

# City of Baltimore

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## Legislation Text

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

#### A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

### A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Legislative Oversight - City of Baltimore's Youth Opportunities Budget - FY 2009

FOR the purpose of requesting that the City Council Budget and Appropriations Committee conduct a mid-year legislative oversight hearing to determine the expenditures of the Youth Opportunities budget to date, the number of youth served, and any balance accruing.

WHEREAS, In FY 2009, the City's Youth Opportunity budget became "a page in the book", that is, a line-item expenditure of the City's annual Ordinance of Estimates; and

WHEREAS, The object of youth advocates is to annually increase this youth budget from the previous year's baseline of revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Regrettably the FY 2009 youth budget represents a reduction of 18 programs and a reduction of 2,480 youth served from FY 2008; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2009 youth budget of \$5,876,768 represents \$4.9 million in City contributions, \$703,768 from the Governor's Office of Children (GOC), and \$200,000 in Family League carryover funds from FY 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc., is the City's agent for drafting "requests for proposals" (RFPs) for BOOST, A-TEAM, and Youthplace after school programs, for awarding these grants, and for overseeing and evaluating programs funded; and

WHEREAS, In these tough economic times, jobs and activities are more important for the safety, health, and achievement of Baltimore City's children and youth; and

WHEREAS, City Council's best approach to adequate youth funding in FY 2010 is to review the expenditures of funds and mid-term corrections for FY 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council's

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Budget and Appropriations Committee is requested to conduct a mid-year legislative review of the City's Youth Opportunities budget, including dollars committed and youth served in FY 2009 and needs evaluated for FY 2010.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Finance, the Family League of Baltimore City, recipients of FY 2009 grants, and sponsor organizations requesting funding in FY2010 be invited to testify at this Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Family League of Baltimore City, Inc, the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council, and recipients and sponsors of Youth Opportunity budget funds.

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