



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

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

Introduced by: Councilmember Glover

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Informational Hearing - Degree Requirements for City Positions

For the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor, the City Administrator, the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Human Resources, the Baltimore City Labor Commissioner, and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development to brief the City Council regarding the practice of requiring certain degrees for certain City positions and to discuss if eliminating such a degree requirement would be detrimental or beneficial to the recruitment and retention of quality City employees.

Whereas, possession of a degree from an institution of higher education does not necessarily correlate to higher pay for a graduate.

Whereas, many individuals who have attended an institution of higher education have amassed student loan debt and are unable to recover financially due to low wages paid for positions requiring a degree from an institution of higher education.

Whereas, career programs, apprenticeships, and employment experience can duly prepare individuals to succeed in the workforce.

Whereas, Baltimore City has experienced difficulty in retaining certain employees with a degree from an institution of higher education.

Whereas, certain functions of many positions are entry-level and do not require skills conferred from a degree from an institution of higher education.

Whereas, the elimination of certain degree requirements may help to decrease turnover of City employees.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, that the Baltimore City Council invites the City Solicitor, the City Administrator, the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Human Resources, the Baltimore City Labor Commissioner, and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development to brief the City Council regarding the practice of requiring certain degrees for certain City positions and to discuss if eliminating such a degree requirement would be detrimental or beneficial to the recruitment and

retention of quality City employees.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, the City Administrator, the Baltimore City Department of Human Resources, the Baltimore City Department of Labor, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.