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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Budget and Appropriations Committee (BA) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

**The Honorable Danielle McCray
Chairwoman**

**PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
Beginning at 1:30 PM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor and City Council Resolution

**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School
Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026**

Budget Overview

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Budget & Appropriations

Mayor and City Council Resolution:
BILL TO BE INTRODUCED ON MAY 15, 2025

Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

***Sponsor:** TO BE ANNOUNCED at the request of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners*

***Introduced:** TO BE INTRODUCED ON MAY 15, 2025*

Purpose:

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2026; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: Beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Analysis

Current Law

[Section 5-102 \(Article – Education\) of the Annotated Code of Maryland](#) outlines the rules, policies and/or mandates for the budget for the Baltimore City Public School System §5-102.

(a) In this subtitle, “county council” means, in Baltimore City, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

(b) (1) Each county board shall submit an annual school budget in writing to the county commissioners, county council, or the county executive.

(2) The budget shall be submitted not less than 45 days before the date for levying local taxes or on an earlier date on or after March 1 as may be requested by the county fiscal authority.

(c) (1) This subsection applies only to a county that has a county governing body that consists of a county executive and county council.

(2) The county executive shall indicate in writing which major categories of the annual budget of the county board have been denied in whole or reduced in part and the reason for the denial or reduction.

(3) The county council may restore any denial or reduction made by the county executive in the annual budget submitted by the county board.

(4) In Baltimore County, the County Council may not restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive.

(5) This item applies to Baltimore County and supersedes item (4) of this subsection only if the voters of Baltimore County approve an amendment to the Baltimore County Charter that grants the County Council the authority to restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive in the budget submitted by the county board. The Baltimore County Council may restore any denial or reduction made by the County Executive if it publicly states the amount the restoration represents in the county tax rate.

(d) (1) In Baltimore City, the City Council may not restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor.

(2) (i) This paragraph applies to Baltimore City and supersedes paragraph (1) of this subsection only if the voters of Baltimore City approve an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter that grants the City Council the authority to restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor in the budget submitted by the county board.

(ii) The Baltimore City Council may restore any denial or reduction made by the Mayor if it publicly states the amount the restoration represents in the city tax rate.

(e) (1) Copies of the budget shall be made available to the public, on request, at the time it is submitted by the county board.

(2) A copy of the budget as approved by the county commissioners or county council shall be sent to the State Superintendent within 30 days after approval.

Background

On Thursday, May 15, 2025 representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System will come before the committee/councilmembers to give a **brief overview** on the Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): City Charter, Council Bill 24-0523 and City Council President's Office Staff

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