



City of Baltimore

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Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Request for State Action - Baltimore Police Commissioner Search Committee

For the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to enact and the Governor to sign legislation that creates the Baltimore Police Commissioner Search Committee.

Recitals

The selection of a Baltimore Police Commissioner is a critical decision each time it is made. Having a robust and inclusive process in the search for a Police Commissioner cannot be optional. Amending 16-5 of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City to create a Police Commissioner Search Committee, and to require that Committee to be used in the search for each Police Commissioner, would permanently improve the process. This will ensure that a more open and complete process will take place each time Baltimore is searching for a new leader of the Baltimore Police Department. The Committee should be appointed jointly by the Mayor and City Council with the Mayor selecting 5 members and the City Council President selecting 3 members in addition to standing members. The Committee should be comprised of a group of individuals that represent the diversity and makeup of Baltimore. In appointing members, serious consideration should be given to race, age, sexual orientation, gender, and any other important factors that would help the Committee in representing Baltimore in its entirety. The standing members of the Committee should include the Mayor of Baltimore City (or designee), the City Council President (or designee), the Chair of the City Council's Executive Appointments Committee, a member of the Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland House of Delegates, a member of the Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland Senate, and a representative from Baltimore FOP Lodge 3.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Council calls on the Maryland General Assembly to enact and the Governor to sign legislation that creates the Baltimore Police Commissioner Search Committee.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Acting Baltimore City Police Commissioner, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2019 Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.