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

*Mission Statement*

*The Committee on Education, Workforce and Youth (EWY)* is responsible for creating opportunities for our young people, ensuring economic opportunity and prosperity for Baltimore's workforce, and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include public education, labor relations, workforce development, employment, public parks, recreation, and youth affairs. Issue areas include, but are not limited to: education, including adult education, higher education, workforce development, labor, senior affairs, veterans, childcare, accessibility and disability issues, recreation and parks, and historical landmarks.

**The Honorable Robert Stokes, Sr  
Chair**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023  
5:01 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*Council Resolution 23-0190R*

**Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Schools - Payments to Vendors**

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## BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth

Council Resolution: 23-0190R

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### Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Schools - Payments to Vendors

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Stokes, et al.

**Introduced:** September 18, 2023

**Purpose:**

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.

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### Agency Reports

Baltimore City Public School System	None as of this writing
Office of the Comptroller	Defers to BCPS

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### Analysis

**Background**

The resolution aims to bring together representatives from key entities, such as the Baltimore City Public School System, the Board of School Commissioners, and the Office of the

Comptroller, to provide the City Council with insights into reported issues surrounding vendor payments. Specifically, the resolution calls for a discussion on delayed and unremitted payments to past vendors, shedding light on the challenges and potential shortcomings in the current system for the procurement and payment of vendors within City schools.

This resolution is of considerable importance for several reasons. Firstly, it underscores the significance of financial accountability and transparency within the Baltimore City School System. The reported issues regarding delayed and unremitted payments to vendors raise questions about the efficiency and effectiveness of the current procurement and payment processes. Addressing these concerns through an informational hearing allows for a comprehensive examination of the existing systems, potential obstacles, and the formulation of strategies to enhance financial practices. Secondly, the resolution reflects the City Council's commitment to overseeing and improving the financial management of Baltimore City Schools. By inviting representatives from key entities, the Council demonstrates its dedication to understanding the challenges faced by the school system in meeting its financial obligations to vendors and seeks collaborative solutions to ensure fiscal responsibility and the effective functioning of the school system.

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### **Additional Information**

**Fiscal Note:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Resolution 23-0190R & All Agency Reports Received

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Analysis Date: November 14, 2023

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

**SEE ATTACHED**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0190R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes and Bullock  
Introduced and read first time: September 19, 2023  
Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System,  
Office of the Comptroller

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A BILL ENTITLED

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2 **Informational Hearing – Baltimore City Schools – Payments to Vendors**

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16 Commissioners, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City  
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