



May 11, 2020

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

Re: City Council Bill #20-0510- Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) has reviewed City Council Bill #20-0510. MOED's comments will focus on the intent of the bill which is to provide two educators with experience within the Baltimore City Public School System to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as an educator with the Baltimore City Public School System and clarifying that that Councilmember with substantial experience as an educator serve as co-chair of the Task force.

MOED serves many thousands of residents each year. It is our experience that a large percentage of residents that seek our services have been impacted by trauma either directly or by a family member or other person close to them. We recognize that to provide the most effective employment services we can requires a view that extends beyond job training and includes understanding and addressing the impact that trauma has had on those we serve. This Task Force is an important component to achieving a coordinated service delivery model that includes how best to assist residents is a logical starting point in this critical area for our city.

Therefore, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development supports City Council Bill #20-0510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jason Perkins-Cohen".

Jason Perkins-Cohen
Director

