

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0122R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Stokes, Kraft, Henry, Holton, President Young,
Councilmembers Cole, Scott, Reisinger, Clarke, Branch, Curran, Welch, Spector, Mosby
Introduced and read first time: September 9, 2013
Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of General Services, Department of
Housing and Community Development, Department of Planning, Commission on Sustainability,
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Mayor's Office of Human Services

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Coordinating Resources to Effectively Align and Transform Energy Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from the agencies leading up the City's
4 expanded energy assistance efforts through the CREATES program appear before the
5 Council to discuss CREATES and the new opportunities it will provide in Baltimore.

6 **Recitals**

7 In August the City began accepting millions of dollars from Exelon's State-mandated
8 Customer Investment Fund (CIF) to be used for energy saving programs in Baltimore. City
9 government will eventually receive nearly \$53 million for its Coordinating Resources to
10 Effectively Align and Transform Energy Services (CREATES) program. \$17 million more from
11 the CIF will also be going to fund energy assistance programs at two Baltimore based nonprofits
12 as well.

13 The multiple awards to CREATES from the CIF will support eight mutually reinforcing
14 initiatives that together will assist tens of thousands of Baltimoreans. The funded initiatives
15 include financing for co-generation facilities at the City's wastewater treatment plants, urban heat
16 island mitigation efforts, energy efficiency assistance for city non-profits and others serving
17 low-income populations, improved weatherization capabilities for low-income residences,
18 distribution of programmable thermostats and energy efficient light bulbs, widespread energy
19 efficiency education, improved coordination and case management to assist households with
20 chronic energy payment difficulties, and support for the Baltimore Energy Challenge.

21 Taken as a whole, the CREATES program, and the infusion of CIF funding for Baltimore's
22 energy assistance efforts, will put our ability to meet the City's energy goals into a whole new
23 gear. In order to get the most out of these new capabilities it is important that new and existing
24 efforts be well coordinated, as envisioned under the CREATES plan, and that the public at large
25 be well informed about the expanded energy opportunities.

26 CREATES includes funding and planning for extensive outreach, but no opportunity for
27 publicizing the expanded menu of energy initiatives should be lost. These efforts deserve the full
28 support of the City Council and the inroads to our communities that Councilmembers can

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1 provide. Further community support can also be leveraged by making use of the opportunity for
2 publicity and direct communication between CREATES leadership and both Councilmembers
3 and the general public that a formal Council hearing can provide.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
5 Council requests that representatives from the agencies leading up the City's expanded energy
6 assistance efforts through the CREATES program appear before it to discuss CREATES and the
7 new opportunities it will provide in Baltimore.

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
9 Director of General Services, the Housing Commissioner, the Planning Director, the Director of
10 the Office of Sustainability, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Human Services, the Executive
11 Director of the Commission On Aging and Retirement Education, and the Mayor's Legislative
12 Liaison to the City Council.