

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0468
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Child First Authority)
Introduced and read first time: November 18, 2019
Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Estimates, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Office of the Comptroller

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Child First Authority – Updating**

3 FOR the purpose of amending certain statutory provisions governing the Child First Authority to
4 better reflect the Authority's status under City Charter Article II, § 64(b), as an "independent
5 unit" of City government; conforming certain provisions to long-standing existing practice;
6 and repealing certain obsolete provisions.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendment
8 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
9 Section 28-3(a) and (c)
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
13 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
14 Sections 28-3(b)(5) and (6), and 28-5
15 Baltimore City Code
16 (Edition 2000)

17 BY repealing
18 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
19 Sections 28-6, 28-7(d), and 28-8
20 Baltimore City Code
21 (Edition 2000)

22 BY renumbering
23 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
24 Section 28-7
25 to be
26 Section 28-6
27 Baltimore City Code
28 (Edition 2000)

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

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1 (3) 3 shall be appointed by Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development.]

2 [(c) *Term of members.*]

3 [(1) The term of a member of the Board is 3 years.]

4 [(2) However, the terms of those first appointed to the Board shall expire June 30, 1999,
5 and the terms beginning July 1, 1999 shall be staggered as follows:]

6 [(i) of the members appointed by the Mayor:

7 (A) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2000;

8 (B) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2001; and

9 (C) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2002;]

10 [(ii) the term of the member appointed by the President of the City Council shall
11 expire June 30, 2002; and]

12 [(iii) of the members appointed by Baltimoreans United in Leadership
13 Development:

14 (A) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2000;

15 (B) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2001; and

16 (C) 1 shall be appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2002.]

17 [(d) *Vacancies.*]

18 [(1) A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the appointing authority for the particular
19 vacant position.]

20 [(2) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the
21 term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.]

22 (B) [(e)] *Bylaws[.]; Rules[.] and regulations.*

23 (1) *BYLAWS.*

24 [Subject to the approval of the Board of Estimates, the] THE Board [may] SHALL
25 adopt, AND MAY AMEND FROM TIME TO TIME, [bylaws,] BYLAWS, [rules, and
26 regulations] not inconsistent with the Charter or this subtitle, FOR THE
27 ADMINISTRATION OF THE AUTHORITY.

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1 (2) *RULES AND REGULATIONS.*

2 Except as may be restricted by the Charter or this subtitle, the Board may [establish its
3 own procedures for the internal administration of the Authority] adopt rules and
4 regulations to carry out this subtitle.

5 (C) [(f)] *Officers.*

6 (1) The [bylaws] BYLAWS shall provide for officers of the [Board] AUTHORITY, including
7 a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and any other officers deemed
8 necessary OR APPROPRIATE, and shall specify their qualifications, terms, and duties.

9 (2) The Board shall select from among its members individuals to serve as officers OF
10 THE BOARD and may delegate to those officers the responsibilities the Board deems
11 appropriate.

12 (D) [(g)] *Exercise of Authority's powers.*

13 All powers of the Authority shall be exercised by the Board, unless delegated by the
14 Board to 1 or more of the officers or to the Executive Director.

15 [§ 28-6. **Annual Financial Plan.**]

16 [(a)] *Plan required.*]

17 [(1) Subject to the approval of the Board of Estimates, the Board shall adopt a financial
18 plan based upon the City's fiscal year.]

19 [(2) The plan shall include a proposed schedule of fees or charges to be imposed and an
20 annual budget.]

21 [(b)] *Initial plan and budget.*]

22 [(1) The first financial plan of the Authority may be for less than a full fiscal year.]

23 [(2) The initial budget for the Authority shall include the fiscal year ending on June 30,
24 1997, and may include the costs of preparing the financial plan and start-up costs for
25 the Authority, if the costs were incurred during that fiscal year.]

26 [(c)] *Submission to Board of Estimates.*]

27 [Beginning with the financial plan for Fiscal Year 1998, the Board shall submit its
28 proposed plan and all background material to the Board of Estimates at least 2 months
29 before the proposed effective date of the plan.]

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1 **§ 28-6. [§ 28-7.] Executive Director.**
2 . . .

3 [(d) *Initial Executive Director.*]

4 [The initial Executive Director of the Authority shall be selected by the Mayor from a list
5 developed by a joint City-Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development Search
6 Committee.]

7 **[§ 28-8. Oversight by Board of Estimates.]**

8 [The Board of Estimates may exercise general oversight responsibility for the fiscal
9 operations of the Authority.]

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
11 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
12 Ordinance.

13 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
14 after the date it is enacted.