



## **BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

### *Mission Statement*

*On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Health Committee is to study, examine and propose regulations concerning health and environmental issues; and to make recommendations and propose legislation for improving the overall health and welfare of all residents of Baltimore City.*

## **The Honorable Kristerfer Burnett Chairman**

### PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020  
10:00 AM**

**VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING**

***TO BE TELEVISED ON CHARM TV 25***

***Council Bill #20-0510***

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

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## BILL SYNOPSIS

**Committee:** Health

**Council Bill:** 20-0510

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

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Cohen, et al

**Introduced:** April 6, 2020

**Purpose:**

**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.

**Effective:** December 1, 2020

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### Agency Reports

Law Department

Health Department

Fire Department

No Objection

Parking Authority of Baltimore City

No Objection

Department of Housing and Community Development

Department of Planning

No Objection/With Recommendation

Department of Public Works

Department of Recreation and Parks

Department of Transportation

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Favorable/Comments

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Mayor's Office of Employment Development

Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

## Analysis

### Current Law

The rules, regulations and mandates pertaining to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force are found in the:

- Baltimore City Code
  - Article 1 – Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies, under Section 22

### **Background**

If approved, Council Bill 20-0510 would increase the Task Force **by one member** and would include the following updates and/or qualification changes for some appointees:

- The number of ex-officio members appointed would decrease from eight (8) to seven (7)
- The **members** appointed by the Mayor would increase from twenty-eight (28) to thirty (30)
  - Two members shall be educators within the BCPSS (**update**)
  - Of the 30 members appointed by the Mayor, the Council President recommends eight (8) members; currently two (2) out of the eight (8) recommended by the Council President are to be Councilmembers. However, per this legislation the two councilmembers recommended one would have to:
    - Have experience as an educator in the BCPSS, (**qualification changed**) and the other
    - Have experience as a parent of a student within the BCPSS (**qualification changed**)
- The bill also clarifies which member of the task force **will serve as co-chair**.

As of this writing, six (6) agency reports are in and attached hereto; none in opposition, however, two (2) agencies has recommended changes and/or amendments.

1. The Department of Planning (*recommends having an alternate option for appointing a Councilmember with experience an educator in the BCPSS just in case no one on the Council meets those qualifications in future years*)
2. The Baltimore City Public School (*proposes an amendment: would like for the CEO of the BCPS to be able to recommend the two members that are required to be educators within the BCPSS*)

Per the primary sponsor of the bill, the legislation will allow voices of teachers to be heard.

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### **Additional Information**

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City Code, Council Bill 20-0510 and all agency reports received as of this writing.

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin  
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Analysis Date: July 10, 2020

# Council Bill 20-0510

## AGENCY REPORTS

<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	<b>Niles R. Ford, PhD, Chief of Fire Department</b> <i>NR</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	<b>Baltimore City Fire Department 401 East Fayette Street 21202</b>		
	SUBJECT	<b>City Council Bill #20-0510 Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition – Revisions and Clarifications</b>		

**TO**

**The Honorable Brandon M. Scott, President  
And All Members of the Baltimore City Council  
City Hall, Room 408**

DATE: April 17, 2020

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.

The Fire Department does not object to City Council bill 20-0510.

# TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Council President Brandon M. Scott  
FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director  
DATE: May 8, 2020  
RE: City Council Bill 20-0510



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0510 introduced by Councilmembers Cohen, Clarke, Henry, Sneed, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Stokes and President Scott.

The purpose of this bill is for 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.

The Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC) has reviewed the proposed legislation and has determined that it does not negatively affect any of its programs or initiatives. The PABC defers to those departments and agencies most directly involved.

Based on the comments above, the PABC does not oppose the passage of City Council Bill 20-0510.



<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR 	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0510/ TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TASK FORCE COMPOSITION – REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS		

DATE:

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 North Holliday Street

April 17, 2020

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0510, which is 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.

