

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0266R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott, President Young, Councilmembers Middleton, Holton,
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Assigned to: Education and Youth Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Recreation and Parks, Mayor's Office
of Information Technology, Baltimore City Public School System, Enoch Pratt Free Library,
Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – One Card – Youth Identification Card and Access**
3 **Card to City Services**

4 FOR the purpose of exploring the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to
5 make accessing services easier and more convenient for young Baltimore City residents;
6 examining the mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of
7 implementing a similar system in Baltimore City.

8 **Recitals**

9 On April 10, 2008, the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Technology Officer
10 announced, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the D.C. Public
11 Libraries, the launch of the D.C. government “One Card”, a new picture ID consolidated
12 credential designed to give adults and children access to all the D.C. government facilities and
13 programs they need to use.

14 The One Card initially granted borrowing privileges at D.C. libraries and provide access to
15 recreation centers throughout the city and later grew in capability, becoming a student ID and an
16 access card for all D.C. government buildings and programs. One Cards also include Metro
17 access capabilities as well.

18 The D.C. Chief Technology Officer believes that the One Card is easier to replace than
19 library cards and other D.C. government ID cards because the cardholder can go to any District
20 facility for a replacement. The citywide consolidation of cards is also intended to reduce
21 credentialing inefficiencies, reduce costs, and mitigate fraud and misuse.

22 In 2010 the city of Boston introduced a similar card for students, and other communities have
23 subsequently followed suit. Baltimore should consider joining them.

24 The City of Baltimore should examine the feasibility of instituting similar technology in
25 order to provide greater and uniform access to services. Additionally, this card could also
26 provide valuable data that will allow agencies to share information and evaluate the performance
27 of their services. One of the main issues that the City is experiencing with our recreational and

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1 youth programming is a lack of data regarding how these programs are performing. Basic
2 statistics regarding attendance and retention, as well as the impact that these programs are having
3 on our youth, are necessary to determine where the gaps exist and how resources need to be
4 spent. All school-aged children in the City should be issued a card that would act as a School ID,
5 as well as a key to be swiped that grants access to and provides necessary data regarding the
6 performance of our recreational programs.

7 This initiative will take the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the
8 Mayor's Office of Informational Technology, the Baltimore City Public School System, the
9 Maryland Transit Administration, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Finance Department, as
10 well as other City and State Agencies. A meeting of these entities should take place as soon as
11 possible in order to work out any issues and technical problems, as well as address concerns
12 about privacy protection.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 Council invites representatives from City and State agencies serving our youth to appear before it
15 to explore the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to make accessing
16 services easier and more convenient for young Baltimore City residents; examining the
17 mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of implementing a similar
18 system in Baltimore City.

19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
20 Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Information Technology,
21 the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation,
22 the Chief Executive Officer of the Pratt Library System, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor's
23 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.