

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0285R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, Curran, Reisinger, Crider, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2007

Assigned to: Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore City Public School System, Department of Public Works

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Closing Schools – Earmark Furniture for Charter Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore City Public School System earmark furniture  
4 from the recent Baltimore City Public School closings for use in Charter Schools in Baltimore  
5 City.

6 **Recitals**

7 With the recent Baltimore City Public School closings, there are many buildings that were  
8 once filled with students that are now empty. The learning that went on in these buildings has  
9 stopped, and students who once attended these institutions of learning now find themselves in  
10 new places. These buildings, which were once used to educate now sit vacant; however they are  
11 still full of furniture and supplies. There are currently 23 charter schools throughout Baltimore  
12 City that could use this furniture to help continue teaching our children.

13 There is simply no reason why furniture and supplies that were being used to help educate  
14 our children should not be used for this purpose because students are no longer using the  
15 building which houses the furniture. These furnishings should be earmarked to go to other  
16 institutions, with Baltimore City Charter Schools being the first to receive them. With so many  
17 communities in Baltimore City now looking to charter schools for the educational support and  
18 choice they need, support should be shown by earmarking the unused furniture from closing  
19 public schools for their use. The more tools that can be provided to these institutions of learning,  
20 the better they will be at providing our youth with the educational experiences they will need to  
21 grow, mature and become active, responsible and educated citizens of Baltimore City.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this  
23 Body requests that the Baltimore City Public School System earmark furniture from the recent  
24 Baltimore City Public School closings for use in Charter Schools.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
26 CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the  
27 City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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