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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello and President Mosby

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Reduction to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 - Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts**

For the purpose of articulating the intent of the City Council's amendment to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381, that reduces formal funding to Service 824 of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts.

Recitals

The Baltimore City Council reduced Service 824 of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA) by \$1,744,002 in an amendment to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381.

Citizens of Baltimore have expressed deep concerns about several aspects of BOPA, including: (1) BOPA's board governance and membership; (2) the operations of the Baltimore Film Office; (3) the operations of the Baltimore Arts Council and Public Arts Commission; and (4) BOPA's ability to carry out its mandate to produce events and festivals, administer grants, manage arts education and public art programming, provide film production support, and provide oversight of Baltimore City facilities in its care. As a result, the City Council has taken action to ensure improved stewardship of the City's arts and culture initiatives. The \$1,744,002 previously allocated for BOPA will be reserved for managing these initiatives, as well as supporting current employees and grantees as the City's administration of these resources changes.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Council requests that the Baltimore Office for Promotion and the Arts Office implement measures to address the concerns cited in this Resolution by September 30, 2023.

And be it further resolved, That, through a supplemental appropriation for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, the City Council seeks to restore funding to the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts at a time to be determined by on the mutual agreement of the Mayor and City Council.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Office of

Promotion and the Arts, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.