



Legislation Text

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Background: As part of the City's Hilltop Early Learning Center (HELC), located at 45 Clarendon Avenue, a medical clinic has been constructed within the building to serve as additional support of HELC students to foster their success in pre-school. The clinic, identified as the Wellness Center, is located on the first floor of the building and is comprised of approximately 1,992 rentable square feet of space. The City wishes to provide the clinic space as an "in kind" contribution in support of Nationwide Children's Hospital providing school based health services for students enrolled at HELC, including comprehensive primary care, early childhood mental health services, parenting classes, and related health services. This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to execute a license agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital, to occupy the Wellness Center to provide health care for students enrolled at HELC. The license agreement is for a period consisting of an initial period of three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms and includes an option for one renewal for a period of three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms.

Fiscal Impact: The City is providing the space and related building services as "in kind" support. There is no direct cost associated.

Emergency Action: Emergency action is requested to allow time for the clinic to be readied so that health services will be in place for the start of the 2022 school year.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a license agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) for occupancy of clinical space at the Hilltop Early Learning Center, 45 Clarendon Avenue; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City has constructed a medical clinic within its new Hilltop Early Learning Center (HELC) located at 45 Clarendon Avenue for the provision of medical services as part of the supporting programs for the children enrolled at HELC to help them succeed in pre-school; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) has agreed to provide school based health services for the students enrolled at HELC, including comprehensive primary care, early childhood mental health services, parenting classes, and related health services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a license agreement in order to set the terms and conditions for NCH's occupancy of approximately 1,992 rentable square feet of clinic space on the first floor, identified as the Wellness Center, of the Hilltop Early Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and Management has determined that providing clinical space and related building services as "in kind" support to NCH for the provision of medical services as part of the supporting programs for the children enrolled at HELC serves a public purpose and therefore, the license should be granted; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Finance and Management Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to execute a license agreement, on behalf of the City, with Nationwide Children's Hospital, an Ohio non-profit corporation, for occupancy of the Wellness Center, at 45 Clarendon Avenue, Hilltop Early Learning Center, to provide school based health services for

students enrolled at HELC, including comprehensive primary care, early childhood mental health services, parenting classes, and related health services so that services will be in place for the start of the 2022 school year, all for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management, be and hereby is authorized to enter into a license agreement, as prepared and approved by the Real Estate Division, Department of Law, by and between the City and with Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) to set the terms and conditions associated with NCH occupancy of approximately 1,992 rentable square feet of clinical space identified as the Wellness Center in the Hilltop Early Learning Center at 45 Clarendon Avenue.

SECTION 2. 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 approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.