

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 09-0148R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Middleton, Cole, Henry, D'Adamo, Curran, Branch, Spector, Kraft, Reisinger, Clarke, Young, Conaway  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Investigative Hearing – One Card – Youth Identification Card and Access  
Card to City Services**

FOR the purpose of exploring the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to make accessing services easier and more convenient for Baltimore City residents; examining the mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of implementing a similar system in Baltimore City.

**Recitals**

On April 10, 2008, the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Technology Officer announced, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the D.C. Public Libraries, the launch of the D.C. government “One Card”, a new picture ID consolidated credential designed to give adults and children access to all the D.C. government facilities and programs they need to use.

The One Card will initially grant borrowing privileges at D.C. libraries and provide access to recreation centers throughout the city. Eventually the One Card will also become a student ID and an access card for all D.C. government buildings and programs. Participants in the Summer Youth program will receive One Cards, and later in the year students in D.C. public schools will get One Cards to serve as student Ids. Ultimately, One Cards will include Metro access capabilities as well.

The D.C. Chief Technology Officer predicts that the One Card will be much easier to replace than library cards and other D.C. government ID cards because the cardholder can go to any District facility for a replacement. The citywide consolidation of cards is also expected to yield a long-term cost savings for government operations.

The City of Baltimore should examine the feasibility of instituting similar technology in order to provide greater and uniform access to services. Additionally, this card could also provide valuable data that will allow agencies to share information and evaluate the performance of their services. One of the main issues that the City is experiencing with our recreational and youth programming is a lack of data regarding how these programs are performing. Basic statistics regarding attendance and retention, as well as the impact that these programs are having on our youth, are necessary to determine where the gaps exist and how resources need to be

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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1 spent. All school-aged children in the City should be issued a card that would act as a School  
2 ID, as well as a key to be swiped that grants access to and provides necessary data regarding the  
3 performance of our recreational programs.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That The  
5 initiative will take the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Mayor’s  
6 Office of Informational Technology, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Maryland  
7 Transit Administration, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Finance Department, as well as  
8 other City and State Agencies. A meeting of these entities should take place as soon as possible  
9 in order to work out any issues and technical problems, as well as privacy protection.

10 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Director of the Department of Recreation and  
11 Parks is hereby requested to coordinate this interagency effort to create the Baltimore City One  
12 Card.

13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
14 Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology,  
15 the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of  
16 Transportation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pratt Library System, the Director of Finance,  
17 and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.