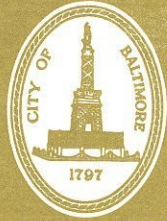


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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 11-0283R – Audit of Recreation and Parks Department

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0283R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution requests that the Comptroller and the Administration contract with an independent auditor to audit the Department of Recreation and Parks. Independent auditors may be hired to audit any municipal agency pursuant to Section 10(b) of Article V of the City Charter.

A resolution of the City Council is typically used to express the opinions of the Council on matters of concern to the City or on policy matters that impact the City but are outside of the realm of the City Council's authority to act. *McQuillin, Municipal Corporations, §§15.01 et seq.* As such, City Council Bill 11-0283R is the appropriate manner in which to express the City Council's desire that an independent audit be performed of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Law Department, therefore, approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

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