
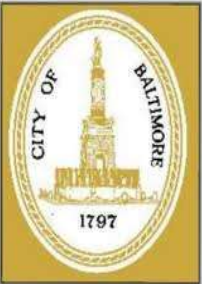


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| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 20-0510 | | |

July 7, 2020

TO:

Health Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0510 introduced by Council Members Cohen, Clarke, Henry, President Scott, Council Members Sneed, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, and Stokes.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to make certain revisions and clarifications to the composition of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force.

BRIEF HISTORY

Ordinance 20-341 established the Baltimore City Trauma-Informed Care Task Force which requires agencies to provide employees with annual trauma-informed care training so they may assist with assessing their agency's policies, procedures and programs and make appropriate recommendations to the agency head via a trauma-intensive approach. The Task Force helps identify City programs and services that impact children and youth and assists in developing a citywide strategy to facilitate a shift toward trauma-responsive government. The Office of Children and Family Success staffs the Task Force and prioritizes the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of City services which impact children, youth and families. On or before March 31 of each year, agency heads report to the Task Force their progress working toward and complying with the citywide trauma-informed care initiative. The Baltimore City Department of Health provides technical and advisory support to designated agency staff to help them carry out their duties.

City Council Bill 20-0510, if approved, would modify the composition of the Task Force by adding one seat, with 30 members appointed by the Mayor and seven (7) ex-officio members. The Bill clarifies that two (2) members must be educators with the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS). The Council membership will be increased from one (1) to two (2) members, with one Council member having educator experience in the BCPSS and one with experience as a parent of a BCPSS student.

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The ex-officio members would be altered to remove the chair of the Education and Youth Committee from the Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department of Public Works does not anticipate incurring any fiscal impacts resulting from the changes proposed in this legislation.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

Based on these considerations, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 20-0510.

Should the Committee have any questions prior to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins via email at Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov.



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