

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0312R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Welch, Henry, Middleton, Curran, Stokes, Cole, D'Adamo,
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Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Mayor's 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 recently ended 2011 YouthWorks program should be celebrated for once again
9 providing thousands of young people with meaningful summer work experiences. Still, even as
10 we celebrate these successes, it is important to examine ways that the program could be
11 improved.

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

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

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

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

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Council calls on the Mayor and the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development
3 to continue to build on the success of the YouthWorks program by automating the use of
4 Baltimore City Public Schools data bases for program registration to ensure that all eligible
5 youth are able to participate.

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