



## Legislation Text

File #: OR-2020-0015, Version: 1

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE # 1AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER #301-21-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDITURE RESERVE FUND, OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT UP TO AN AMOUNT OF \$850,000 TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY AND PART TIME STAFF ACCOUNT OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY ACCOUNT; TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECCOMANDATION OF A NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL TO PERFORM TASKS OF ASSESSING SICK OR INJURED CHILDREN RELATED TO COVID 19.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 3 of the City Charter and Section 2-386 (1) of the Code of General Ordinances requires the approval of the Board of Alders for the transfer of funds within the General Fund Operating Budget as adopted and/or create or reclassify positions within the allocated budget ; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Alder's created an expenditure reserve account for unanticipated expenditures for fiscal year 2020-21 in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000); and

WHEREAS, In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, under the guidance of The State of Connecticut Department of Education is recommending Cities and Towns to develop a plan, under the current guidelines for reopening schools, screening, assessment, and rapid isolation of any child and/or staff member who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 is required. Nurses will be required to complete the usual tasks of assessing sick or injured children; and;

WHEREAS, To comply with the recommendation of the State Department of Education of a nurse in every school, the City would enter into one of two options;

1. The City of New Haven Department of Health will sub-contract, with union approval, to have a qualified temporary staffing agency or retired nurse as in the past to provide nursing services or
2. Create positions (salary + benefits) within the allocated transfer of \$850,000; and

WHEREAS, The transfer of funds are necessary to either contract with a qualified staffing agency or creating positions within the allocated transferred funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the New Haven Board of Alders that Transfer #301-21-1 be approved to transfer up to \$850,000 from 1-408-1010-56694 to either 1-301-1010-50110 (Salary Account) or 1-301-1010-56695 (Temporary and PT Help) to cover the additional need of nurses in each school in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and The State of Connecticut Department of Education recommendation of Cities and Towns to develop a plan, under the current guidelines for reopening schools, screening, assessment, and rapid isolation of any child and/or staff member who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19; Nurses will be required to complete the usual tasks of assessing sick or injured children