

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0567
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Curran, Scott, Costello, Middleton, Henry,
Holton, Stokes, Kraft, Welch, Clarke, Mosby, Reisinger, Spector

Introduced and read first time: September 21, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Children and Youth Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Children and Youth Fund, to be used
4 exclusively to supplement services provided to children and youth; requiring a minimum
5 annual appropriation to this Fund; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to
6 provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and submitting this
7 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing to add

9 Article I - General Provisions

10 Section 13

11 Baltimore City Charter

12 (1996 Edition)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
14 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

15 **Baltimore City Charter**

16 **Article I. General Provisions**

17 **§ 13. CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND.**

18 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED; SCOPE.*

19 (1) THERE IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING BALTIMORE CITY CHILDREN AND YOUTH
20 FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING NEW AND
21 AUGMENTING EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR AND SERVICES TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH
22 OF THIS CITY.

23 (2) THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES MUST BE FROM AMONG THOSE DESIGNED TO:

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 (I) ENSURE THAT BALTIMORE’S CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE HEALTHY, ARE READY
2 TO LEARN AND SUCCEED IN SCHOOL, AND LIVE IN STABLE, SAFE, AND
3 SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES;

4 (II) ENSURE THAT BALTIMORE CITY SUPPORTS FAMILIES AS AN IMPORTANT PART
5 OF THE CITY POPULATION AND CIVIC CULTURE;

6 (III) FOCUS ON THE PREVENTION OF PROBLEMS AND ON SUPPORTING AND
7 ENHANCING THE STRENGTHS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES;

8 (IV) COMPLEMENT THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS;

9 (V) STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY-BASED NETWORKS OF RECREATION AND AFTER-
10 SCHOOL SERVICES IN ALL NEIGHBORHOODS; AND

11 (VI) ENSURE THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH THE HIGHEST NEEDS RECEIVE
12 MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM THE FUND.

13 (3) THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING
14 STANDARDS:

15 (I) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED AND FUNDS ALLOCATED BASED
16 ON BEST PRACTICES AND SUCCESSFUL AND INNOVATIVE MODELS;

17 (II) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE, FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED EQUITABLY
18 AMONG SERVICES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS – FROM INFANCY TO TRANSITIONAL-
19 AGED YOUTH;

20 (III) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHALL BE GENDER-RESPONSIVE AND CULTURALLY
21 COMPETENT; AND

22 (IV) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHALL BE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN
23 COLLABORATION AMONG SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
24 THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING COLLABORATION AMONG PUBLIC AGENCIES AND
25 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

26 (B) *LIMITATIONS ON USE.*

27 THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OR REPLACE
28 FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS OR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES FOR
29 FISCAL YEAR 2017, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT FEDERAL, STATE, OR PRIVATE AGENCY
30 FUNDS FOR THOSE PROGRAMS OR SERVICES HAVE SINCE BEEN DISCONTINUED.

31 (C) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

32 THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND SHALL COMPRISE:

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1 (1) A MANDATORY ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OF AN
2 AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST \$0.03 ON EVERY \$100 OF ASSESSED OR ASSESSABLE
3 VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE (EXCEPT PROPERTY EXEMPT
4 BY LAW); AND

5 (2) GRANTS AND DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND.

6 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

7 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE
8 CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND:

9 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ITS SPECIFIED PURPOSES;

10 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

11 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

12 (E) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

13 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE OVERSIGHT,
14 GOVERNANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND, INCLUDING:

15 (1) METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC PROGRAM AND SERVICES
16 ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING BY THE FUND;

17 (2) METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING AVAILABLE FUNDS AMONG ELIGIBLE
18 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND

19 (3) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY OTHER LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,
20 REGULATIONS, OR STANDARDS, CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION, GOVERNING THE
21 FUND, ITS OPERATIONS, AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY IT.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this proposed amendment to the City
23 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
24 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
25 City Solicitor.