

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 20-0188R**  
**(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Costello, Burnett, Pinkett, Cohen,  
Dorsey, Schleifer, Clarke, Middleton, Bullock, Reisinger, Stokes, Sneed

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2020

Assigned to: Health Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Police Department,  
Fire Department, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Syringe Service Expansion**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Health Department, the Baltimore Police  
4 Department, the Fire Department, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and the Law  
5 Department to explain the status of syringe service programs in the City and the state.

6 **Recitals**

7 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to understand the status of syringe service programs  
8 in the City as well as the state;

9 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to know what the current City and state laws are  
10 regarding syringe service programs, including the 2016 state law that expanded syringe services  
11 across the state;

12 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to know the role of the Health Department and the  
13 Health Department's needle exchange in City syringe service programs;

14 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to know the role of direct service providers and  
15 community organizations in providing syringe services;

16 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to better understand the changing nature of state  
17 policy on this issue, including the history of syringe service programs in Maryland; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to know what limitations and challenges exist  
19 regarding syringe access in Baltimore City.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
21 Baltimore City Council invites representatives from the Health Department, the Baltimore Police  
22 Department, the Fire Department, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and the Law  
23 Department to explain the status of syringe service programs in the City and the state.

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

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
2 Director of the Health Department, the Police Commissioner, the Fire Chief, the Director of the  
3 Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the  
4 City Council.