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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 21-0043 – Committee on Insurance and Risk Management
– Revisions

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0043 for form and legal sufficiency. It would add requirements to the existing Committee on Insurance and Risk Management contained in existing Section 12-3 of Article 5 of the City, including setting the number of appointed members to three, requiring two of those members be nominated by someone other than the Mayor, and providing for four ex-officio members.

The nomination of a member by someone other than the Mayor comports with Section 6 of Article IV of the City Charter provided that the Mayor retains sole power of appointment. Thus, this bill meets that requirement.

The inclusion of Ex Officio members is also legal but raises a question about whether they will vote. To avoid confusion, it would be wise to clarify whether the four Ex Officio members are able to vote. The bill could also specify whether a quorum is a majority of those present at a meeting or of the total number of members. As written, however, the bill is able to be approved for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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