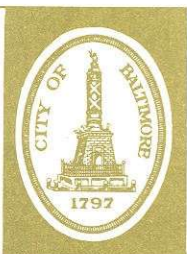


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DATE: October 25, 2013

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council bill 13-0282 has been introduced for the purpose of providing a supplementary General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$2,925,582 to Mayorality Related: Baltimore City Public Schools – Service 352 (Baltimore City Public Schools).

Supplementary General Fund appropriation is necessary to meet the certified MOE amount that Baltimore City Public Schools submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education for Fiscal 2014.

The Fiscal 2013 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) appropriation of \$204 million was based on an incorrect enrollment figure that was higher than the actual enrollment certified by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The Fiscal 2014 Maintenance of Effort was calculated from a revised Fiscal 2013 amount based on the certified enrollment figure. This resulted in an MOE appropriation of \$202 million for Fiscal 2014. MSDE has informed the City that the MOE required funding level is above the current Fiscal 2014 appropriation as it must be based on the \$204 million Fiscal 2013 appropriation.

The City and Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) are currently in discussions on a number of financial topics and are in agreement that the MOE funding level is too high based on the enrollment error. The City and BCPS will request a waiver from MSDE for Fiscal 2015 to bring the MOE amount to the correct level based on current enrollment.

The Department of Finance supports this legislation.

cc: Harry Black
Angela Gibson

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