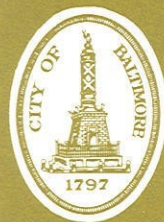


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	James S. Clack, Chief of Fire Department <i>JSC</i>	<b>CITY of</b> <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Baltimore City Fire Department 401 E. Fayette Street		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No. 08-0123		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and Members  
 Of the City Council  
 C/O Angela Gibson  
 Room 408, City Hall

May 21, 2008

Dear President and Members:

**SUMMARY**

This bill will increase the appropriation to the Baltimore City Fire Department – Program 212, for FY 2008 to close out the current fiscal year, against the expenditures causing the deficit, which has been projected to be in excess of the \$6,224,688 requested.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Baltimore City Fire Department is projecting a deficit in FY 2008 to cover operating expense overruns for overtime projected that the \$6,224,688 will offset. This appropriation of General funds will insure a closeout against the projected deficit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Baltimore City Fire Department supports this bill. The increase in the appropriation will cover the projected deficit of \$6,224,688. The FY 2008 current budget did not allow for the projected expenditures for overtime cost. The Department has made an increased effort to fill operational vacancies which cause the excessive overtime, with two classes this past winter and another class to start in the near future. The mandate for filling the fire suppression and emergency medical service positions on a daily basis remains the primary focus. The Baltimore City Fire Department requests the approval of this bill.

