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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 920 (Senator Carter)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City Public School System - School Named for Walter P. Carter**

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This bill requires the Baltimore City Public School System to ensure that a public school in Baltimore City is named exclusively for Walter P. Carter at all times. The local school board must meet this requirement without regard to any closure or merger of public schools. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City Public School System finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** There are no naming requirements specified in State law for Baltimore City public schools. The local school system advises that the school naming process is a community-driven endeavor whereby students, parents, school staff, and community partners provide input on renaming a school.

According to the school system, there is currently a [combined elementary/middle school](#) named after Walter P. Carter. The school serves 337 students.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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