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COMMITTEE**

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**The Honorable Robert Stokes, Sr.  
Chairman**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*Council Bill 23-0375*

**City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to  
Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium**

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**SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology**

**City Council Bill: 23-0375**

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**City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Ramos, et al

**Introduced:** May 1, 2023

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of changing the name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

**Effective:** 30 days after enactment

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

Office of Equity and Civil Rights	<b>Favorable</b>
Law Department	<b>Favorable</b>
Baltimore Development Corporation	<b>No Objection</b>
Department of Transportation	<b>Favorable</b>
Department of Finance	<b>No Objection</b>
Department of Real Estate	<b>Favorable</b>

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## ***ANALYSIS***

REACH! Partnership School Field is located in the 14<sup>th</sup> District, renaming the stadium to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium is emblematic of our commitment to fostering greater inclusivity and equity within Baltimore City. It symbolizes a deliberate step towards creating a community that values diversity, celebrates its heroes, and strives for a more just society. In this modest yet meaningful stride, we send a powerful message that we are dedicated to building a city where everyone's contributions are acknowledged and where opportunities are accessible to all, regardless of their background or identity.

Senator Robert L. Dalton was born on March 10, 1927 in Leaksville, NC, where he attended public schools. He completed his studies at Winston Salem Teachers College and NC A&T College. Subsequently, he assumed the role of a dedicated member of the Maryland State General Assembly from 1971 to 1974.

In conclusion, the decision to rename the stadium in Senator Robert L. Dalton's honor not only pays tribute to his remarkable contributions but also serves as a beacon of education, inclusivity, and equity for Baltimore City, reinforcing our commitment to a brighter, more unified future.

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*Deontre Hayes*

Deontre L. Hayes, Committee Staff

Date: October 10, 2023

(410) 369-1260

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

# **Council Bill: 23-0375**

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**See attached**

**Office of Equity and Civil Rights**  
Dana Petersen Moore  
Director, Office of Equity and Civil Rights  
Baltimore City Chief Equity Officer

**Bill Report**  
**Bill Version: First Reader**

Council Bill 23-0375  
Education, Workforce, and Youth

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**City Property - Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium**

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*Position*

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights has reviewed Council Bill 23-0375 and **supports a favorable committee report.**

*Bill Synopsis*

Council Bill 23-0375, introduced on May 1, 2023, seeks to rename the REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

*Summary*

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights supports the naming of a newly constructed stadium after Senator Robert L. Dalton, as it is an important way to recognize his contributions to East Baltimore and the State of Maryland, educate people about Black history, and preserve his legacy. This renaming represents a small but meaningful step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable Baltimore City.

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**Additional Information**

**Information Sources:** [Council Bill 23-0375](#), [Maryland State Archives](#).

**Bill Report history:** First Reader – May 2, 2023

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**Report by: The Office of Equity and Civil Rights**

**Dana P. Moore, Director and Chief Equity Officer**

Ty'lor Schnella, Legislative Liaison

**Direct Inquiries to:** [Tylor.schnella@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Tylor.schnella@baltimorecity.gov)

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,  
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
EBONY M. THOMPSON,  
ACTING CITY SOLICITOR  
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET  
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BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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May 24, 2023

Honorable President  
Members of the City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Council Bill 23-0375 – City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School  
Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium

Dear President and Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 23-0375 for form and legal sufficiency. The purpose of the bill is to change the name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The bill would take effect 30 days after it is enacted.

City real property, other than a street, is named or renamed by ordinance as provided in Baltimore City Code Article 5, Subtitle 20. Under Art. 5, § 20-2(b), the bill must be referred to the following agencies for review: the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agency that may have an interest in naming the City property.

The stadium field in question serves as an athletic field for The Reach! Partnership School, which is a Baltimore City public high school. The field is located on City property which falls under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Recreation and Parks have a shared use agreement for the facility. The bill introducing the ordinance to change the name of the school's field was referred for review to the following departments: Baltimore City Public School System, City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, and Department of Recreation and Parks. The bill has been referred to all of the agencies required under Art. 5, § 20-2(b).

On the face of Council Bill 23-0375 the agencies to which the bill was referred, which appears under the information required by Council Rule 8-1, does not reflect that the bill was referred to the Baltimore City Public School System. Since the list of agencies to whom the bill was referred is not mandatory information and is not a substantive part of the bill, the oversight in listing the referral to the Baltimore City School System does not affect its validity. The bill file reflects that Council Bill 23-0375 has been referred to all required agencies. See generally City Charter Art. III, §§ 13 and 14(b); City Code Art. 1, § 1-3; Council Rule 8-1; 5 McQuillin Mun. Corp. § 16:13 (3d ed.).

The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
Special Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson  
Stephen Salsbury  
Nina Themelis  
Sofia Gebrehiwot  
Tiffany Maclin  
Elena DiPietro  
Hilary Ruley  
Ashlea Brown  
Jeff Hochstetler  
Teresa Cummings





## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 1, 2023  
**TO:** Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
**POSITION:** No Objection  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Bill No. 23-0375  
City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Tarbert", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0375 introduced by Councilmember Ramos on May 1, 2023.

