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EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH
COMMITTEE**

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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.
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024
10:00 AM**

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Council Resolution 23-0200R

Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

Resolution: 20-0200R

Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics

Sponsor: Councilmember Porter

Introduced: November 20, 2023

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics throughout the Baltimore City Public School System.

Effective: The 30th day after the date it is enacted

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	Favorable
Baltimore City Public School System	None as of writing
Department of Health	Favorable
Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success	None as of writing

Analysis

Background

This resolution proposes an informational hearing to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics in the Baltimore City Public School System. By inviting representatives from key organizations such as the school system, health departments, and the Mayor's Office, the resolution aims to address healthcare access barriers for students and promote their well-being. The collaborative approach underscores the importance of coordinated efforts to tackle healthcare disparities and promote health equity among Baltimore City students. This initiative signals a commitment to informed decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and potential policy implications to strengthen school-based health infrastructure and support the academic success of students.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note:

Information Source(s): Reporting Agencies, Resolution 23-0200R.

Deontre Hayes


Analysis by: Deontre Hayes
Analysis Date: June 13, 2024

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AGENCY REPORTS

SEE ATTACHED

F R O M	Name & Title	Mary Beth Haller, Acting Commissioner	Health Department AGENCY REPORT	
	Agency Name & Address	Health Department 1001 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202		
	Subject/ Position	23-0200R – Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics FAVORABLE		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

January 8, 2024

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 23-0200R, entitled “Informational Hearing - School-based Health Clinics.” This resolution requests that representatives from BCHD and other relevant agencies come before the Council to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics throughout the Baltimore City Public School System.

BCHD’s Bureau of School Health is the provider of record for school health services in Baltimore City public schools, delivering and coordinating health services for approximately 76,000 students through **school health suites** and **School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)**, also referred to as “school-based health clinics.”

The Bureau provides services to 114 schools through school health suites. Health suite services include treatment for minor illness and injury, medication administration, and nursing treatment. The Bureau also operates five SBHCs, which offer comprehensive primary care. Schools with SBHCs are City Springs, Augusta Fells Savage Institute, Digital Harbor, REACH! Partnership School, and William S. Baer. The Bureau is also approved to operate a sixth, telemedicine only site at Booker T. Washington Middle School and Renaissance Academy, which are co-located with each other. In addition to all services provided in school health suites, SBHC services include:

- Sports and annual physical examinations
- Immunizations
- Care of acute illnesses and injuries
- Reproductive health services
- Referrals to behavioral health services
- Laboratory tests
- Case management and health education

SBHCs are also operated by our partners Johns Hopkins Medical System and Baltimore Medical System in nine additional schools: KIPP Academy, Collington Square Elementary/Middle School, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Harford Heights Elementary, Patterson High, Tench Tilghman Elementary/Middle, Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School, Vanguard Collegiate Middle School, and Forest Park High School.

With consideration for Baltimore City residents who are interested in health services at City Schools, BCHD requests a favorable position on Council Bill 23-0200R.

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
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December 11, 2023

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: City Council Bill 22-0200R – Informational Hearing – School Based Health Clinics

Dear President and Members:

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 23-0200R. City Council Bill 23-0200R is for the purpose of inviting representatives of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other relevant stakeholders for the purpose of discussing the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics within the Baltimore City Public School System.

In general, Art. III, Sec. 9 of the City Charter and Art. 1, Sec. 1-4 gives the City Council authority to call before it, department heads and other City officials to inquire about the operation of City agencies and to investigate complaints and allegations regarding City operations. However, the City Council cannot compel the Maryland Department of Health to appear before them, although, MDH representatives may do so voluntarily.

A resolution is an appropriate way for the City Council of Baltimore to express its views on a particular matter such as discussing with experienced officials on how they are planning to develop, expand and preserve school-based health clinics. *See, e.g., Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium*, 313 Md. 413, 428 (1988). Therefore, the Law Department approves this Resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Epps Cummings".

Teresa Epps Cummings

cc: Ebony M. Thompson, Acting City Solicitor
Stephen Salisbury, Deputy City Solicitor
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0200R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Porter and Bullock
Introduced and read first time: November 21, 2023
Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Public School System, Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, Department of Public Works

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – School-based Health Clinics**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the
4 Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, the Mayor’s Office of
5 Children and Family Success, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the development,
6 expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics throughout the Baltimore City
7 Public School System.

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council invites representatives from the
9 Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland
10 Department of Health, the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, and other relevant
11 parties to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics
12 throughout the Baltimore City Public School System.

13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Board of
14 School Commissions of the Baltimore City Public School System, the CEO of the Baltimore City
15 Public School System, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, the Maryland Secretary of
16 Health, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, other relevant
17 stakeholders, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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