

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0070R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer, Scott, Costello, Bullock, Henry, Pinkett, President Young, Councilmembers Burnett, Clarke, Stokes, Reisinger, Cohen, Dorsey, Sneed, Middleton

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2018

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Public School System, Police Department, Fire Department, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Crisis Preparedness and Safety in Our Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools Police, the  
4 Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency  
5 Management to appear before the Council to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in  
6 our schools in the wake of the horrific shootings in Parkland, Florida.

7 **Recitals**

8 The recent, horrific shootings in Parkland, Florida served to remind us once again that no  
9 community is immune to unexpected tragedy. While we may never be able to fully understand  
10 what could bring anyone to unleash such violence on innocent people, or to fully anticipate how  
11 and where future evil may strike, we can try to draw lessons from these events that may reduce  
12 the risk of ever having them repeated.

13 Throughout all levels of government, efforts are already underway to provide more support  
14 for school and community security. Many school systems and localities nationwide are  
15 reevaluating their security and crisis response plans to determine if weaknesses have been  
16 exposed that need to be addressed.

17 Similarly, Baltimore should take this moment to evaluate whether it has the necessary plans  
18 and resources in place to effectively respond to any threat to our citizens. Preparedness and  
19 safety in our schools must always be a priority; now is the time to systematically review the  
20 City's safety plans for its schools and to determine where improvements are most needed.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
22 Council calls on representatives from Baltimore City Public Schools Police, the Baltimore Police  
23 Department, the Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to appear  
24 before it to discuss emergency preparedness and safety in our schools in the wake of the horrific  
25 shootings in Parkland, Florida.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
2 Police Commissioner, the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Chief of the Baltimore City  
3 Schools Police, the Chief of the Fire Department, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of  
4 Emergency Management, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.