

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0022R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Support for Baltimore City Experience Corps

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2 FOR the purpose of requesting Experience Corps funding in the 2008-09 City Budget so as to
3 sustain this intergenerational academic program in the 20 BCPSS elementary schools it
4 serves so effectively.

5 **WHEREAS**, A program originated and launched in Baltimore City, Experience Corps pays
6 stipends to 350 senior adults of limited income and unlimited dedication to serve as classroom
7 assistants in grades 1-to-3 in 20 elementary schools within the Baltimore City Public School
8 System; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Thanks to Baltimore City supplementary appropriations of \$250,000 in the past
10 three years, the program has expanded from six to 20 schools within the past two years; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Experience Corps volunteers work closely with students, at the classroom
12 teacher's direction, providing individual help for children who are either "behind" or "ahead" of
13 their peers or just in need of the special attention which might otherwise distract from an entire
14 class session; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Rigorous evaluations of the program show that having Experience Corps in a
16 school raises the percentage of students achieving advanced and proficient standing on the MSA
17 tests; and

18 **WHEREAS**, In six new schools where behavior indicators were tracked, rigorous evaluations
19 demonstrate that Experience Corps decreases the number of principal office referrals by roughly
20 half in a two year period; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, In funding Experience Corps, the City of Baltimore has served as a partner with
22 BCPSS and multiple other public and private funding sources and has benefitted from rigorous
23 evaluations of the success of the program in improving the learning environment of the
24 classroom and the academic achievements of the students.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
26 Baltimore City Council requests the inclusion of Experience Corps funding in the Board of

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

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1 Estimates' fiscal year 2009 City Budget so as to continue the City's sound investment in a
2 program which has proved its worth and relies on the City's partnership investment for its
3 survival and growth.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
5 CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, to the Executive Director of the Baltimore
6 City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, to all members of the Board of Estimates,
7 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.