

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0327
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: December 15, 2022

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, Office of the Comptroller

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Study and Report – Analyzing Disparities Between Minority Women-Owned and**
3 **Non-Minority Women-Owned Businesses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance, the City Administrator, the City Solicitor,
5 the Director of the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, and the Director of
6 the Office of Equity and Civil Rights to submit a report that details any disparities that exist
7 between minority women-owned businesses and non-minority women-owned businesses
8 operating in Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

9 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

10 (a) No later than 90 days after the enactment of this Ordinance, the Director of Finance,
11 the City Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Director of the Minority and Women’s
12 Business Opportunity Office, and the Director of the Office of Equity and Civil
13 Rights shall submit a report about any disparities that exist between minority
14 women-owned businesses (“MWOB”) and non-minority women-owned businesses
15 (“N-MWOB”) operating in Baltimore City.

16 (b) Prior to the report’s final submission to the City Council a public notice shall be
17 published containing the report and seeking public comment for at least 30 days.

18 (c) The report shall include:

19 (i) A description of the current state of MWOB and N-MWOB in Baltimore City,
20 including:

21 (1) a review of MWOB and N-MWOB businesses currently in operation; and

22 (2) a review of programs or incentives available to MWOB and N-MWOB in
23 Baltimore City.

24 (ii) A review of any disparities that exist between MWOB and N-MWOB in
25 Baltimore City, including:

26 (1) disparities in funding opportunities;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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- 1 (2) disparities in the awarding of City contracts; and
- 2 (3) any other disparities that may exist between MWOB and N-MWOB; and
- 3 (iii) An analysis of any disparities identified under paragraph (ii).
- 4 (d) The City Council shall call a hearing where the Director of Finance, the City
- 5 Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Director of the Minority and Women’s Business
- 6 Opportunity Office, and the Director of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights shall
- 7 present the findings of the report.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the day it is

9 enacted.