

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 22-0089R**  
**(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Mosby, Councilmembers Costello, McCray, Ramos, Bullock, Torrence,  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

1                   **Request for State Action - Full Funding for Baltimore City Public Schools**

2           FOR the purpose of calling on Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to fully fund the Baltimore City  
3           Public Schools to the levels established by the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and as  
4           required by state law.

5           The Constitution of Maryland mandates the “thorough and efficient” funding of public  
6           schools throughout the state. Every year the State of Maryland and the Mayor and City Council  
7           of Baltimore provide funding for the operations of the Baltimore City Public School System.  
8           Historically, this funding has not been sufficient to meet the educational needs of every  
9           Baltimore City student.

10          For three years, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (the Kirwan  
11          Commission) brought together a wide range of experts and local leaders to develop policy and  
12          funding recommendations that would ensure Maryland schools in every local jurisdiction  
13          provided an adequate education to every student. In 2020, the Maryland General Assembly  
14          passed The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, legislation to put the recommendations of the  
15          Kirwan Commission into practice. In 2021, the General Assembly went on to override Governor  
16          Hogan’s veto of the Blueprint legislation, making the funding formulas contained in the bill state  
17          law.

18          The Baltimore City Council has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to the Blueprint for  
19          Maryland’s Future, having called for an override of Governor Hogan’s veto of the legislation and  
20          holding hearings to assess Baltimore’s fiscal readiness for additional education funding  
21          obligations. The City Council believes that adequately-funded public education is a tremendous  
22          tool to combat the impacts of concentrated poverty. The City Council further believes that, once  
23          fully implemented, the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future will have an immeasurable impact on the  
24          lives of and educational outcomes for Baltimore City public school students.

25          In January of 2022, Governor Hogan released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023. His  
26          budget did not contain mandated funding for several Blueprint initiatives, including the  
27          Education Effort Adjustment index intended to more equitably share between the state and  
28          Baltimore City the increased financial commitment to our students. This component of the state  
29          education funding formula was expected to provide an additional \$99 million in funding to  
30          Baltimore City schools. The Governor is required by law to provide this funding.

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

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1       At a time when the State of Maryland expects to realize an unprecedented budget surplus, the  
2 City Council sees no justification for the Governor to not provide this funding as required.

3       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
4 Baltimore City Council urges Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to immediately take all necessary  
5 action to fully fund the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future and satisfy all education funding  
6 requirements mandated by state law.

7       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of  
8 Maryland, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the President of the  
9 Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City  
10 Delegation to the General Assembly, the Mayor, the Baltimore City Council President, the  
11 President’s legislative staff, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.