



SYNOPSIS

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

City Council Resolution: 21-0069R

Investigative Hearing - Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore

Sponsor: Councilmember Burnett, et al

Introduced: October 4, 2021

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor’s Office, the Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health System Baltimore, and other relevant stakeholders to update the Council on services provided to and the general well-being of the transgender community in Baltimore City.

Effective: Upon enactment

AGENCY REPORTS

Office of the Mayor	
Office of Equity and Civil Rights	
Mayor's Office of Homeless Services	
Mayor's Office of Employment Development	
Dept. of Health	
Police Department	
States' Attorney's Office	
Baltimore City Public School System	
City Solicitor	Favorable

ANALYSIS

The resolution invites agency representatives and other stakeholders to update the City Council on services provided to and the general well-being of the transgender community in Baltimore City. Transgender¹ and gender-expansive² people face many barriers to full and equal participation in society, including stigma and cultural marginalization, lack of family acceptance, a hostile political climate, discrimination in education and employment, difficulty accessing healthcare and social services, and unequal treatment by the criminal justice system. These barriers can have long-term impacts on mental health and economic and housing stability, especially if individuals experience familial rejection and isolation from social support systems. Transgender individuals are also at higher risk of experiencing violence. Transgender women of color, who must also contend with racism and sexism prevalent in our society, are even further impacted by these issues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Reporting Agencies, Resolution 21-0069R



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¹ According to the glossary of gender identity terms developed by NPR and GLAAD, “Transgender, or simply trans, is an adjective used to describe someone whose gender identity differs from the sex assigned at birth. A transgender man, for example, is someone who was listed as female at birth but whose gender identity is male.”

² According to the glossary of gender identity terms developed by NPR and GLAAD, “Gender-expansive is an adjective that can describe someone with a more flexible gender identity than might be associated with a typical gender binary.”