2 well-rounded curriculum with art, world language, technology, and a range of options to meet  
3 student’s interests, but should be expanded to include a focus on financial literacy courses.

4       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
5 Council invites the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System, the  
6 Commissioners from the Board of School Commissioners for the Baltimore City Public School  
7 System, the Director of the Office of Employment Development, and the Executive Director of  
8 the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success to appear before the City Council to discuss  
9 how we can: develop curriculum content for a course in financial literacy; require that the  
10 curriculum content include instruction in choosing a career, earning an income, saving and  
11 investing money, credit, and budgeting; and require students to complete a course in financial  
12 literacy in order to graduate from high school in Baltimore City Public Schools.

13       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
14 Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Commissioners from  
15 the Board of School Commissioners for the Baltimore City Public School System, the Director of  
16 the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, and the Executive Director of the Mayor’s  
17 Office of Children and Family Success, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City  
18 Council.