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Title:	To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the third 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 $225,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. ($225,000.00)		
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2/24/2020	1	Columbus City Council	Approved	Pass

BACKGROUND:
This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the third year of a four-year contract (pursuant to bid proposal number RFQ008064) with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for competency evaluations and examinations of the mental health status of certain defendants that come before the Court.

Contract Compliance Number: Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC 20-0982368 expires 02/26/20.

EMERGENCY: Emergency legislation is requested to authorize the contract and the expenditure to permit evaluations to continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The amount of $225,000.00 is budgeted and available for this purpose within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2020 general fund appropriations. Pending approval of legislation 2925-2019.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the third 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 $225,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. ($225,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into the third year of a four-year 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

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WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to $225,000.00 are budgeted and available within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2020 appropriations for this contract; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary 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 third 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 $225,000.00, 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 for the reasons in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

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