



Legislation Text

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL
(First Reader)

Introduced by: President Mosby
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Assigned to:

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

Charter Amendment - Community Reinvestment and Reparations Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, non-lapsing Community Reinvestment and Reparations Fund, to be used exclusively to support the work of the Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

- 9 BY proposing to add
- 10 Article I - General Provisions
- 11 Section 20
- 12 Baltimore City Charter
- 13 (1996 Edition)

14 **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:

15 **Baltimore City Charter**

16 **Article I. General Provisions**

17 **§ 20. Community Reinvestment and Reparations Fund.**

DEFINITIONS.

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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12 (B) *AUTHORIZATION.*

13 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH A CONTINUING,
NONLAPSING FUND FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND
REPARATIONS COMMISSION WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-BASED
INITIATIVES INTENDED TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED BY FEDERAL,
STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DRUG PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICIES.

18 (C) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

19 THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL COMPRISE:

29 (1) DISPURSEMENTS FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER FROM THE STATE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT
AND REPAIR FUND; AND

31 (2) FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND
ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

4 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR
ORDAINED PURPOSES;

5 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

6 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City

8 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, 9
in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the 10 City
Solicitor.