

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, *Jaung, Henry, Jeff Donsey, Burnett, Cole*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference *Bulluck, Costello, Pinkett, Stokes* Date: August 9, 2017

Referred to: **RESOLUTION** Committee *Speed, Clark, Schleiter, Prisinger*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 17-0039R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

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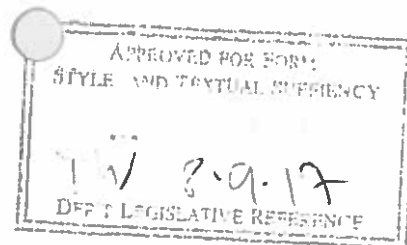
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- _____ Comptroller's Office
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- _____ Department of Finance
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- _____ Department of Housing and Community Development
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INTRODUCTORY*
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COUNCIL BILL _____ R
(Resolution)



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WHEREAS, local jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs.

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City, and all local jurisdictions, takes pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways.

WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private, and non-profit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

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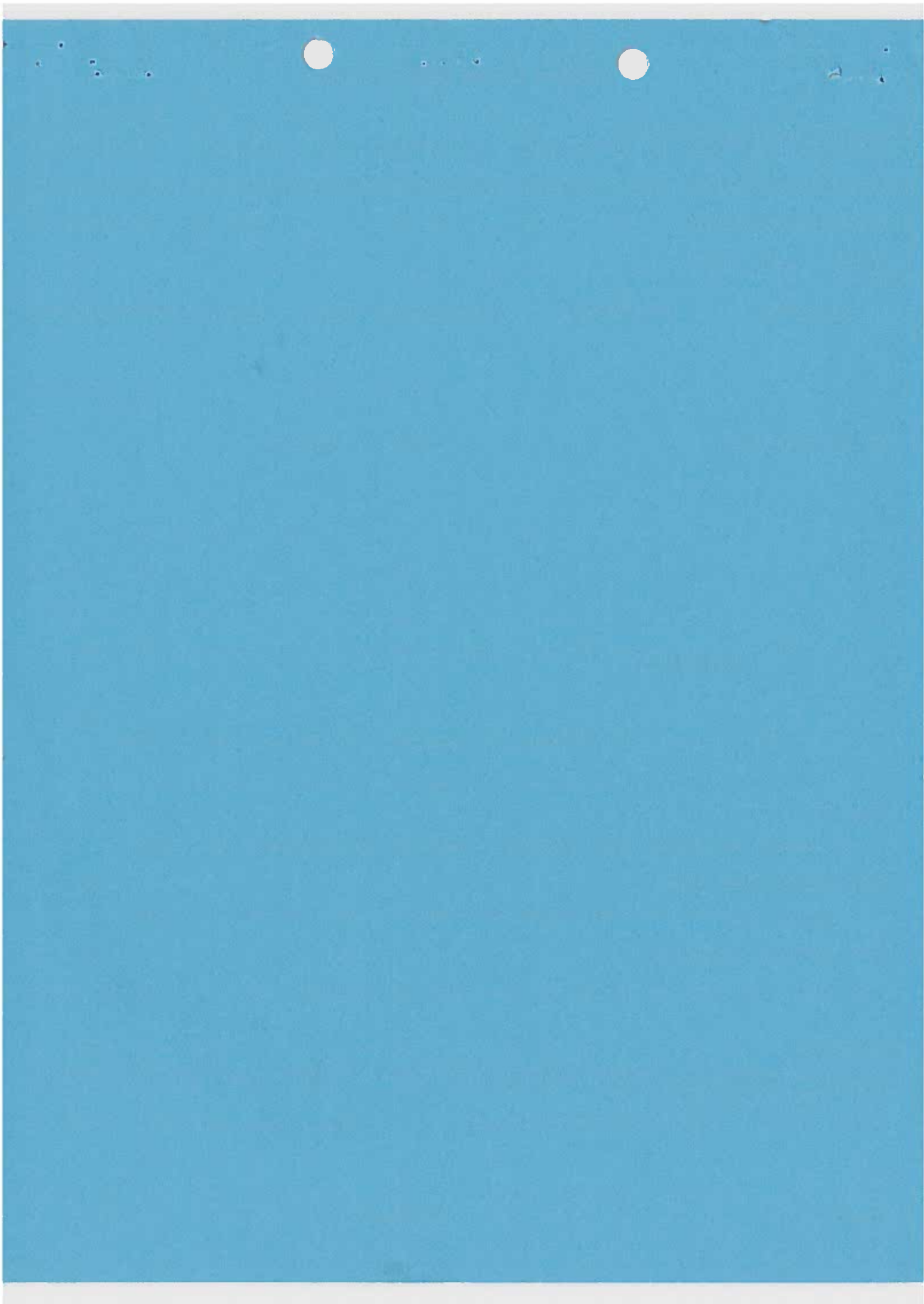
WHEREAS, The Stepping Up Initiative includes a 6 point Call to Action asking for local jurisdictions to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
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WHEREAS, Baltimore City supports this Call to Action and the goals of the Stepping Up Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Council joins the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our jails, commits to sharing lessons learned with other jurisdictions in Maryland and across the country to support a national initiative, and encourages all of our private sector partners, City agencies, and local non-profits to participate in Stepping Up.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Health Commissioner, the Police Commissioner, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

AUG 14 2017

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0039R
(Resolution)**

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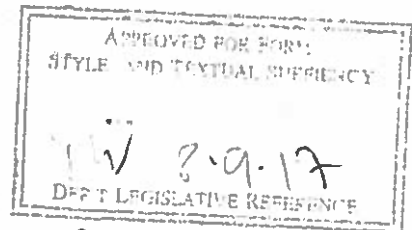
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