

CITY OF BALTIMORE



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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Fourth Floor, City Hall
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c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

Re: Bill 20-0496
{“Records Management - Modernizing, Correcting, and Conforming”}

You have referred Council Bill 20-0496 to the Department of Legislative Reference’s Archives Division for its comments. The primary purpose of this bill is, in short, to modernize Baltimore City’s Records Management program and bring it into conformity with applicable State law.

The original law establishing the Records Management program was enacted in 1954 and since then amended but once in 1978. Since the last amendment to the City’s record management law, there have been changes in the State law and regulations affecting local records management as well as significant advancements in the technology used to store and reproduce records. This bill seeks to bring the law in line with those changes and modernize the Records Management program of Baltimore City, bringing it into the 21st Century.

The Department of Legislative Reference – Archives Division urges your support of this bill.

