



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 22-0128R

Investigational Hearing - Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Sponsor: Councilmember Burnett

Introduced: September 12, 2022

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other interested parties to brief the City Council on the use of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds in Baltimore City, including a conversation on declination of ERAP funds by management companies and private landlords in Baltimore City.

Effective: The 30th day after enactment.

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	Favorable
Sheriff's Office	Does Not Oppose
Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success	No Comment

Analysis

Background

To provide aid to individuals facing evictions, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds were authorized under the Consolidate Appropriation Act of 2021 and expanded under the America Rescue Plan Act. Baltimore City received over \$40 million in ERAP funding. It has been reported that ERAP funds have been declined by management companies and private landlords. Maryland Courts have attempted to address the issue of declines.

Bill 22-0128R was introduced in an effort to better understand opportunities to prevent evictions due to failure to remit payments. The bill also focuses on prevention of instances of declination of ERAP funds. Bill 22-0128R invites representatives from City agencies and other interested parties to brief the Council.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Bill 22-0128R

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