

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a child impact statement describes how a proposed policy would potentially affect children and their rights and ensure that children and young people below voting age are positively and systematically considered when it comes to policy formulation and legislation; and

WHEREAS, policies affecting children are frequently fragmented across a number of government departments and agencies, and their interests are often secondary to other more influential policy agendas; implementation of child impact statements can increase awareness of the fact that policies which have a positive impact on children today are an investment in our future and increase coherence and coordination of policy within city government; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Commission began using child impact statement in February 2010 for ordinances and resolutions that deal with education, health, land use, public safety and any other issue that could reasonably impact children; the Shelby County Office of Early Childhood and Youth (OECY) partnered with the University of Memphis to develop the Child Impact Statement Reporting System (CISRS), a child and youth-focused planning and decision aid which tracks the short and long term impact on the community, particularly children, of current county government proposals; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County and the University of Memphis have offered the City the use of the CISRS for city government projects and support to implement the policy of using child impact statements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL, that a Child Impact Statement shall be submitted to the Council with all items presented for approval that deal with education, health, land use, public safety and any other issue that could reasonably impact children in any way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Memphis City Council Rules of Procedure Section D. 36 be amended to add 36b. which shall read, "A Child Impact Statement shall be submitted to the Council with all items presented for approval that deal with education, health, land use, public safety and any other issue that could reasonably impact children in any way."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY 2011 Operating Budget be amended to allocate and appropriate \$20,000.00 to the Executive Division budget to provide for costs associated with implementing the CISRS and staff to coordinate with the divisions to begin using child impact statements.

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