

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 09-0114R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Branch, Young, Cole, Welch,  
Reisinger, Conaway, Kraft

Introduced and read first time: March 2, 2009

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Finance

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Legislative Oversight – City of Baltimore’s Youth Opportunities Budget – FY 2009**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the City Council Budget and Appropriations Committee  
4 conduct a mid-year legislative oversight hearing to determine the expenditures of the Youth  
5 Opportunities budget to date, the number of youth served, and any balance accruing.

6 **WHEREAS**, In FY 2009, the City’s Youth Opportunity budget became “a page in the book”,  
7 that is, a line-item expenditure of the City’s annual Ordinance of Estimates; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The object of youth advocates is to annually increase this youth budget from the  
9 previous year’s baseline of revenues and expenditures; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Regrettably the FY 2009 youth budget represents a reduction of 18 programs and  
11 a reduction of 2,480 youth served from FY 2008; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The FY 2009 youth budget of \$5,876,768 represents \$4.9 million in City  
13 contributions, \$703,768 from the Governor’s Office of Children (GOC), and \$200,000 in Family  
14 League carryover funds from FY 2007; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc., is the City’s agent for drafting  
16 “requests for proposals” (RFPs) for BOOST, A-TEAM, and Youthplace after school programs,  
17 for awarding these grants, and for overseeing and evaluating programs funded; and

18 **WHEREAS**, In these tough economic times, jobs and activities are more important for the  
19 safety, health, and achievement of Baltimore City’s children and youth; and

20 **WHEREAS**, City Council’s best approach to adequate youth funding in FY 2010 is to review  
21 the expenditures of funds and mid-term corrections for FY 2009.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
23 Council’s Budget and Appropriations Committee is requested to conduct a mid-year legislative  
24 review of the City’s Youth Opportunities budget, including dollars committed and youth served  
25 in FY 2009 and needs evaluated for FY 2010.

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

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Department of Finance, the Family League of  
2 Baltimore City, recipients of FY 2009 grants, and sponsor organizations requesting funding in  
3 FY2010 be invited to testify at this Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing.

4       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
5 Director of Finance, the Family League of Baltimore City, Inc, the Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
6 to the City Council, and recipients and sponsors of Youth Opportunity budget funds.