

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-0068

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Salem

**Date of Introduction:** January 28, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** January 29, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$200,00.00 to implement an Anti-vaping Health Awareness Educational Campaign for children under the age of 18 on the consequences of vaping, as initiated by B.T. 20-042; and provides a carryover of funds through FY 2021; and provides for oversight by the Public Affairs Office.

**Background Information:** E-cigarette use (vaping) among youth has become an epidemic in the United States. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain and impact learning, memory, and attention. Using nicotine during adolescence can also increase the risk of future addiction to other drugs. Vaping is done via battery-powered devices that can deliver nicotine and flavorings to the user in the form of an aerosol. The devices come in many shapes and sizes such as USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items that are easy to conceal.

Council President Wilson assigned the Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic to review the issue of vaping by young people under the age of 18. The appropriation will cover the expenses of an awareness educational campaign to educate youth on the consequences of vaping. The funding is a combination of a private contribution (\$100,000.00) and City Match (\$100,000.00) from the Reserve for Federal Programs.

**Policy Impact Area:** Vaping, health awareness campaign

**Fiscal Impact:** The appropriation of \$200,000.00 as initiated by B.T. 20-042.

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