

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 21-0056R**  
**(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton, Cohen, Porter, Burnett

Introduced and read first time: August 16, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of Transportation, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – From Front Door to Schoolhouse Door**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Transportation, Department  
4 of Health, Baltimore City Public Schools, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success  
5 and Office of Equity and Civil Rights to discuss our children's commute to school.

6 **Recitals**

7 In Baltimore City Public Schools, approximately 29,000 students take MTA public transit to  
8 school. Nearly three out of every four middle and high school students in our district rely on  
9 buses, light rail, and subways regularly. MTA service is designed primarily with adult commuters  
10 in mind, not the 18% of ridership who are children on their way to learn.

11 As such, our students face challenging obstacles on their way to and from school buildings.  
12 Due to school choice, many young people take lengthy rides to schools that are far from their  
13 neighborhoods, leading to increases in tardiness and absences which affect their education.  
14 Students often avoid taking part in after-school extracurricular activities and employment  
15 because of safety concerns on their evening trips home in the dark, with 32% of students saying  
16 they do not feel safe on their way to and from school. Young women commonly experience  
17 sexual harassment during their trips.

18 The City Council would like to determine the safety of our students on their commutes to  
19 school, the equatability of public transit for our students, and the impact of public transit on  
20 student attendance, academic outcomes, extracurricular activities, and employment.

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

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1       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
2 Council requests representatives from the Department of Transportation, Department of Health,  
3 Baltimore City Public Schools, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success and Office of  
4 Equity and Civil Rights to discuss our children's commute to school.

5       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
6 CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Director of Transportation, the Health Commissioner,  
7 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.