



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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*Per Scholas* is a nonprofit social venture committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing technology education and closely related economic opportunities to low-income individuals, families and communities. *Per Scholas* will provide technical training, contextualized workplace literacy and soft skills exposure. Additionally, students will learn how to improve critical thinking skills, gain the ability to work within teams and to manage conflict. *Per Scholas* will partner with Columbus State Community College locating its primary training lab on Columbus State's campus. Columbus State will in turn award each student who graduates from the 15-week program, 9 transferrable college credits. City Council created the Jobs Growth Initiatives Fund for the purpose of actively seeking key job creation investment opportunities that employ Columbus workers and strengthen the City's income tax revenues to pay for critical city services. These funds will be used specifically for a strategic investment that will ultimately provide much needed technology education to those who may not otherwise be in a position to receive it, along with economic opportunities that in turn will create and retain jobs within the City. City Council deems program an appropriate use of \$25,000 of General Fund monies.

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To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Technology to enter into contract with *Per Scholas*; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Jobs Growth Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, *Per Scholas* is a nonprofit social venture committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing technology education and closely related economic opportunities to low-income individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, *Per Scholas* provides critical job skills including technical training, contextualized workplace literacy and soft skills exposure education to those who may not otherwise be in a position to receive it; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council amended the 2012 budget setting aside money in the Jobs Growth Initiatives Fund for the purpose of actively seeking key job creation investment opportunities that employ Columbus workers and strengthen the City's income tax revenues to pay for critical city services. This legislation emphasizes the importance of making strategic investments that will ultimately provide much needed technology education to those who may not otherwise be in a position to receive it, along with economic opportunities that in turn will create and retain jobs within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate and expend funds to support the efforts of *Per Scholas*, and for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now therefore,

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

**Section 1)** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to appropriate \$25,000 in Jobs Growth Fund 015 to the Department of Technology, Div 47-02, OCA 470215, OL3 5501.

**Section 2)** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$25,000 between funds as follows:

**From:** Jobs Growth Fund 015, Department of Technology, Div 47-02, OCA 470215, OL3 5501

**To:** Information Services Fund 514, Operating Subfund 001, Department of Technology, Div. 47-02, OCA Code 280735, OL3 0886

**Section 3)** That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized to appropriate \$25,000 in the Services Fund 514, Operating Subfund 001, Department of Technology, Division No. 47-02, OCA Code 280735, OL3 3336

**Section 4.** That the Director of Technology is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract and expend said funds with Per Scholas to support its efforts to promote technology education and closely related economic opportunities to low-income individuals, families and communities.

**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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.