



Legislation Text

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Councilwoman Whitman

Expressing strong opposition to HB 110, regarding the substantial loss to childcare programming and the Step Up to Quality Program; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Senate version of the operating budget contains a reduction of the Step Up to Quality Program and a proposed block of federal money such as the America Rescue Plan to strengthen the early learning system; and

WHEREAS, all eligible child care providers served by the YWCA of Northwest Ohio are Step Up to Quality rated and almost 60% are highly rated; and

WHEREAS, Step Up to Quality is working in Ohio, with all centers having reached one-star last year with the goal to reach 5 stars by 2025. Step up to Quality assures the underserved in our community are receiving quality education; and

WHEREAS, if this bill were to pass it could eliminate the Step Up to Quality Program and federal emergency dollars designated to Ohio to strengthen the early learning system will be blocked and unusable for this child care system. While childcare is struggling to overcome the impacts of the Pandemic, now more than ever the need is there for parents to return to and maintain their jobs knowing their child is safe; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council strongly opposes HB 110 and reinstates the dollars and support to the Step Up to Quality program which serves our most vulnerable population. Low income and minority children deserve quality childcare.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine of the State of Ohio, forward a certified copy to the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Representatives and also forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Ohio Senate and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Senators.

SECTION 3. That all formal actions concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Resolution is

necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property; and for the further reason that immediate action is necessary in order to authorize a resolution indicating the support of Toledo City Council on a matter of great importance to the City in a timely manner which shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 11, nays 0.

Passed: June 22, 2021, as an emergency measure: yeas 11, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

June 22, 2021
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor