



## Legislation Text

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

**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 contracts 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 City will assure that a condition of the contract will be the participating organization's continued 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:**

Child Development Council of Franklin - contract compliance # 311138997, expires 04/24/16

Columbus Early Learning Center - contract compliance # 314379619, expires 11/20/2014

Creative Childcare - contract compliance application in process

Gladden Community House - contract compliance # 314379476, expires 04/09/15

Heavenly Kids Center for Learning - contract compliance #421713021, expires 05/14/16

Hilltop Preschool - contract compliance application in process

Little Disciples Learning Center - contract compliance application in process

Maize Manor Preschool - contract compliance application in process

Young Men's Christian Association of America - contract compliance #314379594, expires 12/09/15

Schoenbaum Family Center - contract compliance application in process

Sonshine Christian Academy - contract compliance application in process

Southside Learning and Development Center - contract compliance application in process

Saint Catherine Preschool - contract compliance application in process

Saint Mary Magdalene Preschool - contract compliance application in process

Saint Stephen's Christ Childcare Center - contract compliance application in process

Starting Point Learning Center - contract compliance #20298639, expires 04/15/16

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$700,000 from the general fund. Funding was allocated in the 2014 Department of Education's operating budget in the amount of \$5,000,000 for these services. \$3,400,000 has already been encumbered earlier in the year for the Early Start Columbus initiative.

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

To authorize and direct the Director of Education to enter into contracts with various quality pre-kindergarten

organizations to provide pre-kindergarten services in conjunction with similar awards between the State of Ohio and these organizations; to waive competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$700,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$700,000.00).

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Education desires to enter into contracts with various quality pre-kindergarten organizations; and

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

**WHEREAS**, quality pre-kindergarten organizations 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 several organizations 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 provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code 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 contracts with the following quality pre-kindergarten organizations, under the terms and conditions and in the amounts deemed necessary to advance the Early Start Columbus initiative.

Child Development Council  
Columbus Early Learning Center  
Creative Childcare  
Gladden Community House  
Heavenly Kids Center for Learning  
Hilltop Preschool  
Little Disciples Learning Center  
Maize Manor Preschool  
Young Men's Christian Association  
Schoenbaum Family Center  
Sonshine Christian Academy  
Southside Learning and Development Center  
Saint Catherine Preschool  
Saint Mary Magdalene Preschool

Saint Stephen's Christ Childcare Center  
Starting Point Learning Center, LLC

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

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$700,000 be and is hereby authorized as follows:

Dept/Div: 42-01/Fund: 010/OCA Code:420010/Object Level 3336/Amount \$700,000.

**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.