



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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| <b>Effective date:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |                |
| <b>Title:</b>          | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports efforts to expand access to high-quality pre-k for all three and four year old children in Pennsylvania.<br>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Will of Council shall be circulated to the Governor and our respective county and state legislators. |                      |                |
| <b>Sponsors:</b>       | Natalia Rudiak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      |                |
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**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of households have both parents working and thereby rely on child care in order to maintain employment and contribute to the tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, access to high quality pre-K gives children the opportunity to develop some of the most critical, fundamental cognitive and social skills needed to achieve their full potential in school, and

**WHEREAS**, pre-k strengthens our schools by ensuring all children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn, thereby reducing grade repetition and special needs costs for the district; and

**WHEREAS**, children with access to high-quality pre-k are less likely to commit a crime later in life, thereby defraying law enforcement costs; and

**WHEREAS**, these savings in academic remediation and special education costs, law enforcement costs, and public welfare costs all help to keep the local tax burden low, and

**WHEREAS**, every dollar invested in early education generates over \$2 in immediate local economic impact and up to \$17 in long-term public savings and benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, children who have experienced high-quality pre-k are more likely to graduate from high school, enjoy increased lifetime earnings and contribute to the tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes that currently too few of Pittsburgh's three and four year olds are able to access high-quality pre-k, and

**WHEREAS**, high quality pre-school and excellent K-12 schools are needed to attract young families and Pittsburgh wishes to strengthen its schools, communities, and economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports efforts to expand access to high-quality pre-k for all three and four year old children in Pennsylvania.

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