



**HEARING NOTES**

**Bill: 21-0103**

**Suicide Prevention Coordinator – Establishment**

**Committee:** Health, Environment, and Technology  
**Chaired by:** Danielle McCray  
**Hearing Date:** September 15, 2021  
**Time (Beginning):** 10:05 AM  
**Time (Ending):** 10:45 AM  
**Location:** Webex Virtual Hearing  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 50 people  
**Committee Members in Attendance:**  
Danielle McCray      John Bullock      Mark Conway  
Ryan Dorsey      Phylicia Porter      James Torrence

**Bill Synopsis in the file?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Attendance sheet in the file?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Agency reports read?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?**.....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Evidence of notification to property owners?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Final vote taken at this hearing?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**  
**Motioned by:** ..... **Conway**  
**Seconded by:**..... **Porter**  
**Final Vote:** ..... **Favorable w/ Amendment**

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Kelleigh Eastman, Health Department  
Mary Beth Haller, Health Department  
Hilary Ruley, Law Department  
Pedro Aponte, Department of Finance

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and explained the need for a Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Baltimore City.
2. Representatives for City agencies summarized their agencies' written reports and recommendations.
3. Mary Beth Haller explained the Health Department's proposed amendments.
4. Chairwoman McCray explained her proposed amendment.
5. A Committee member asked whether the Health Department has explored funding for the new position? Mary Beth Haller explained that the Department has not yet explored funding but anticipates requesting additional funds for Fiscal Year 2023 to support the new position.
6. Members of the public testified in favor of the bill and explained the need for comprehensive efforts to prevent suicides in Baltimore City.
7. The Committee voted to recommend Chairwoman McCray's amendment.
8. The Committee voted to recommend the Health Department amendments.
9. The Committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with the amendments.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

Yes     No

**If yes, describe.**

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: ..... Yea  
J. Bullock: ..... Yea  
M. Conway: ..... Yea  
R. Dorsey: ..... Yea  
P. Porter: ..... Yea  
J. Torrence: ..... Yea  
I. Schleifer: ..... Absent

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: September 16, 2021

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