

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE 24 - 343**  
**Council Bill 24-0489**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Stokes, President Mosby, and Councilmember Cohen

At the request of: The Administration (Office of Children and Family Success)

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendment

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: March 18, 2024

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Children Youth and Families – Youth Commission – Amendment**

FOR the purpose of amending the composition of the Youth Commission; providing for the compensation of Commission members; providing for the selection of certain officers; establishing the Executive Committee; providing for the membership and duties of the Executive Committee; requiring the adoption of a constitution and bylaws; updating the powers and duties of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; requiring agency cooperation with the Commission; and generally related to amending certain provisions related to the Commission.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Sections 22-5 to 22-7

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Sections 22-8

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

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

**Baltimore City Code**

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

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

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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*Part II. Youth Commission*

§ 22-5. Composition.

(a) *In general.*

The Commission comprises 17 [voting] members [and 14 non-voting members].

(b) [*Voting members*] MEMBERS.

(1) The [voting] members shall be appointed by the Mayor, in accordance with City Charter Article IV, § 6, as follows:

(i) 1 youth from each of the 14 Council Districts, at least 1 of whom is not a graduate of or then enrolled in a traditional educational program; and

(ii) 3 at-large youths recommended by the President of the City Council.

(2) Each [voting] member of the Commission must be a resident of Baltimore City.

~~(3) A youth may not be appointed to a term as a [voting] member of the Commission if that youth would become [26] 23 years old during that term.~~

[(c) *Agency representatives.*]

[Each of the following entities shall designate a non-voting member to represent that entity:]

[(1) Baltimore City Public School System.]

[(2) Department of Recreation and Parks.]

[(3) Health Department.]

[(4) Police Department (PAL Centers).]

[(5) Department of Social Services.]

[(6) State's Attorney's Office.]

[(7) Enoch Pratt Free Library.]

[(8) Mayor's Office of Employment Development.]

[(9) Housing Authority of Baltimore City.]

[(10) State Department of Juvenile Services.]

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1            [(11) Family League of Baltimore City.]

2            [(12) Baltimore City Community College.]

3            [(d) *Mayoral and Council representatives.*]

4            [(1) 2 non-voting, ex officio members are:]

5                    [(i) the Mayor; and]

6                    [(ii) the President of the City Council.]

7            [(2) The Mayor or Council President may designate another person to serve in her or his  
8                    place.]

9            **§ 22-6. Terms, organization, meetings, etc.**

10            (a) *Terms.*

11                    (1) The term of a [voting] member expires at the end of the Mayor's term.

12                    (2) At the end of a term, a [voting] member continues to serve until a successor is  
13                            appointed and qualifies.

14                    (3) A MEMBER MAY ONLY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF ~~3~~ 2 TERMS.

15            (b) *Compensation; expenses.*

16                    The members of the Commission[:] SERVE WITH COMPENSATION BASED ON HOURS  
17                            SERVED, AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

18                    [(1) serve without compensation; but]

19                    [(2) are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the  
20                            performance of their duties, as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.]

21            (c) [*Officers; committees.*] *OFFICERS.*

22                    (1) The Mayor shall designate a [voting] member to serve as Commission Chair.

23                    [(2) The Chair may select other officers.]

24                    (2) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH TERM AND AFTER ALL MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED, THE  
25                            COMMISSION CHAIR SHALL CALL A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION AND THE  
26                            COMMISSION SHALL ELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE AS:

27                            (I) VICE CHAIR;

28                            (II) TREASURER; AND



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1 (III) SECRETARY.

2 [(3) The Chair may appoint committees to assist the Commission in carrying out its  
3 functions and duties.]

4 (D) COMMITTEES.

5 (1) THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE COMMISSION THAT COMPRISES THE  
6 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

7 (I) THE CHAIR;

8 (II) THE VICE CHAIR;

9 (III) THE TREASURER;

10 (IV) THE SECRETARY; AND

11 (V) AN AT-LARGE MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE  
12 COMMISSIONERS AT THE COMMISSION'S FIRST MEETING.

13 (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

14 ~~(i) MAY EXPEND FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OR ANY~~  
15 ~~SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS;~~

16 (i) (H) MAY APPOINT COMMITTEES TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT  
17 ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; AND

18 (ii) (HH) SHALL GENERALLY OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION.

19 (E) [(d)] *Meetings; quorum.*

20 (1) The Commission shall meet on the call of the Chair as frequently as required to  
21 perform its duties, but not less than [6 times nor more than 10 times each year] 1 TIME  
22 EACH MONTH.

23 (2) A majority of the [voting] members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
24 business.

