



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Composition - Revisions and Clarifications

For the purpose of adding 2 educators with experience within the Baltimore City Public School System to the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as an educator with the Baltimore City Public School System; clarifying that one Councilmember appointed to the Task Force have substantial experience as a parent with the Baltimore City Public School System; clarifying that the appointed Councilmember with substantial experience as an educator shall be co-chair of the Task Force; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section(s) 22-17 and 22-18(e)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 22. Children, Youth, and Families

§ 22-17. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force - Composition.

(a) *In general.*

The Task Force comprises [36] 37 members, [28] 30 of whom are appointed by the Mayor under Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter and [8] 7 of whom are ex-officio members.

(b) *Appointed members.*

Of the [28] 30 members appointed by the Mayor:

- (1) 3 shall be youth representatives from a youth-led advocacy group in Baltimore City;
- (2) 2 shall be individuals with at least one child enrolled in the Baltimore City Public School System;
- (3) 1 shall be a licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (4) 2 shall be members of the research community with an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (5) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on racial equity in its organizational mission statement;
- (6) 1 shall be an individual between 14 and 25 years of age;
- (7) 1 shall be a individual licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as a physician with a specialty in pediatrics;
- (8) 1 shall be a representative of an organization with an explicit focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) advocacy in its organizational mission statement;
- (9) 1 shall be a naturalized citizen or a resident alien;
- (10) 1 shall be an individual who has recently exited from the Maryland correctional system;
- (11) 1 shall be an employee of the Baltimore City Public School System;
- (12) 3 shall be representatives from community organizations, nonprofit organizations, or youth organizations that have an expertise in trauma and healing;
- (13) 2 shall be educators within the Baltimore City Public School System;
- (14) [(13)] 2 shall be individuals licensed to practice in the State of Maryland as social workers; and
- (15) [(14)] 8 shall be recommended by the City Council President as follows:
 - (i) [1] 2 City [Councilmember] Councilmembers as follows:
 - (A) 1 councilmember with experience as an educator within the Baltimore City Public School System; and
 - (B) 1 Councilmember with experience as a parent of a student within the Baltimore City Public School System;
 - (ii) 1 youth representative from a youth-led advocacy group in Baltimore City;
 - (iii) 1 representative of an organization with an explicit focus on

racial equity in its organizational mission statement;

(iv) 1 licensed clinician with an expertise in trauma and healing;
and

(v) 3 representatives from community organizations, nonprofit organizations, or youth-led or youth-oriented organizations that have an expertise in trauma and healing.

(c) *Ex-officio (or designate) members.*

The 7 ex-officio members of the Task Force are:

(1) the Director of the Office;

(2) the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Health or the Commissioner's designee;

(3) the Director of the Department of Planning or the Director's designee;

[(4) the Chair of the Education and Youth Committee or any City Council Committee succeeding to the duties of the Education and Youth Committee;]

(4) [(5)] the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks or the Director's designee;

(5) [(6)] the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development or the Commissioner's designee;

(6) [(7)] the City Council President; and

(7) [(8)] the Youth Commission Chair.

§ 22-18. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force - Terms, organization, etc.

(e) *Task Force co-chairs.*

(1) *In general.*

As provided in this subsection, the Task Force shall have 2 co-chairs designated.

(2) *At-large co-chair.*

Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Mayor [may] shall designate any member of the Task Force to serve as 1 of the co-chairs.

(3) [*Chair of the City Council Education and Youth Committee*] *Councilmember co-chair.*

The City Council President [may] shall designate the City Councilmember serving [ex-officio] under [22-17(c)(4) {Chair of Education and Youth Committee or its successor committee}] 22-17(b)(15)(i)(A) as co-chair of the task force.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

Section 3. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on December 1, 2020.

