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	Subject	10-0578 General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –Health Department (Program 310) to Mayoralty Educational Grants (Program 446) – \$200,000		

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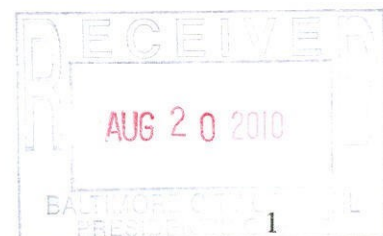
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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) would like to respond to City Council Bill 10-0578 General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –Health Department (Program 310) to Mayoralty Educational Grants (Program 446) – \$200,000. This bill would transfer \$200,000 from program 310 of the Health Department, School Health, to program 446, the Mayor’s Education Grants Program.

The purpose of BCHD’s School Health Program is to optimize student health so that they may participate fully in the educational experience, and ensure they graduate as healthy and productive citizens. The final version of the FY11 budget restored the requested funding for the school-based health centers (SBHC) and will allow essential staffing and primary/preventive health care services to be provided. The staffing for School Based Health Centers is augmented with a Nurse Practitioner, a school health nurse, and a Medical Office Assistant. The proposal for conversion of the Health Centers to Health Suites was the result of increased personnel costs primarily due to conversion of contractual staff to civil service status. These services are now covered by funds acquired after the requested supplemental funds were granted, therefore the Health Department does not oppose this transfer to the Mayor’s Educational Grants Program in Council Bill 10-0578. We will participate in the hearing process to provide any additional information that may be needed in making an informed decision.

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Does not oppose



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