

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

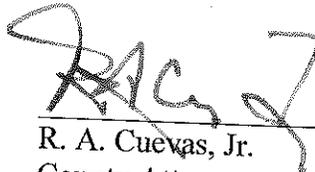
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 16, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact legislation to
require electrocardiograms of
Florida high school student
athletes as part of their
preparticipation physical
evaluations

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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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 _____

7-16-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE
ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS OF FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT ATHLETES AS PART OF THEIR
PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATIONS

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have estimated that approximately 2,000 people under the age of 25 die of sudden cardiac arrest each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the risk of sudden cardiac arrest is higher for competitive athletes than other young people; and

WHEREAS, the warning signs of high risk of sudden cardiac arrest may not be easily noticed in young student athletes; and

WHEREAS, an electrocardiogram (EKG) is a simple and painless diagnostic test that is commonly used to detect many heart problems and can effectively detect many of the causes of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, an EKG is a cost-effective diagnostic test that could save the lives of many student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, requires the Florida High School Athletic Association (FSAA) to mandate that all student athletes satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic activity; and

WHEREAS, Section 1006.20 further requires that such medical evaluations incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart Association for cardiovascular screening and that students be advised to complete a cardiovascular assessment; and

WHEREAS, although student athletes are advised to undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include diagnostic tests, an EKG is not strictly required as part of a student athlete's preparticipation physical evaluations; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to require EKGs of Florida high school student athletes as part of their preparticipation physical evaluations during the next legislative session,

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 legislation to require electrocardiograms of Florida high school student athletes as part of their preparticipation physical evaluations.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives 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 issue identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 state legislative package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Christopher C. Kokoruda