

ORDINANCE

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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CALENDAR NO. 35,103

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GIARRUSSO, MORRELL, MORENO, HARRIS, KING,
GREEN AND THOMAS**

AN ORDINANCE to establish the Children’s Benevolence Fund as Division 55 of Article III in Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of New Orleans; to ordain Sections 70-415.344 through 70-415.349 of the Code of the City of New Orleans within said Division; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY

ORDAINS, That the Children’s Benevolence Fund be and hereby is established as Division 55 of Chapter 70, Article III of the Code of the City of New Orleans and that Sections 70-415.344 through 70-415.349 are ordained and established therein to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 70 - FINANCE

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ARTICLE III. – FUN DS

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DIVISION 55. Children’s Benevolence Fund

Sec. 70-415.344. – Fund Created.

There is hereby created a special fund designated as the Children’s Benevolence Fund (hereinafter “Fund”).

Sec. 70-415.345. – Purpose.

The Fund shall be used exclusively to provide financial assistance to the Orleans Parish School Board and is intended both to resolve a dispute over the imposition of fees by the city in connection with certain taxes on behalf of the Orleans Parish School Board and to promote the valuable public purpose of ensuring continuity for vital services provided to children through the public schools.

Sec. 70-415.346. – Funding Sources and Uses.

The following amounts and funds shall be deposited annually by April 1 into the Fund, through and including fiscal year 2034, and distributed annually to the Orleans Parish School Board:

- (a) The full amount of all “School Support Payments” described in Section 4.5 of the Second Amended and Restated Lease by and among the New Orleans Building Corporation, Jazz Casino Company, L.L.C. and the city;
- (b) A \$3 million appropriation from general revenue sources to fund the ThriveKids Student Wellness Project or a comparable program dedicated to serving the mental-health needs of students; and
- (c) A \$1 million appropriation from general revenue sources to fund programming through YouthForceNOLA, the New Orleans Career Center, or a comparable provider of vocational and workforce development services.

Sec. 70-415.347. – Restrictions on Fund.

Funds deposited into the Fund shall remain in the Fund until transferred for the purposes specified in section 70-415.346 and may not be transferred into the general fund or any other funds, except as expressly authorized in this section. If the city and the Orleans Parish School Board are unable to agree to a multi-year cooperative endeavor agreement memorializing the funding obligations established herein, the funding may be authorized and allocated through a budget ordinance authorizing an inter-governmental transfer.

Sec. 70-415.348. – Required Reports and Participation Requirements.

(a) The Director of Finance shall keep detailed and accurate records in the administration of the Fund and shall make annual reports to the Chief Administrative Officer and City Council, via the Clerk of Council, giving a complete and detailed written accounting of all revenues in the Fund, and any expenditures made therefrom.

(b) To receive an appropriation as described herein, a representative of the Orleans Parish School Board shall appear and present annually at the first scheduled budget hearing conducted each year as part of the annual budget and as otherwise requested by the Council or its committees.

Sec. 70-415.349. – Administration of Fund.

The Fund shall be administered by the Director of the Department of Finance and shall be kept in an interest-bearing account, with interest accruing to the benefit of and to become part of the Fund.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED: