

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0385
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

Introduced and read first time: May 15, 2023

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Environmental Control Board, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, Office of Sustainability

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Study and Report – Baltimore City Climate Resilience Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance, the City Solicitor, the Director of
4 Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Planning, and the Director of
5 Sustainability to submit a report detailing how Baltimore City may establish a local climate
6 resilience authority originally authorized by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2020, now codified as
7 Title 22 {"Resilience Infrastructure"} of the State Local Government Article.

8 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

9 (a) No later than 180 days after enactment of this Ordinance, the Director of Finance, the
10 City Solicitor, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the
11 Director of Planning, and the Director of Sustainability shall submit a report detailing
12 how Baltimore City may establish a local climate resilience authority originally
13 authorized by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2020, now codified as Title 22 {"Resilience
14 Infrastructure"} of the State Local Government Article..

15 (b) Prior to the report's final submission to the City Council a public notice shall be
16 published containing the report and seeking public comment for at least 30 days.

17 (c) The report shall include:

18 (i) A review of climate resilience authorities, including a review of:

19 (1) State enabling legislation;

20 (2) relevant Baltimore City law; and

21 (3) existing local climate resilience authorities in Maryland;

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

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1 (ii) Considerations regarding the structure of a climate resilience authority for
2 Baltimore City, including:

3 (1) potential avenues for partnership with:

4 (i) external organizations; and

5 (ii) other local jurisdictions; and

6 (2) a structural review of existing and prospective local climate resilience
7 authorities throughout the State;

8 (iii) An in depth discussion of potential revenue sources for funding a Baltimore City
9 climate resilience authority; and

10 (iv) Potential climate mitigation strategies specific to a Baltimore City climate
11 resilience authority, including processes for:

12 (1) continually assessing the vulnerability of local infrastructure and
13 environment to the impacts of climate change;

14 (2) determining initiatives that protect the City's local infrastructure and
15 environment;

16 (3) the selection of projects to mitigate the effects of climate change; and

17 (4) the design and implementation of selected projects by a local climate
18 resilience authority.

19 (d) The City Council shall call a hearing where the Director of Finance, the City Solicitor,
20 the Director of Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the Director of
21 Planning, and the Director of Sustainability shall present the findings and the
22 recommendations of the report.

23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the day it is
24 enacted.