

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 16-0294R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello, Henry, Curran, President Young, Councilmembers  
Middleton, Scott, Holton, Clarke, Reisinger, Welch, Spector, Kraft, Mosby, Branch, Stokes  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Request for State Action – Local Appointment of School Commissioners**

FOR the purpose of calling for passage and enactment of House Bill 1285 (Baltimore City -  
Board of School Commissioners - Appointment of Members) to restore local control of  
Baltimore’s Board of School Commissioners.

**Recitals**

Under the current governance structure, there is no elected official who is completely  
accountable for the success (or failure) of our school system. The current shared governance  
structure needs to be fixed to ensure greater accountability.

House Bill 1285, if passed and enacted, will provide for the appointment of the Board of  
School Commissioners, by the Mayor of Baltimore City, with the advice and consent of the  
Baltimore City Council. This ensures that the prospective Commissioners are properly vetted at  
the local level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
Council calls for passage and enactment of House Bill 1285 (Baltimore City - Board of School  
Commissioners - Appointment of Members) to restore local control of Baltimore’s Board of  
School Commissioners.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the  
Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the  
Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House  
Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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