



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the fourth year of a four-year contract (pursuant to bid proposal number SA005196) with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for competency evaluations and examinations of the mental health status of certain defendants that come before the Court. There was an error made in past legislation stating that it was a three year contract but it is a four year contract.

Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC federal tax id is 20-0982368.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The amount of \$125,000.00 is budgeted and available for this purpose within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2017 general fund appropriations.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the fourth year of a contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for the provision of competency evaluations and examinations of defendants; to authorize the expenditure of up to an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 from the general fund. (\$125,000.00)

**Whereas,** it is necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into this contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC to secure the continued provision of competency evaluations and examinations of each and every affected defendant, and for the protection of their constitutional rights; and

**Whereas,** funds in the amount of up to \$125,000.00 are budgeted and available within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2017 appropriations for this contract; and

**Whereas,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into said contract and authorize the expenditures to Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC so that the court can continue uninterrupted payments to the vendor, and for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; now, therefore;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into the fourth year of a four-year contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC for the provision of competency evaluations and examination of defendants.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$125,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

