

# CITY OF BALTIMORE

Brandon M. Scott, Mayor



## Mayor's Office of Employment Development

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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holiday Street  
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RE: City Council Bill, 21-0059

Dear President and City Council Members,

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development reviewed this bill requiring that the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with certain other agencies to submit a report to the Mayor and City Council examining the short and long term sustainability of the City's internal workforce. To ensure that we are able to provide and maintain appropriate service delivery standards for our constituents; and providing for a special effective date.

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) coordinates and directs workforce development initiatives responsive to the needs of Baltimore City employers and job seekers in order to enhance and promote the local economy. Our vision is for all city residents to maximize their career potential, and all employers to have the human resources to grow and prosper.

MOED is engaged with many populations including the City's future workforce. MOED connects youth with partners, programs, and with the tools they need to succeed in careers in local high-growth industries.

MOED has strong partnerships with the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPS) designed to connect young people with opportunities in their desired field of employment after graduation.

MOED in partnership with BCPS is hosting its annual High School Job Fair for graduating seniors which includes participation by public safety and emergency management agencies. This year's virtual job fair will take place on May 5, 2021.

Baltimore City has one of the largest summer youth works programs in the country; historically connecting more than 8000 youth per year. MOED has partnered with BCPS to ensure that CTE students are connected with summer employment opportunities that align with their course of studies and are placed at City agencies that align with their interest.

Additionally, MOED has partnered with many city agencies to recruit local talent to fill positions including but not limited to the successful Baltimore Health Corp Initiative with the Baltimore Health Department and the YH20 program with the Department of Public Works. MOED recently was approved by the Board of Estimates to create a transitional jobs program in partnership with

Recreation and Parks and DPW. MOED is eager to develop initiatives with more City agencies and offer up our recruitment services to fill positions with existing residents.

MOED is willing and ready to strengthen partnership, scale or replicate existing programs, as well as to create new initiatives with the goal of connecting residents to employment opportunities with public safety agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jason Perkins-Cohen".

Jason Perkins-Cohen  
Director