

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
President
Shabazz**

WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of organizations involved with education, faith, health care, law enforcement, criminal justice reform and civic engagement who all care about long-term investment in our young people created the “Hope Trust” proposal for kids; and

WHEREAS, Delaware currently has over \$55 million in unanticipated revenues from the previous fiscal year. We believe this money should be spread out over four years in a “Hope Trust” rather than spent all at once. This money should be dedicated entirely to programs that will benefit Delaware’s children, particularly those living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, there are enormous long-term benefits to putting our kids in a position to succeed – including improving educational outcomes, boosting the future of our economy, and preventing young people from slipping into the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “Hope Trust” calls for home visitation programs for infants and toddlers born in low-income households, increased financial support for high-poverty elementary schools, expanded after-school and summer programs for low-income students, improved re-entry services for juveniles exiting the state’s juvenile correctional system, the creation of a recovery high school for students being treated for substance abuse, expanded enrollment of three and four year old children in Pre-K and early education programs, and implementation of the data sharing plan recommended by the CDC in its report on youth firearm violence in Wilmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council supports the “Hope Trust” proposal for Delaware’s kids and believes it will have a positive long-term impact on our youth, criminal justice system, and

economy. Council respectfully encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to vote in favor of the “Hope Trust.”

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports the creation of the “Hope Trust,” and encourages the Delaware General Assembly to utilize the unanticipated revenues from the previous fiscal year to support the “Hope Trust” to benefit Delaware’s children.