The Department of Planning has no objection to City Council Bill #20-0510, but recommends that the Council consider an alternate option for one of its appointees, in the event that the composition of the Council at any particular future time does not have any one member with experience as an educator in the Baltimore City Public School System, as required by the bill.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

CR/ewt


- cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office  
 Mr. Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office  
 Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
 The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
 Mr. Derek Baumgardner, BMZA  
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
 Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD  
 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.  
 Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
 Mr. Liam Davis, DOT  
 Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
 Mr. Dominic McAilly, Council Services

**Testimony for Hearing  
City Council Bill 20-0510**

**The Library supports City Council Bill 20-0510 Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition –Revisions and Clarification which modifies the composition of the Task Force.**

**The Library understands that many of the people we see and serve each day are struggling with issues big and small – such as mental health issues, housing insecurity, economic hardship, job loss, illiteracy- both traditional and digital, opioid addiction and exposure to violence. Programs like our Social Worker in the Library are already helping us form a path to better trauma responsive services In addition, we offer other programs such as health and wellness, employment, and literacy programming to help off-set the damage of trauma.**

**The Library looks at trauma responsiveness as another needed lens that can be used to better serve the customers we work with every day, particularly youth. This is not adding to the services we provide, but rather making them more responsive to the Baltimore City residents we serve.**

  
Heidi Daniel (Jul 7, 2020 09:56 EDT)

**Heidi Daniel, CEO  
Enoch Pratt Free Library**

**Jul 7, 2020**

**Date**

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Bernard C. “Jack” Young**  
*Mayor, City of Baltimore*

**Linda Chinnia**  
*Chair, Baltimore City Board of  
School Commissioners*

**Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Letter of Support  
**Baltimore City Council Ordinance 20-0510**  
**Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition – Revisions and Clarifications**

May 11, 2020

As drafted, Council Ordinance 20-0510 proposes to add two educators with experience within the Baltimore City Public School System to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. It also clarifies that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as an educator within the Baltimore City Public School System, as well as one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as a parent within the Baltimore City Public School System. Finally, it requires the Councilmember with significant experience as an educator to serve as co-chair of the Task Force.

After careful review, Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) is pleased to express support for Council Ordinance 20-0510. It is critical to have the voice and perspective of City Schools educators present in the Task Force because our educators are with our students all day, every day and often have a particularly valuable and unique understanding of what our students are experiencing and how this affects both their learning and their overall wellbeing. Furthermore, our educators are especially well-positioned to provide insight into what teachers and other school-based staff need in order to be able to best support our students affected by trauma and promote healing through our schools and in our communities.

**We respectfully request an amendment to clarify that the two educators be designated by the City Schools CEO.**


The addition of two City Schools educators to the Trauma-Informed Task will assist with ensuring teacher voice is an essential part of the forthcoming critical discussions. For these reasons, City Schools respectfully urges a favorable report of Council Ordinance 20-0510.

For additional information, please contact City Schools Government Affairs:

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*BaltAC*

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cename, Budget Director	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4774		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0510—Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition-Revisions and Clarifications		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

July 2, 2020

**Position: Does Not Oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0510, Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition—Revisions and Clarifications, the purpose of which is revise the appointments for the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force.

**Background**

The Elijah Cummings Health City Act, enacted in February 2020, established the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. The Task Force, comprised of 35 members, is tasked with assisting in the development and oversight of a trauma-response strategy for the City. This legislation increases the board to 37 members by adding two Task Force members that are educators in Baltimore City Public Schools, appointing an additional City Councilmembers, and removing the ex-officio member from City Council. In addition, the legislation specifies qualifications for the two City Councilmembers appointed to the Task Force.

**Fiscal Impact**

The legislation does not have a fiscal impact for the City.

**Conclusion**

The legislation changes the composition of the Task Force, but does not change the function or the resources required to support the Task Force.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 20-0510.**

cc: Henry Raymond  
Matthew Stegman  
Nina Themelis

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 20-0510  
(First Reader)**

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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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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Healthy Department, Fire Department,  
Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Housing and Community Development,  
Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks,  
Department of Transportation, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice,  
Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, Mayor's  
Office of Children and Family Success, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of  
Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

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

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

11 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

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

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

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

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

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

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

(a) *In general.*

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

(b) *Appointed members.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) the Director of the Office;

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

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

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

24 (4) [(5)] the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Director's  
25 designee;

26 (5) [(6)] the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community  
27 Development or the Commissioner's designee;

28 (6) [(7)] the City Council President; and

29 (7) [(8)] the Youth Commission Chair.

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1 **§ 22-18. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Terms, organization, etc.**

2 (e) *Task Force co-chairs.*

3 (1) *In general.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on December  
17 1, 2020.