

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

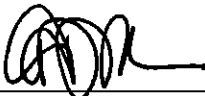
**DATE:** April 5, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting Senate Bill 524, a Federal Bill before the United States Congress, also known as the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 or similar legislation that would convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force and authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations and local governments and agencies

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

  
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Abigail Price-Williams for  
County Attorney

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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
- Statement of social equity 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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4-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 524, A FEDERAL BILL BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION RECOVERY ACT OF 2015 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CONVENE A PAIN MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AND AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MAKE GRANTS TO STATES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES

**WHEREAS**, heroin addiction is a growing concern in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, heroin-related deaths in Miami-Dade County have been steadily on the rise since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2015, United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D – Rhode Island) introduced Senate Bill 524 (“SB 524”), entitled the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015, for consideration by the 114<sup>th</sup> United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 directs the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force to develop: (1) best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and (2) a strategy for disseminating such best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 also amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations, local governments and agencies for the purpose of preventing substance abuse, educating the community about addiction and promoting treatment and recovery from substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the grants authorized by the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015 could be utilized to fund programs that would assist in combating the County's current battle with heroin addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Senator Marco Rubio has expressed his support for the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act of 2015,

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

**Section 1.** Supports SB 524, or similar legislation before the United States Congress that would direct the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force and amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to states, non-profit organizations, local governments and agencies for the purpose of preventing substance abuse, educating the community about addiction and promoting treatment and recovery from substance abuse.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and the Chair and Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for passage of legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2016 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016. 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.



Sabrina Levin