

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(22)

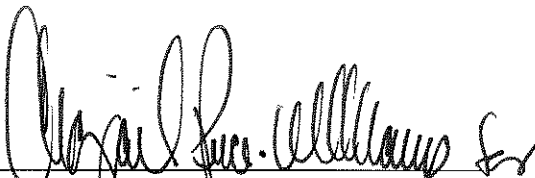
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 7, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United
States Congress to enact
H.R. 1318, the Youth Promise
Act, or similar legislation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

5-7-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT H.R. 1318, THE YOUTH PROMISE ACT, OR
SIMILAR LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, youth gang crime has taken a toll on a number of urban communities, and senseless acts of gang-related violence have imposed economic, social, and human costs; and

WHEREAS, minority children, particularly Black and Hispanic children, are over-represented relative to the general population at every stage of the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the United States now has the highest average incarceration rate of any nation in the world by far; and

WHEREAS, corrections costs in the United States have risen from around \$7 billion a year in 1980 to over \$68 billion a year currently; and

WHEREAS, these criminal justice costs have become burdensome in many states and cities, requiring reductions in vital educational, social, welfare, mental health, and related services; and

WHEREAS, federal research has shown that gang-membership is short-lived among adolescents, thus presenting ongoing opportunities for intervention and prevention; and

WHEREAS, overwhelming research has shown that a continuum of comprehensive, evidenced-based prevention and intervention programs for youth at risk of, or involved in, delinquent behavior will greatly reduce crime and save much more than they cost when the avoided law enforcement and social welfare expenditures are considered; and

WHEREAS, a bill entitled the Youth Promise Act, H.R. 1318, has been introduced for consideration during the 113th Congress by Representative Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-Virginia); and

WHEREAS, the Youth Promise Act would:

(1) enable communities facing the greatest youth gang and crime challenges to develop a locally-designed comprehensive response to youth violence through a coordinated evidence-based prevention and intervention program;

(2) reduce crime by reducing recidivism among juvenile offenders and helping to stop the cycle of violence prevalent in urban communities;

(3) ultimately save much more money than it costs, up to \$5.00 for every \$1.00 spent;
and

WHEREAS, currently there are 57 House co-sponsors of this important legislation; and

WHEREAS, many cities and counties across the country have passed resolutions in support of the Youth Promise Act; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Counties have adopted resolutions urging passage of the Youth Promise Act; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support for H.R. 1318,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact H.R. 1318, the Youth Promise Act, or similar legislation.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation and Representative Robert C. “Bobby” Scott.

Section 3. Authorizes and directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2014 Federal Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was 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:

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| | Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman | |
| | Lynda Bell, Vice Chair | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | | Audrey M. Edmonson |
| Sally A. Heyman | | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Jean Monestime | | Dennis C. Moss |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | | Xavier L. Suarez |
| Juan C. Zapata | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May, 2013. 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

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MSM

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Michael J. Mastrucci