

Council Bill 15-0278R

1 hardship for some families, and it is not clear what, if any, steps have been taken to mitigate
2 these concerns.

3 It is essential that this shift, intended to create long-term benefits for many, not be
4 accomplished in a way that unduly harms some of the most vulnerable of our residents. In order
5 to best assist constituents facing confusion or challenges because of this change, the Council
6 needs to be fully informed about the change in the SNAP distribution schedule, the short and
7 long term benefits and drawbacks of this shift, and what resources are available to assist
8 recipients who may experience difficulties in feeding their families while the benefit schedule is
9 adjusted.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
11 Council requests that representatives from the Health Department and the State Department of
12 Human Resources appear before it to discuss the change in the SNAP benefit distribution
13 schedule, the short and long term pluses and minuses of this shift, and what resources are
14 available to assist SNAP recipients who may experience difficulties in feeding their families
15 while the benefit schedule is adjusted.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
17 Secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Baltimore City
18 Department of Social Services, the Health Commissioner, the Food Policy Director, and the
19 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.