

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0247R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Middleton, Costello, Branch, Stokes.
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Introduced and read first time: August 17, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing - Mental Health Contracts**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Department of Finance and the Baltimore City Police
4 Department to appear before the City Council to discuss the City's contracts for mental health
5 screenings and psychological services, the past and future costs of these screenings and
6 services, and the oversight and management of these screenings and services.

7 **Recitals**

8 The City of Baltimore has used a contractor through a sole-source contract since 2005 to
9 provide evaluations of prospective police officers, counsel police officers involved in violent and
10 traumatic incidents, and provide certain services for police officers dealing with problems such
11 as alcoholism, anger management, domestic issues, and other issues.

12 On August 6, 2015, the Baltimore Sun published an article titled "Provider of Mental Health
13 Evaluations for Baltimore Police Under Investigation". This article identified a number of
14 alleged issues with the contractor, included that the contractor conducted evaluations for as few
15 as fifteen minutes, rather than the hour required under its contract.

16 The August 6th article was followed by a second article on August 7, 2015, indicating the
17 psychological services contractor was under investigation for its work in evaluating Officer
18 Angeline Todman, who committed suicide after receiving services from the mental health
19 services contractor.

20 On August 7, 2015, a press release was issued by the Mayor's Office announcing that
21 "...Baltimore City will immediately suspend referring any additional employees, police officers
22 or their family members to Psychology Consultants Associated P.A. (PCA), pending the outcome
23 of ongoing investigations from the city's law department and office of the inspector general."

24 In order to prevent future issue such as those currently surrounding the City's sole contractor
25 for psychological operations and assessments, it is important to understand all of the facts
26 surrounding the psychological services provided to the Baltimore Police Department, how the
27 Police Department and Finance Department intend to move forward in procuring future
28 psychological services, and how these services will be operated and administered.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Council calls on the Department of Finance and the Baltimore City Police Department to appear
3 before the City Council to discuss the City’s contracts for mental health screenings and
4 psychological services, the past and future costs of these screenings and services, and the
5 oversight and management of these screenings and services.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
7 Director of Finance, the Police Commissioner, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City
8 Council.