

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0110R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Branch, Henry, Middleton, Kraft, President Young,
Councilmembers Curran, Mosby, Scott, Reisinger, Stokes, Clarke, Cole, Welch, Spector

Introduced and read first time: May 6, 2013

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Public School System, Police Department, Fire Department, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools and Communities**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools, the Police
4 Department, the Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to appear
5 before the Council to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in our schools and
6 communities in the wake of the recent Newtown and Boston tragedies.

7 **Recitals**

8 The recent, horrific events in Newtown, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts served to
9 remind us once again that no community is immune to unexpected tragedy. While we may never be
10 able to fully understand what could bring anyone to unleash such violence on innocent people, or
11 to fully anticipate how and where future evil may strike, we can try to draw lessons from these
12 events that may reduce the risk of ever having them repeated.

13 At the Federal and State levels, efforts are already underway to provide more funding and
14 support for school and community security. Many school systems and localities nationwide are
15 reevaluating their security and crisis response plans to determine if weaknesses have been
16 exposed that need to be addressed.

17 Similarly, Baltimore should take this moment to evaluate whether it has the necessary plans
18 and resources in place to effectively respond to any threat to our citizens. Preparedness and safety
19 in our schools and communities must always be a priority, and with new resources and approaches
20 likely to become available to help provide security in the near future, now is the time to
21 systematically review the City's safety plans for its schools and for the general community and to
22 determine where improvements are most needed.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the Council
24 calls on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools, the Police Department, the Fire
25 Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to appear before it to discuss
26 emergency preparedness and safety in our schools and communities in the wake of the recent
27 Newtown and Boston tragedies.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Police Commissioner, the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Chief of the Fire
3 Department, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, and the Mayor's
4 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.