



# 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  
**Investigative Hearing - One Card - Youth Identification Card and Access Card to City Services**  
FOR the purpose of exploring the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to make accessing services easier and more convenient for young Baltimore City residents; examining the mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of implementing a similar system in Baltimore City.

### Recitals

On April 10, 2008, the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Technology Officer announced, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the D.C. Public Libraries, the launch of the D.C. government ♦One Card♦, a new picture ID consolidated credential designed to give adults and children access to all the D.C. government facilities and programs they need to use.

The One Card initially granted borrowing privileges at D.C. libraries and provide access to recreation centers throughout the city and later grew in capability, becoming a student ID and an access card for all D.C. government buildings and programs. One Cards also include Metro access capabilities as well.

The D.C. Chief Technology Officer believes that the One Card is easier to replace than library cards and other D.C. government ID cards because the cardholder can go to any District facility for a replacement. The citywide consolidation of cards is also intended to reduce credentialing inefficiencies, reduce costs, and mitigate fraud and misuse.

In 2010 the city of Boston introduced a similar card for students, and other communities have subsequently followed suit. Baltimore should consider joining them.

The City of Baltimore should examine the feasibility of instituting similar technology in order to

provide greater and uniform access to services. Additionally, this card could also provide valuable data that will allow agencies to share information and evaluate the performance of their services. One of the main issues that the City is experiencing with our recreational and youth programming is a lack of data regarding how these programs are performing. Basic statistics regarding attendance and retention, as well as the impact that these programs are having on our youth, are necessary to determine where the gaps exist and how resources need to be spent. All school-aged children in the City should be issued a card that would act as a School ID, as well as a key to be swiped that grants access to and provides necessary data regarding the performance of our recreational programs.

This initiative will take the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Mayor's Office of Informational Technology, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Maryland Transit Administration, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the Finance Department, as well as other City and State Agencies. A meeting of these entities should take place as soon as possible in order to work out any issues and technical problems, as well as address concerns about privacy protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council invites representatives from City and State agencies serving our youth to appear before it to explore the efficacy of instituting a single identification card system to make accessing services easier and more convenient for young Baltimore City residents; examining the mechanism of the D.C. One Card system; and estimating the cost of implementing a similar system in Baltimore City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Information Technology, the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pratt Library System, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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