

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 20-0193R  
(Resolution)**

---

Introduced by: Councilmembers Sneed, Clarke, President Scott, Councilmembers Costello,  
Bullock, Cohen, Middleton, Burnett, Stokes, Reisinger, Henry, Dorsey, Schleifer, Pinkett  
Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020  
Assigned to: Labor Committee

---

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Mayor's  
Office of Children and Family Success, Baltimore Development Corporation

---

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – State of Baltimore City's Labor Market**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office of Employment  
4 Development and the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success to brief the City  
5 Council on the state of the labor market, particularly regarding youth unemployment and the  
6 employment of returning citizens.

7 **Recitals**

8 **WHEREAS**, One of the key challenges facing Baltimore is concentrated poverty and  
9 unemployment, particularly amongst our youth and people returning from incarceration, also  
10 referred to as returning citizens;

11 **WHEREAS**, There are many people seeking work and many jobs that need to be filled;

12 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore area, which consists of Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Carroll  
13 County, Harford County, Howard County, Anne Arundel County, and Queen Anne's County, had  
14 an unemployment rate of 3.2% in November 2019, while Baltimore City had an unemployment  
15 rate of 4.6% in November 2019, which is one of the highest unemployment rates in the state;

16 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that there are 96,000 open jobs in the  
17 State of Maryland;

18 **WHEREAS**, The City, with 1/3 of all incarcerated people in the state calling Baltimore home,  
19 has the highest rate of incarcerated people in the state and subsequently has the highest rate of  
20 returning citizens every year; and

21 **WHEREAS**, A 2017 Annie E. Casey Foundation report found that 20% of people aged 16-24  
22 are neither employed nor in school.

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

**Council Bill 20-0193R**

1       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
2 Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Mayor’s Office of Employment  
3 Development and the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success to brief the City Council  
4 on the state of the labor market, particularly regarding youth unemployment and the employment  
5 of returning citizens.

6       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
7 Director of the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, the Executive Director of the  
8 Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City  
9 Council.