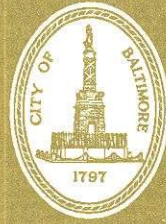


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March 16, 2012

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0020R – Beverage Container Tax – Dedication of  
Revenue to the Public

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0020R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution, requested by the Administration, discusses the need to fund school construction and the Administration's current desire to finance these projects with revenue anticipated from the Beverage Container Tax. A resolution of the City Council is typically used to address matters of concern to the City or policy matters that impact the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council's authority to act. McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 *et seq.* As such, City Council Bill 12-0020R is the appropriate manner in which to discuss the funding of public school construction. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
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