

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 3, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting SB 248,
HB 57, or similar legislation that
would require uniformed patrol
officers in Florida to be equipped
with police body cameras while
performing their duties, provided
that the state funds this initiative

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Chairman Jean Monestime.



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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
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-3-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 248, HB 57, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE UNIFORMED PATROL OFFICERS IN FLORIDA TO BE EQUIPPED WITH POLICE BODY CAMERAS WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES, PROVIDED THAT THE STATE FUNDS THIS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 248 (“SB 248”) and House Bill 57 (“HB 57”), both entitled the “Police and Citizen Protection Act,” have been filed for consideration during the 2015 session of the Florida Legislature by Senator Chris Smith (D – Fort Lauderdale) and Representative Shevrin D. “Shev” Jones (D – West Park), respectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 248 and HB 57 would require all uniformed Florida law enforcement officers primarily assigned to patrol duties to be equipped with police body cameras while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, SB 248 and HB 57 would also require uniformed patrol officers to use their police body cameras to record activities that occur during motor vehicle stops or other law enforcement actions taken during the course of official duties; and

WHEREAS, if uniformed patrol officers are required to wear police body cameras, it could provide benefits to both the law enforcement community and the public that it serves; and

WHEREAS, if uniformed patrol officers are required to wear police body cameras, some of the perceived benefits include, among others, the following:

- Body-worn cameras may increase transparency and the public’s view of police legitimacy;

- Body-worn cameras may have a civilizing effect, resulting in improved behavior among both police officers and the public;
- Body-worn cameras may have evidentiary benefits that expedite resolution of public complaints or lawsuits and that improve evidence for arrest and prosecution; and
- Body-worn cameras may provide opportunities for police training; and

WHEREAS, even though the abovementioned benefits are important, there will be a significant cost to implementing the requirement that all uniformed patrol officers be equipped with police body cameras; and

WHEREAS, separate to any requirements by the state, the County's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget includes \$1 million for the purchase of police body cameras and related equipment to outfit a select number of Miami-Dade Police officers with the devices; and

WHEREAS, even though the County will be equipping some of its officers with police body cameras, SB 248 and HB 57 would require all uniformed patrol officers to be outfitted with such devices, which would greatly increase the cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, if the state is going to require all uniformed patrol officers to be equipped with police body cameras, the state should provide funding for the initiative; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to support SB 248, HB 57, or similar legislation that would require uniformed patrol officers to wear police body cameras, provided that the state funds the initiative,

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

Section 1. Supports SB 248, HB 57, or similar legislation that would require uniformed patrol officers in Florida to be equipped with police body cameras while performing their duties, provided that the state funds this initiative.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, Senator Chris Smith, and Representative Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2015 state legislative package to include this item.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Sally Heyman and Chairman Jean Monestime. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

James Eddie Kirtley

