

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0093
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Young,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Youth Commission, Police Department,
Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Baltimore City Public School System

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Minors – Daytime Curfew**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the start of the daytime curfew for certain minors required to be in
4 school; and generally relating to the related obligations of minors, of parents, guardians, etc.,
5 and of business establishments.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 34-4(a), 34-5(b), and 34-6(b)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

15 **Subtitle 34. Minors - Daytime and Nighttime Curfews**

16 **§ 34-4. Prohibited conduct of minors — daytime curfew.**

17 (a) *In general.*

18 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, no minor under the age of
19 16 may remain in or about any public place or any establishment between the hours of [9
20 a.m.] 7:30 A.M. and 2:30 p.m. on any day during which the minor is required to be in
21 school.

22 **§ 34-5. Prohibited conduct of parents, guardians, etc.**

23 (b) *Daytime curfew.*

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

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1 It is unlawful for the parent of any minor under the age 16 to knowingly permit or, by
2 insufficient control, to allow that minor to be in or about any public place or any
3 establishment between the hours of [9 a.m.] 7:30 A.M. and 2:30 p.m. on any day during
4 which the minor is required to be in school.

5 **§ 34-6. Prohibited conduct of establishments.**

6 (b) *Daytime curfew.*

7 No operator of an establishment or his agents or employees may knowingly permit any
8 minor under the age of 16 to remain on the premises of that establishment between the
9 hours of [9 a.m.] 7:30 A.M. and 2:30 p.m. on any school day, unless:

10 (1) the minor has written proof from school authorities excusing his or her attendance
11 at that particular time; or

12 (2) the minor is accompanied by the minor's parent or by a person 21 years old or
13 older.

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

17 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
18 after the date it is enacted.