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Legislation Text

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The organization will serve 4 year olds residing in the Columbus City Schools district in conjunction with a similar contract with the State of Ohio. The state contract is for half day pre-kindergarten services. The City will leverage these funds by entering into a contract to cover the other half day of services for children with the participating organization.

BID INFORMATION: In April 2014 the State of Ohio announced awards to participating organizations for successful applications to the state's early childhood education expansion program. Upon review of these organizations, an evaluation of the State's early childhood education expansion program eligibility requirements, and those of the City's Early Start Columbus Initiative, the City made a recommendation that we leverage the state's half day program by funding participating organizations for the other half day of services for children.

The City waives competitive bidding to allow for the award of a contract to organizations for quality pre-kindergarten services based upon their meeting the selection procedures for quality pre-kindergarten services with the State and the alignment of these services and under the terms and conditions deemed necessary to advance the Early Start Columbus Initiative. The participating program must remain in good standing in the State's program as well as meeting the terms and conditions necessary to advance the Early Start Columbus Initiative.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:

Columbus City Schools - contract compliance #316400416

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$80,000.00 from the general fund. Funding was allocated in the Department of Education's 2015 operating budget in the amount of \$4,170,000.00 for these services.

This legislation is contingent upon the passage of the City of Columbus 2015 Budget.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency designation is requested to ensure the funding and contracts are available in time for the start of the program.

To authorize and direct the Director of Education to enter into a contract with Columbus City Schools to provide pre-kindergarten services in conjunction with similar awards between the State of Ohio and this organization; to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to competitive bidding; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$80,000.00, from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$80,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Director of Education desires to enter into contracts with Columbus City Schools; and

WHEREAS, funding was budgeted in the general fund within the Department of Education's operating budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Schools will provide pre-kindergarten services to 4 year olds residing within the Columbus City Schools district; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has awarded funding for half day quality pre-kindergarten services to Columbus City Schools and by aligning our funding we can leverage the state's money and provide the other half day of quality pre-kindergarten services to participating organizations who meet the terms and conditions deemed necessary to advance the

Early Start Columbus Initiative; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, The Columbus Education Commission recommended that the community support quality pre-kindergarten for every 4 year old in Columbus City Schools (CCS) by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, research shows that quality pre-kindergarten instruction provides meaningful value to children's educational performance and preparation for school; and

WHEREAS, a waiver of competitive bidding is requested for this service; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Education in that it is immediately necessary to expend said funds in time for the start of the program, all for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Education be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Columbus City Schools, under the terms and conditions and in the amount deemed necessary to advance the Early Start Columbus initiative.

SECTION 2. That Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code, Chapter 329.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$80,000.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows:

Dept/Div: 42-01/Fund: 010/OCA Code:420010/Object Level 3336/Amount \$80,000.00.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.