

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

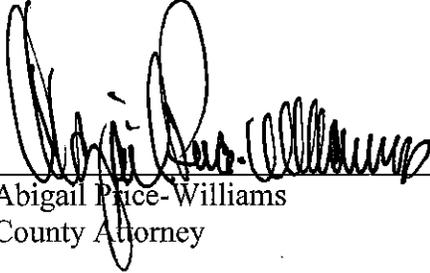
**DATE:** March 7, 2017

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting SB 154,  
HB 39 or similar legislation  
that would establish a continued  
employment training component  
relating to autism spectrum  
disorder for law enforcement  
personnel

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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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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

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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3-7-17

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 154, HB 39 OR SIMILAR  
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A CONTINUED  
EMPLOYMENT TRAINING COMPONENT RELATING TO  
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PERSONNEL

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 1 in 68 American Children are on the autism spectrum – a statistic that represents a tenfold increase in prevalence over the last 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, autism and autism spectrum disorder are general terms that are used to describe brain developmental disorders that are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2016, this Board passed Resolution No. R-667-16, which declared Miami-Dade County’s commitment to the principles of inclusion for individuals with disabilities, including autism and special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other cognitive impairments often face difficulties communicating with others, including first responders and law enforcement personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 154 has been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature’s 2017 session by Senators Perry E. Thurston, Jr. (D – Fort Lauderdale) and Rene Garcia (R – Hialeah); and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 39 has been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature’s 2017 session by Representative Evan Jenne (D – Hollywood); and

**WHEREAS**, SB 154 and HB 39 would establish a continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder for law enforcement personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, a continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder would assist law enforcement personnel in communicating with individuals on the autism spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board supports SB 154 and HB 39 and wishes to urge the Florida Legislature to establish a continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder for law enforcement personnel,

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

**Section 1.** Supports SB 154, HB 39 or other similar legislation that would establish a continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder for law enforcement personnel.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr., Senator Rene Garcia, Representative Evan Jenne, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 3.** Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the legislative action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2017 State Legislature Package to include this item.

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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. 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.



Anita Viciano Zapata