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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Authorizing and directing the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance to transfer
7 \$100,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 8000
8 - Department of Health and Human Services to allow the Children, Youth, and Family
9 Services Division to enter into an agreement with the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce to help
10 disrupt and dismantle the school to prison pipeline in Milwaukee County
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13 WHEREAS, the term “school to prison pipeline” is often used to explain how
14 youth that experience excessive suspensions or expulsions in school become involved
15 in the criminal justice system; and
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17 WHEREAS, U.S. News and World, reports that data shows that Black and
18 Hispanic students are suspended and expelled at higher rates than White students, and
19 as adults, they are disproportionately represented in the prison system; and
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21 WHEREAS, researchers from Boston University, the University of Boulder
22 Colorado, and Harvard University published a report titled *Proving the School-to-Prison*
23 *Pipeline* and concluded that early increases in misbehavior at school cause an increase
24 in crime in adult years; and
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26 WHEREAS, data from the report specifically cites that students assigned to
27 stricter middle schools are 3.2 percentage points more likely to have been arrested and
28 2.5 percentage points more likely to be incarcerated as adults; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Children, Youth,
31 and Family Services Division (CYFSD) is committed to youth justice reform and healing
32 the childhood trauma that youth in Milwaukee County have experienced; and
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34 WHEREAS, CYFSD approaches youth justice reform through the lens of
35 evidence-based trauma-informed individualized care in the least restrictive setting with
36 support from families, credible messengers, and community stakeholders; and
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38 WHEREAS, in June 2020, Milwaukee Public Schools took action to terminate
39 contracts with the Milwaukee Police Department for School Resource Officers and the
40 purchasing of criminalizing equipment to combat the school to prison pipeline; and
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42 WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee has adopted several initiatives to deter the
43 school to prison pipeline such as Black Male Achievement, Milwaukee Promise Zones,
44 Public Safety Action Plan, and more; and
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46 WHEREAS, in February 2020, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
47 adopted File No. 20-137 creating the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce, a joint task force with
48 the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Public Schools to collaborate and leverage
49 resources to improve the lives of residents in Milwaukee; and
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51 WHEREAS, the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce can collaborate with CYFSD to
52 leverage resources to build a roadmap to dismantle the school to prison pipeline in
53 Milwaukee County; and
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55 WHEREAS, the school to prison pipeline, which puts youth at substantial risk of
56 dropping out of high school and being admitted into the criminal justice system, needs
57 to be disrupted; and
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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
60 Planning, at its meeting of March 16, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-308
61 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce is requested to work in
64 conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, Children, Youth and
65 Family Services Division to create a comprehensive plan to combat the school to prison
66 pipeline in Milwaukee County; and
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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
69 is authorized and directed to transfer \$100,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 –
70 Appropriation for Contingencies to the Department of Health and Human Services, Org.
71 Unit 8000, account 74301 to allow the Department to establish an agreement with the
72 ONE Milwaukee Taskforce; and
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce, in conjunction
75 with the Children, Youth, and Family Services Division shall present a written report to
76 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for consideration in the June 2022 meeting
77 cycle that outlines the progress on the development of a comprehensive plan to
78 dismantle the school to prison pipeline and deter children and youth from entering the
79 school to prison pipeline.
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