

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0128R  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Dorsey, Ramos, Porter, Glover, Cohen

Introduced and read first time: September 12, 2022

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Sheriff's Office, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigational Hearing — Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the District  
4 Court of Maryland for Baltimore City, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success,  
5 and other interested parties to brief the City Council on the use of Emergency Rental  
6 Assistance Program (ERAP) funds in Baltimore City, including a conversation on declination  
7 of ERAP funds by management companies and private landlords in Baltimore City.

8 **WHEREAS**, eviction is associated with negative long-term financial, physical, and mental  
9 health consequences, including increased rates of depression, anxiety, and death by suicide.

10 **WHEREAS**, ERAP funds were authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021  
11 and expanded under the American Rescue Plan Act to aid individuals facing eviction due to  
12 failure to remit payment.

13 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore city was appropriated over \$40 million in ERAP funding to assist  
14 residents facing eviction due to failure to remit payment.

15 **WHEREAS**, declination of ERAP funds by management companies and private landlords in  
16 Baltimore City has been reported by local media and addressed within the Maryland Courts.

17 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the long-term financial, physical, and mental health  
18 consequences of eviction and would like to better understand opportunities to prevent eviction  
19 due to failure to remit payment in Baltimore City, including instances of declination of ERAP  
20 funds by management companies and private landlords.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
22 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the District Court of  
23 Maryland for Baltimore City, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other  
24 interested parties to brief the City Council on the use of ERAP funds in Baltimore City, including  
25 a conversation on declination of ERAP funds by management companies and private landlords in  
26 Baltimore City.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Deputy  
2 of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, the Administrative Judge for the District Court of  
3 Maryland for Baltimore City, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children and  
4 Family Success, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.