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	Subject	City Council Resolution 11-0245R Investigative Hearing - Department of Human Resources - Workplace First Aid Program		

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To: President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) has reviewed City Council Resolution 11-0245R Investigative Hearing - Department of Human Resources - Workplace First Aid Program. The purpose of this bill is to request the Director of the Department of Human Resources to report to the City Council on the efficacy of the workplace first aid training course currently available to City employees, and to assess the need for expansion of the training program to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines. This hearing aims to determine which Baltimore City employees need participate in initial mandatory workplace first aid training and periodic refresher courses.

The Workplace First Aid Program is administered by the Department of Human Resources, which is responsible for providing organizational and personal development services to city agencies and their employees. "First Aid" training is part of the licensure or certification requirements for all BCHD clinical personnel, and most programs provide training for their personnel. Field Health Services (FHS) provides training for staff in BCHD programs too small to maintain their own trainer. Generally, FHS has overseen OSHA training compliance within BCHD. While the Health Department welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with other agencies, BCHD is not involved with the Workplace First Aid Program and defers to the Department of Human Resources.

BCHD will provide any public health data that is requested at the hearing for City Council Resolution 11-0245R, but respectfully defers to the Department of Human Resources which has jurisdiction over this program.

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