

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **20.403**  
Council Bill 20-0510

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Cohen, Clarke, Henry, President Scott, Councilmembers  
Sneed, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Stokes

Introduced and read first time: April 6, 2020

Assigned to: Health Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: July 20, 2020

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition – Revisions and Clarifications**

FOR the purpose of adding 2 educators with experience within the Baltimore City Public School System to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as an educator with the Baltimore City Public School System; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as a parent with the Baltimore City Public School System; clarifying that the appointed Councilmember with substantial experience as an educator shall be co-chair of the Task Force; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 22-17 and 22-18(e)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 22. Children, Youth, and Families**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 § 22-17. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Composition.

2 (a) *In general.*

3 The Task Force comprises [36] 37 members, [28] 30 of whom are appointed by the  
4 Mayor under Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter and [8] 7 of whom are ex-officio  
5 members.

6 (b) *Appointed members.*

7 Of the [28] 30 members appointed by the Mayor:

- 8 (1) 3 shall be youth representatives from a youth-led advocacy group in Baltimore  
9 City;
- 10 (2) 2 shall be individuals with at least one child enrolled in the Baltimore City Public  
11 School System;
- 12 (3) 1 shall be a licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;
- 13 (4) 2 shall be members of the research community with an expertise in trauma and  
14 healing;
- 15 (5) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on racial  
16 equity in its organizational mission statement;
- 17 (6) 1 shall be an individual between 14 and 25 years of age;
- 18 (7) 1 shall be a individual licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as a physician  
19 with a specialty in pediatrics;
- 20 (8) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on lesbian,  
21 gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) advocacy in its organizational  
22 mission statement;
- 23 (9) 1 shall be a naturalized citizen or a resident alien;
- 24 (10) 1 shall be an individual who has recently exited from the Maryland correctional  
25 system;
- 26 (11) 1 shall be an employee of the Baltimore City Public School System;
- 27 (12) 3 shall be representatives from community organizations, nonprofit  
28 organizations, or youth organizations that have an expertise in trauma and healing;
- 29 (13) 2 SHALL BE EDUCATORS WITHIN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- 30 (14) [(13)] 2 shall be individuals licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as  
31 social workers; and

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1 (15) [(14)] 8 shall be recommended by the City Council President as follows:

2 (i) [1] 2 City [Councilmember] COUNCILMEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

3 (A) 1 COUNCILMEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AS AN EDUCATOR WITHIN  
4 THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHO SHALL SERVE  
5 AS CO-CHAIR IF APPOINTED; AND

6 (B) 1 COUNCILMEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AS A PARENT OF A STUDENT  
7 WITHIN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;

8 (ii) 1 youth representative from a youth-led advocacy group in  
9 Baltimore City;

10 (iii) 1 representative of an organization with an explicit focus on  
11 racial equity in its organizational mission statement;

12 (iv) 1 licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;  
13 and

14 (v) 3 representatives from community organizations, nonprofit organizations,  
15 or youth-led or youth-oriented organizations that have an expertise in  
16 trauma and healing.

17 (c) *Ex-officio (or designate) members.*

18 The 7 ex-officio members of the Task Force are:

19 (1) the Director of the Office;

20 (2) the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Health or the  
21 Commissioner's designee;

22 (3) the Director of the Department of Planning or the Director's designee;

23 [(4) the Chair of the Education and Youth Committee or any City Council Committee  
24 succeeding to the duties of the Education and Youth Committee;]

25 (4) [(5)] the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Director's  
26 designee;

27 (5) [(6)] the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community  
28 Development or the Commissioner's designee;

29 (6) [(7)] the City Council President; and

30 (7) [(8)] the Youth Commission Chair.

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**§ 22-18. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Terms, organization, etc.**

(e) *Task Force co-chairs.*

(1) *In general.*

As provided in this subsection, the Task Force shall have 2 co-chairs designated.

(2) *At-large co-chair.*

Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Mayor [may] ~~SHALL~~ designate any member of the Task Force to serve as 1 of the co-chairs.

(3) [*Chair of the City Council Education and Youth Committee*] ~~COUNCILMEMBER CO-CHAIR.~~

The City Council President [may] ~~SHALL~~ designate the City Councilmember serving [ex-officio] under [§ 22-17(c)(4) {Chair of Education and Youth Committee or its successor committee}] § 22-17(B)(15)(I)(A) as co-chair of the task force.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on December 1, 2020.

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Certified as duly passed this 27 day of July, 2020

*Brandon M. Scott*

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 27 day of July, 2020

*Natanna B. Austin*

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Baltimore City Charter, Article IV, Section 5 (c),  
this bill became law on Monday, October 5, 2020 without the  
Mayor's signature.

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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for form and legal sufficiency  
this 3rd day of August, 2020.

*Elena DiPietro*

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Chief Solicitor