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HEARING NOTES

Council Resolution: 23-0189R

Informational Hearing – Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth
Chaired by: Councilman Robert Stokes, Sr

Hearing Date: November 16, 2013

Time (Beginning): 5:12 PM

Time (Ending): 5:48 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 16

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes John Bullock Zeke Cohen Antonio Glover

Sharon Green Middleton

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| Bill Synopsis in the file? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Attendance sheet in the file? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Agency reports read? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Evidence of notification to property owners? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Final vote taken at this hearing? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| Motioned by: | Councilman Bullock | | |
| Seconded by: | Councilwoman Middleton | | |
| Final Vote: | Favorable | | |

Major Issues Discussed

1. The primary focus of the hearing was on the reported shortage of athletic trainers in Baltimore City schools.
2. The discussion included an overview of health and safety protocols related to inter-scholastic athletics, with an emphasis on injury prevention and treatment.
3. The emotional testimony of Mrs. Shaw, the mother of Elijah Gorham, who tragically passed away while playing football, highlighted the real impact of the shortage and the importance of athletic trainers in ensuring student-athlete safety.
4. Chairman Stokes inquired about the salary range for athletic trainers and discussed the need for competitive salaries to attract qualified candidates.
5. Questions were raised about the number of candidates in the hiring pipeline and the ongoing efforts to recruit athletic trainers.
6. There were questions about utilizing funding from sources like Kerwin, ESSER funds, or other potential streams to address the athletic trainer shortage.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

If yes, describe.

Yes No

Committee Vote:

R. Stokes:..... Yea
J. Bullock:..... Yea
Z. Cohen:..... Yea
A. Glover:..... Yea
S. Middleton:..... Yea
J. Torrence:..... Absent
P. Porter:..... Absent

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD**

BILL#: 23-0189R


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MOTION BY: Bullock SECONDED BY: Middleton

- FAVORABLE** **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**
 UNFAVORABLE **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

| NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
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| Stokes, R, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bullock, J. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Glover, A. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cohen, Z. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Middleton, S. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Porter, P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Torrence, J. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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CHAIR: Robert Stokes x 

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Workforce and Youth

Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:00 PM/Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present 5 - Robert Stokes Sr., John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, and Sharon Green
Middleton
Absent 2 - Phylcia Porter, and James Torrence

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0189R

Informational Hearing - Athletic Trainers in Baltimore City Schools
For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the Comptroller to brief the City Council on the reported shortage of athletic trainers in Baltimore City Schools, including a discussion of progress on the settlement agreement reached in 2022 to hire additional athletic trainers to prevent injury to student athletes at City schools.

Sponsors: Robert Stokes, Sr.

A motion was made by Bullock, seconded by Middleton, that this City Council Resolution be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Stokes Sr., Bullock, Cohen, Glover, and Middleton