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	SUBJECT	24-0489 Children Youth and Families – Youth Commission – Amendment		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0489, Children Youth and Families – Youth Commission – Amendment, the purpose of which is 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.

Background

The Baltimore City Youth Commission has existed in various forms since the late 1970’s. The purpose of the Youth Commission is to give the youth of Baltimore the opportunity to provide advice, recommendations, and information for the Mayor, the City Council, and municipal agencies on the development of community and government policies, programs, and services that support children, youth, and their families.

Fiscal Impact

The Finance Department does expect a minor fiscal impact from this legislation. The main spending stemming from this legislation, would be in the form of the compensation based on hours worked. This would be an ongoing expense that have to be built into the Ordinance of Estimates. If there are 17 members and each member works 24 hours a year assuming that each meeting of the Commission is two hours, at the minimum wage of \$15 an hour, would be \$6,120. The Finance Department understands the need for compensation for commission members, however MOCFS will need to institute a system to ensure that both the hours paid for are hours worked, and that the hours worked are reasonable and conform with state and federal laws involving minors in the workforce.

Conclusion

The Finance Department has reviewed 24-0489. The legislation largely clarifies the section of the city code dealing with the Youth Commission. The code and additions largely contain minimal one-time expenditures, like forums. MOCFS will need to ensure that Youth Commission members work reasonable hours.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 24-0489.

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