

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0510
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cohen, Clarke, Henry, President Scott, Councilmembers
Sneed, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Stokes

Introduced and read first time: April 6, 2020

Assigned to: Health Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Healthy Department, Fire Department,
Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Housing and Community Development,
Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks,
Department of Transportation, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice,
Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, Mayor's
Office of Children and Family Success, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of
Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition – Revisions and Clarifications**

3 FOR the purpose of adding 2 educators with experience within the Baltimore City Public School
4 System to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force; clarifying that one Councilmember
5 appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as an educator with the Baltimore
6 City Public School System; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force
7 have substantial experience as a parent with the Baltimore City Public School System;
8 clarifying that the appointed Councilmember with substantial experience as an educator shall
9 be co-chair of the Task Force; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing
10 for a special effective date.

11 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

12 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
13 Section(s) 22-17 and 22-18(e)
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

20 **Subtitle 22. Children, Youth, and Families**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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§ 22-17. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Composition.

(a) *In general.*

The Task Force comprises [36] 37 members, [28] 30 of whom are appointed by the Mayor under Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter and [8] 7 of whom are ex-officio members.

(b) *Appointed members.*

Of the [28] 30 members appointed by the Mayor:

- (1) 3 shall be youth representatives from a youth-led advocacy group in Baltimore City;
- (2) 2 shall be individuals with at least one child enrolled in the Baltimore City Public School System;
- (3) 1 shall be a licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (4) 2 shall be members of the research community with an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (5) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on racial equity in its organizational mission statement;
- (6) 1 shall be an individual between 14 and 25 years of age;
- (7) 1 shall be a individual licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as a physician with a specialty in pediatrics;
- (8) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) advocacy in its organizational mission statement;
- (9) 1 shall be a naturalized citizen or a resident alien;
- (10) 1 shall be an individual who has recently exited from the Maryland correctional system;
- (11) 1 shall be an employee of the Baltimore City Public School System;
- (12) 3 shall be representatives from community organizations, nonprofit organizations, or youth organizations that have an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (13) 2 SHALL BE EDUCATORS WITHIN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- (14) [(13)] 2 shall be individuals licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as social workers; and

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1 (15) [(14)] 8 shall be recommended by the City Council President as follows:

2 (i) [1] 2 City [Councilmember] COUNCILMEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

3 (A) 1 COUNCILMEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AS AN EDUCATOR WITHIN
4 THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND

5 (B) 1 COUNCILMEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AS A PARENT OF A STUDENT
6 WITHIN THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;

7 (ii) 1 youth representative from a youth-led advocacy group in
8 Baltimore City;

9 (iii) 1 representative of an organization with an explicit focus on
10 racial equity in its organizational mission statement;

11 (iv) 1 licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;
12 and

13 (v) 3 representatives from community organizations, nonprofit organizations,
14 or youth-led or youth-oriented organizations that have an expertise in
15 trauma and healing.

16 (c) *Ex-officio (or designate) members.*

17 The 7 ex-officio members of the Task Force are:

18 (1) the Director of the Office;

19 (2) the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Health or the
20 Commissioner's designee;

21 (3) the Director of the Department of Planning or the Director's designee;

22 [(4) the Chair of the Education and Youth Committee or any City Council Committee
23 succeeding to the duties of the Education and Youth Committee;]

24 (4) [(5)] the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Director's
25 designee;

26 (5) [(6)] the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community
27 Development or the Commissioner's designee;

28 (6) [(7)] the City Council President; and

29 (7) [(8)] the Youth Commission Chair.

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1 **§ 22-18. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Terms, organization, etc.**

2 (e) *Task Force co-chairs.*

3 (1) *In general.*

4 As provided in this subsection, the Task Force shall have 2 co-chairs designated.

5 (2) *At-large co-chair.*

6 Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Mayor [may] SHALL
7 designate any member of the Task Force to serve as 1 of the co-chairs.

8 (3) [*Chair of the City Council Education and Youth Committee*] *COUNCILMEMBER CO-*
9 *CHAIR.*

10 The City Council President [may] SHALL designate the City Councilmember serving
11 [ex-officio] under [§ 22-17(c)(4) {Chair of Education and Youth Committee or its
12 successor committee}] § 22-17(B)(15)(I)(A) as co-chair of the task force.

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
14 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
15 Ordinance.

16 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on December
17 1, 2020.