

RESOLUTION NO 20070503-033

WHEREAS, current research demonstrates a relationship between the education, experience, and compensation of early childhood educators and the quality of teaching and care in early childhood learning programs, and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators lack incentives and face barriers when pursuing professional development and higher education opportunities, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 50 creates training opportunities and partnerships, establishes a means to increase compensation based on education and experience, and modifies standards and accountability for licensing of early childhood educators, and

WHEREAS, the changes in Senate Bill 50 would expand the Texas early education model sites throughout Texas while increasing reimbursement rates for early childhood education centers that meet certain standards, **NOW**,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

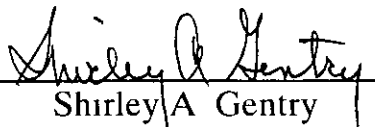
That the City Council amends its Legislative Program to support the passage of Senate Bill 50, authored by State Senator Judith Zaffirini

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the City Manager is directed to inform the members of the Austin-Area Delegation to the State Legislature of the City's position as evidenced by this Resolution

ADOPTED May 3, 2007

ATTEST


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk