

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 12-0006R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Scott, President Young, Councilmembers Kraft, Cole, Henry,  
Branch, Spector, Welch, Reisinger, Clarke, Mosby, Stokes, Middleton, Curran, Holton

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2012

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Commissioner

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Legislative Oversight - Police Training Programs**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Baltimore Police Commissioner to report to the City Council  
4 on the Baltimore Police Department's relationship with the Diamond Standard Training and  
5 Hicks Training programs; and to discuss the effectiveness of the programs and how the  
6 training programs can be improved and made more cost-effective.

7 **Recitals**

8 The City Council has a traditional oversight role that requires it to ensure that the funds  
9 entrusted to the City are spent as cost-effectively as possible, and that City programs provide the  
10 best possible results for both Baltimore's employees and citizens.

11 The two current external police trainers, Diamond Standard Training and Hicks Training,  
12 have been used since at least 2008. In that time, and especially over the last year, the training of  
13 Baltimore City Police Officers has come under extreme scrutiny.

14 This increased scrutiny by citizens, media, and elected officials alike is a result of several  
15 high profile incidents involving Baltimore Police Officers. These incidents have occurred both  
16 in and out of the line of duty. Moreover, an external panel called for an evaluation of the  
17 Diamond Standard Training following its investigation into the tragic death of a Baltimore City  
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20 investigation into the tragic death of a Baltimore City Police Officer at the hands of his fellow  
21 Officers. In addition, Diamond Standard training in particular is not widely used by law  
22 enforcement agencies, raising real questions about the appropriateness and effectiveness of its  
23 methods.

24 Given the serious questions raised about this most important of issues, it is important that the  
25 Council exercise its oversight responsibilities to review the Police Department's relationship  
26 with Diamond Standard Training and Hicks Training.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
28 Baltimore City Police Commissioner is requested to report to the City Council on the Baltimore

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

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1 Police Department's relationship with the Diamond Standard Training and Hicks Training  
2 programs.

3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
4 Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.