

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

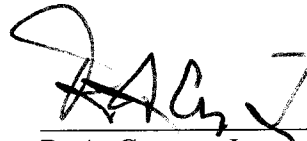
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 10, 2008

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the
Florida Legislature to
Enact a Student Loan
Forgiveness Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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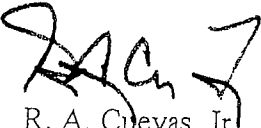


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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01-10-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ENACT A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR
TEACHERS, PROSECUTORS, AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of college graduates in 2006 have student loans;
and

WHEREAS, large student loan repayments can prevent recent graduates from going into
government, nonprofit, and teaching jobs; and

WHEREAS, loan repayment assistance programs help college graduates who take lower
paying government or public service jobs to repay their student loans; and

WHEREAS, the current average starting salary for teachers in Florida is currently
approximately \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, current average starting salaries for assistant state attorneys and assistant
public defenders in Florida are currently approximately \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, many graduates from law schools have accumulated educational debt in
excess of \$80,000 for their undergraduate and law school degrees; and

WHEREAS, the first choice of some law school graduates is to become a prosecutor or
public defender but often they find that they can't afford to accept these positions because of
student loans; and

WHEREAS, Florida will need more than 116,000 teachers over the next five years, but
Florida public and private colleges of education with state approved teacher preparation
programs are projected to produce only 30,000 new teachers during this same period; and

WHEREAS, Florida currently has a student Loan Forgiveness Program for teachers, but it is limited to areas where there are critical teacher shortages, such as math, science, foreign languages and exceptional student programs; and

WHEREAS, more efforts need to be made to encourage students to go into teaching and to encourage law students to accept positions as assistant state attorneys and assistant public defenders,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact a student loan forgiveness program for teachers, assistant state attorneys, and assistance public defenders.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the actions set forth in Section 1 and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of January, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty