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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

The Committee on Education, Workforce and Youth (EWY) is responsible for creating opportunities for our young people, ensuring economic opportunity and prosperity for Baltimore's workforce, and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include public education, labor relations, workforce development, employment, public parks, recreation, and youth affairs. Issue areas include, but are not limited to: education, including adult education, higher education, workforce development, labor, senior affairs, veterans, childcare, accessibility and disability issues, recreation and parks, and historical landmarks.

**The Honorable Robert Stokes, Sr
Chair**

PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday, November 16, 2023
5:00 PM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Resolution 23-0189R

Informational Hearing – Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

Council Resolution: 23-0189R

Informational Hearing - Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools

Sponsor: Councilmember Stokes, et al.

Introduced: September 18, 2023

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller to brief the City Council on the reported shortage of athletic trainers in Baltimore City Schools, including a discussion of progress on the settlement agreement reached in 2022 to hire additional athletic trainers to prevent injury to student athletes at City schools.

Agency Reports

Baltimore City Public School System	None as of this writing
Office of the Comptroller	Defers to BCPS

Analysis

Background

This resolution underscores the Council's concern for the well-being of student athletes within the city and aims to address the shortage through a comprehensive briefing. The resolution

specifically calls upon representatives from key entities, including the Baltimore City Public School System, the Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller, to provide insight into the current state of athletic trainer availability. Additionally, the resolution emphasizes a discussion on the progress made regarding the settlement agreement reached in 2022, which aimed to hire additional athletic trainers to prevent injuries among student athletes in City schools.

This resolution holds significance for several reasons. Firstly, it highlights a critical issue affecting the safety and health of student athletes in Baltimore City Schools, drawing attention to the reported shortage of athletic trainers. The informational hearing provides a platform for stakeholders to address this concern, share insights, and discuss potential solutions. Secondly, the resolution reflects the City Council's commitment to overseeing and evaluating the progress of the settlement agreement reached in 2022. This demonstrates the Council's dedication to holding relevant entities accountable for their promises and ensuring that adequate measures are being taken to fulfill the agreement's objectives. Lastly, the resolution serves as a mechanism for transparency and collaboration among the Baltimore City Council, the school system, the Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller, fostering a cooperative effort to address the identified challenges and promote the well-being of student athletes in the city.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None.

Information Source(s): Resolution 23-0189R & All Agency Reports Received

Deontre Hayes

Analysis by: Deontre Hayes
Analysis Date: November 14, 2023

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AGENCY REPORTS

SEE ATTACHED



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations

Date: October 3, 2023

Re: 23-0189R Informational Hearing - Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools

The Office of the Comptroller has nothing to report on City Council Resolution 23-0189R, Informational Hearing - Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools and defers to the Baltimore City Public School System as the affected agency. We have provided Chairman Stokes with a copy of the Elijah Gorham settlement agreement that was approved by the Board of Estimates in April of 2022.

CC:

Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff, Comptroller's Office
KC Kelleher, Director of Communications and Policy, Comptroller's Office

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0189R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

Introduced and read first time: September 18, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System,
Office of the Comptroller

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the
4 Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller to brief the City Council
5 on the reported shortage of athletic trainers in Baltimore City Schools, including a discussion
6 of progress on the settlement agreement reached in 2022 to hire additional athletic trainers to
7 prevent injury to student athletes at City schools.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
9 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Board of
10 School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller to brief the City Council on the
11 reported shortage of athletic trainers in Baltimore City Schools, including a discussion of
12 progress on the settlement agreement reached in 2022 to hire additional athletic trainers to
13 prevent injury to student athletes at City schools.

14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief
15 Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Chair of the Board of School
16 Commissioners, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City
17 Council.

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