25 (3) An affirmative vote of at least a majority of a quorum is needed for any official  
26 action.

27 (F) ~~CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: BYLAWS.~~

28 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.~~

29 THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT ~~A CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS~~ TO GOVERN ITS  
30 MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS.



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1           ~~(2) CONSTITUTION.~~

2                   ~~(i) THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT A CONSTITUTION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ELECTING~~  
3                   ~~THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.~~

4                   ~~(ii) THE COMMISSION MUST REVIEW, REVISE, AND RE-ADOPT THE CONSTITUTION~~  
5                   ~~WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ELECTING A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER THE~~  
6                   ~~START OF EACH NEW MAYORAL TERM.~~

7           (3) BYLAWS.

8                   (i) THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT BYLAWS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ELECTING THE  
9                   EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

10                  (ii) THE COMMISSION MUST REVIEW, REVISE, AND RE-ADOPT THE BYLAWS WITHIN  
11                  60 DAYS OF ELECTING A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER THE START OF  
12                  EACH NEW MAYORAL TERM.

13           (G) STAFF.

14           THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUCCESS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, SHALL:

15                   (1) PROVIDE STAFF TO THE COMMISSION; AND

16                   (2) PROVIDE THE PERSONNEL AND CAPITAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE  
17                   COMMISSION TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORDINANCE OF  
18                   ESTIMATES.

19           (H) [(e)] *Rules and regulations.*

20           Subject to Title 4 {"Administrative Procedure Act – Regulations"} of the City General  
21           Provisions Article, the Commission may adopt rules and regulations to govern its  
22           meetings and operations.

23   § 22-7. [Commission] ~~POWERS AND duties.~~ [duties.] DUTIES.

24           ~~(A) POWERS.~~

25           ~~IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:~~

26                   ~~(1) ENGAGE, CONSULT, AND PARTNER WITH A CITY OFFICIAL AND ANY UNIT OF CITY~~  
27                   ~~GOVERNMENT; AND~~

28                   ~~(2) ENGAGE, CONSULT, AND PARTNER WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.~~

29           ~~(B) DUTIES.~~

30           The Commission shall:

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- 1            [(1) develop and maintain a 3-year plan of action that outlines specific areas for  
2            Commission study and recommendations;]
- 3            [(2) review issues relating to programs and services for children and youth;]
- 4            [(3) identify and recommend priorities among programs and services for children and  
5            youth;]
- 6            [(4) create a forum for discussions with children, youth, and their families;]
- 7            [(5) advocate services and programs for children and youth;]
- 8            [(6) make recommendations for programs, policies, procedures, or legislation it  
9            deems necessary to promote the well-being of children, youth, and their  
10           families;]
- 11           [(7) work with the public and private sector in a collaborative effort to:]
- 12                  [(i) bring forth the concerns of children and youth; and]
- 13                  [(ii) evaluate and strengthen programming that will enhance the interpersonal  
14                  and social development of children and youth;]
- 15           [(8) develop a communications network to share information about public and  
16           private services to children and youth;]
- 17           [(9) submit an annual report to the Mayor and the City Council; and]
- 18           [(10) perform any other duties that the Mayor requests.]
- 19           (1) CREATE AND DELIVER A YEAR-END ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES  
20           TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL;
- 21           (2) REVIEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND PROVIDE  
22           FEEDBACK REGARDING EFFECTIVENESS TO THE RESPECTIVE RESOURCE  
23           ADMINISTRATOR;
- 24           (3) HOST AND PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC FORUMS WITH AND ABOUT CHILDREN AND  
25           YOUTH;
- 26           (4) ADVOCATE FOR RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH;
- 27           (5) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OR  
28           LEGISLATION DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN,  
29           YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES;
- 30           (6) RAISE AWARENESS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR  
31           FAMILIES; AND

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1           (7) REVIEW AND EVALUATE EXISTING AND PROPOSED POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND  
2           LEGISLATION AS THEY RELATE TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND  
3           THEIR FAMILIES.

4    **§ 22-8. AGENCY COOPERATION.**


5           ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND  
6           THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE  
7           OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS AS PROVIDED  
8           IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

9           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
10          after the date it is enacted.



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Certified as duly passed this 8 day of April, 2024

  
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President, Baltimore City Council

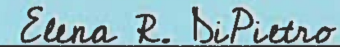
Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,  
this 8 day of April, 2024

  
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Chief Clerk

Approved this 20 day of June, 2024

  
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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency  
This 11th Day of April, 2024.

  
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Chief Solicitor