

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0131R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers D’Adamo, Curran, Young, Cole,
Kraft, Holton, Branch, Middleton, Welch, Henry, Conaway, Reisinger, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: June 1, 2009

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore Economic Recovery Team

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Baltimore Economic Recovery Team**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Co-Chairs of the Baltimore Economic Recovery Team to
4 report to the City Council on the procedures in place to monitor the funds that Baltimore will
5 receive through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; to present a list of stimulus
6 activities presently determined eligible for funding; to share how these projects and programs
7 will serve Baltimore in the present and the future; and to submit a schedule of regular reports
8 planned for updates to the City Council on BERT activities.

9 **Recitals**

10 The Baltimore Economic Recovery Team (BERT) is a multi-agency team created to
11 coordinate, maximize, and monitor the funds that will come to Baltimore through the American
12 Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) passed by the President and Congress to address these
13 hard economic times by creating or retaining 3.5 million jobs nationwide, by providing funds for
14 transit projects, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing and school modernization, and
15 by increasing funding for workforce training and public safety.

16 The State of Maryland is expected to receive \$3.8 billion dollars from ARRA, and it is
17 estimated that 66,000 jobs will be created or saved across the State. BERT will monitor the
18 funds Baltimore receives and maximize the dollars and jobs available to Baltimore’s residents
19 through the following objectives:

- 20 • Ensure that ARRA funds are used on projects and programs that will serve Baltimore
21 well now and for the future.
- 22 • Serve as the City’s clearinghouse for stimulus information.
- 23 • Maximize job opportunities for city residents, especially youth employment, and
24 identify skills training needs emerging from ARRA.
- 25 • Seek the best advice and ideas from citizens and partners in the human services,
26 economic, and community development communities.
- 27 • Aggressively pursue all opportunities for ARRA funds.
- 28 • Manage ARRA funds in an open and transparent manner.
- 29 • Track the outcomes of ARRA funds awarded to the City and its partners.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 BERT is Co-Chaired by the Deputy Directors of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice and
2 the Department of Transportation, and senior staff from 18 City departments and offices will
3 serve as liaison to the recovery team. The Team is charged with providing regular reports to the
4 Mayor and City Council, State and Federal Delegations, and the public at-large on how
5 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds are spent.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Co-
7 Chairs of the Baltimore Economic Recovery Team are requested to report to the City Council on
8 the procedures in place to monitor the funds that Baltimore will receive through the American
9 Recovery and Reinvestment Act; to present a list of stimulus activities presently determined
10 eligible for funding; to share how these projects and programs will serve Baltimore in the present
11 and the future; and to submit a schedule of regular reports planned for updates to the City
12 Council on BERT activities.

13 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
14 Deputy Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the Deputy Director of
15 Transportation, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.