



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Cohen, and Dorsey

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning
Charter Amendment - Homegrown Heroes Fund

For the purpose of authorizing the establishment of a continuing, nonlapsing Homegrown Heroes Fund, to be used exclusively to administer a Public Safety Apprenticeship Program for youth and young adults who are Baltimore City residents and between the ages of 11 through 21 years old; requiring that the annual Ordinance of Estimates include a specified appropriation for the Homegrown Heroes Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to add

Article I - General Provisions
Section(s) 17
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

Baltimore City Charter

Article I. General Provisions

_ 16. Special Fund for Homegrown Heroes.

(a) *Authorization.*

(1) By Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may establish a continuing, nonlapsing fund for purposes of promoting careers in law enforcement, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and emergency management to youth and young adults in Baltimore City.

(2) These purposes include:

- (i) providing direct funding for the establishment of a citywide “Public Safety Explorers Program” for youth who are at least 11 but no more than 18 years old;
- (ii) providing direct funding for youth who are at least 14 but no more than 18 years old and who are in the Public Safety Explorers Program to work paid summer internships in a Baltimore City public safety agency;
- (iii) providing direct funding for the establishment of 100 public safety cadet positions for young adults who are at least 18 but no more than 21 years old;
- (iv) providing direct funding for the staffing of 25 uniform personnel to participate in a 2-year “Emergency Medical Technician-Firefighter Apprentice” program that shall run consecutively with a candidate’s completion of the Fire Department’s career track of the “Public Safety Cadet” program;
- (v) providing funding to publicize the “Public Safety Apprenticeship” program; and
- (vi) providing funding for an appropriate number of dedicated personnel from Baltimore City public safety agencies to manage all aspects of the “Public Safety Apprenticeship” program.

(b) *Revenue sources.*

The fund established under this section shall consist of:

- (1) a mandatory annual appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates of an amount equal to at least 1.5% of the amount appropriated for the Baltimore City Police Department; and
- (2) a mandatory annual appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates of an amount equal to at least 1.5% of the amount appropriated for the Baltimore City Fire Department.

(c) *Continuing nature of fund.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, unspent portions of the fund established under this section:

- (1) remain in the fund, to be used exclusively for their ordained purposes;
- (2) do not revert to the general revenues of the City; and
- (3) their appropriations do not lapse.

Section 2. And be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment to the City Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the City Solicitor.