### PURPOSE

This Bill would change the name of the REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

### BRIEF HISTORY

Senator Robert L. Dalton was born on March 10, 1927 in Leaksville, NC, where he attended public schools. A graduate of Winston Salem Teachers College and NC A&T College, Dalton served as a member of the Maryland State General Assembly from 1971-1974.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation has **no objection** to City Council Bill No. 23-0375. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at [KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com) and 410-837-9305.

cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
Sophia Gebrehiwot, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

[MJF]

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Dr. Sonja Brookins Santelises**  
Chief Executive Officer


## **City Council Bill 23-0375** **City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to** **Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium**

June 8, 2023

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) has reviewed City Council Bill 23-0375, which seeks to rename the REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to the Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium at Lake Clifton. As the first African American Senator from East Baltimore, Senator Dalton represented District 8 in the Maryland General Assembly from 1971-1974

The stadium field in question serves as an athletic field for The Reach! Partnership School, which is a Baltimore City public high school. The field is located on City property which falls under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. City Schools and the Department of Recreation and Parks have a shared use agreement for the facility.

Baltimore City Public Schools has no objection to the proposed legislation or any effort to rename the field in honor of Senator Dalton.

<b>F R O M</b>	NAME & TITLE	Corren Johnson, Director	CITY of  <b>BALTIMORE</b>  MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	Council Bill 23-0375		

DATE: 4/6/2023

TO: Mayor Brandon Scott  
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee  
FROM: Department of Transportation  
POSITION: **Support**  
SUBJECT: Council Bill 23-0375

**INTRODUCTION** – City property - Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium

**PURPOSE/PLANS** – For the purpose of changing the name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

**COMMENTS** – Council Bill 23-0375 proposes to rename REACH! Partnership School’s athletic in honor of Senator Robert. L Dalton. Senator Robert L. Dalton was a member of the Maryland State Senate, representing the old Legislative District 8 from 1971 through 1974. Senator Dalton made history, becoming the first African American State Senator to serve East Baltimore. In addition to serving in the State Senate, Mr. Dalton worked as Steelworker and served in the United States Marine Corps.

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSTION** – The Baltimore City Department of Transportation foresees no direct operation or fiscal impact resulting the legislation and Support towards the advancement of Council Bill 23-0375.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at [Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-545-3207

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson,  
Director

<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 469, City Hall		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 23-0375 – City Property - Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium		

DATE:

**TO**

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

August 13, 2023

**Position: Does Not Oppose**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0375 – City Property - Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium, the purpose of which is to rename the REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

**Background**

Senator Robert L. Dalton was the first Black State Senator that represented East Baltimore. Naming the REACH Partnership School Field after Senator Dalton will recognize his accomplishments and dedication to East Baltimore and Coldstream Homestead Montebello.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Finance anticipates that this legislation will have a minimal fiscal impact for the City. The City received a \$1.25 million State grant for the development of the stadium. This legislation will name the stadium after Senator Robert L. Dalton as part of the grant agreement.

**Conclusion**

Finance anticipates that this legislation will be of minimal cost to the City. This legislation will enable the City to access State funds to develop the stadium.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 23-0375.**

cc: Michael Moiseyev  
Nina Themelis



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Christine Griffin, Deputy Director of Policy and Government Relations

Date: August 23, 2023

Re: 23-0375 City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium

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### **Position: Support**

The Department of Real Estate is responding to the request for a report on City Council bill 23-0375 City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the stadium field at Reach! Partnership School, a Baltimore City public high school located at 2555 Harford Road, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium. The bill would take effect 30 days after it is enacted.

The stadium field serves as an athletic field for the school and is located on City property under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Recreation and Parks have a shared use agreement for the facility.

In addition to serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Dalton was a steelworker, union, and neighborhood organizer. He was a member of the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee; a Substitute Member, Board of Election Supervisors; President and Executive Board Member, Steelworkers and Shipyard Workers for Equality; Treasurer, East Baltimore Community Corporation; Treasurer, East Baltimore Community Corporation; and founder and President, Coldstream Park Neighborhood Improvement Association. Naming the stadium after Senator Robert L. Dalton is a fitting way to honor his legacy and recognize his many contributions to the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Real Estate supports the passage of 23-0375.

### CC:

Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff, Comptroller's Office  
Eric Evans, Director of Real Estate, Comptroller's Office  
KC Kelleher, Director of Communications and Policy, Comptroller's Office

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0375  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos  
Introduced and read first time: May 1, 2023  
Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Department of Recreation and Parks

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming REACH! Partnership School Field**  
3 **to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located at 2555  
5 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218, to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

6 BY authority of  
7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
8 Section 20-2  
9 Baltimore City Code  
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
12 name of REACH! Partnership School Field, located 2555 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21218,  
13 is changed to Senator Robert L. Dalton Stadium.

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
15 after the date it is enacted.

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