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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0410	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young
TO: Health Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: Support
RE: Council Bill – 19-0410

DATE: 9/3/19

INTRODUCTION – The Baltimore City Trauma-Responsive Care Act

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of establishing the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force and its members; setting forth certain duties of the Task Force; requiring certain agencies to designate certain individuals to undergo formal training in trauma-informed care and to perform certain other duties related to ensuring that certain agencies are delivering services in a manner consistent with best practices in trauma-informed care; requiring certain agencies to submit periodic progress reports to the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council regarding the re-orientation of certain city services to focus on trauma -informed care; re-constituting the current Office of Children, Youth, and Families to be the Office of Children and Family Success; making a primary duty of the Office of Children and Family Success to lead a citywide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of services; defining certain terms; correcting and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to providing trauma-informed services to the citizens of Baltimore.

COMMENTS – The Baltimore City Trauma-Responsive Care Act strives to make Baltimore City municipal agencies more cognizant and open towards implementing policies and practices that are considerate to citizens – particularly youth – who have experienced trauma. The bill aims to establish a Trauma-Informed Care Task Force that would work on developing recommendations for city agencies to implement best practices. The Department of Transportation’s school crossing guard program is one facet of the agency that could possibly be impacted by the passage of the Baltimore City Trauma-Responsive Care Act.

Potential fiscal and operational impacts to the Department of Transportation as a result of the passage of Council Bill 19-0410 will need to be assessed once formal recommendations established by the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force have been presented to the agency.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Department of Transportation **supports** City Council Bill 19-0410.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis via email at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 545-3207.

Sincerely,



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