

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2024(COTW),
Second Reading

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution supporting U.S. Senate Bill 3681 ("S. 3681"), the Preparing and Retaining All ("PARA") Educators Act.

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes the indispensable role played by paraprofessionals in enhancing the educational experience of students in public elementary schools, secondary schools, and preschool programs; and

WHEREAS, the recruitment and retention of paraprofessionals are integral to maintaining the quality of education provided to students across the nation; and

WHEREAS, S. 3681, introduced in the U.S. Senate on January 30, 2024, and currently in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, aims to establish a grant program dedicated to assisting schools in recruiting, training, and retaining paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of S. 3681 seek to offer grants for pipeline and credentialing programs, facilitate high quality professional development opportunities and advancement, and higher wages for paraprofessionals; and

WHEREAS, by expressing support for S. 3681 this Council demonstrates its commitment to recognizing and valuing the significant contributions made by paraprofessionals, including teachers, aides, special educational aides, and other support staff in nurturing and educating the future generations of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Cleveland Heights Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council extends its full support to SB 3681 and urges its expeditious passage, acknowledging its potential to fortify our education system and invest in the holistic development of our youth.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the sponsors of S. 3681.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

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TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: April 15, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 04/16/2024

Approved: 04/25/2024



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Mayor