



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember McCray

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Employees - Safe Transition to Work After COVID-19

For the purpose of inviting the Baltimore City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, and the Baltimore City Safety Czar to appear before the City Council to discuss the plans and strategies that are being developed to transition Baltimore City employees back to safe physical work environments.

Recitals

Whereas, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental, physical, and financial health of Baltimore City employees;

Whereas, there have been 53,212 total cases of COVID-19 in the City of Baltimore;

Whereas, there have been 1,103 confirmed deaths, and 41 probable deaths resulting from exposure to COVID-19 in the City of Baltimore;

Whereas, 268,853 Baltimore City residents ages 12 and older (50.9% of that population) have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19;

Whereas, Baltimore City has allowed full capacity indoor and outdoor dining and indoor and outdoor recreation, and has allowed houses of worship, retail establishments, gyms, and casinos to operate at full capacity as of May 15th of 2021;

Whereas, Baltimore City lifted its mask mandate on July 1st of 2021 in congruency with Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's conclusion of the State of Emergency and termination of all emergency mandates and restrictions;

Whereas, it is under the discretion of private business owners to continue mandating masks within their indoor and outdoor facilities;

Whereas, the health and safety of Baltimore City employees is of paramount concern to the City, and the City must develop and implement workplace safety and health guidelines to reduce employees' fear and provide for a safe transition back into the physical work environment; and

Whereas, just as returning to in-person learning is vital for student performance and mental and emotional health, adults returning to the workplace will experience reduced feelings of isolation, stagnation, and depression related to excessive screen time.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Council invites the Baltimore City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, and the Baltimore City Safety Czar to appear before the City Council to discuss the plans and strategies that are being developed to transition Baltimore City employees back to safe physical work environments.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Baltimore City Safety Czar, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.