

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2C


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

DATE: May 9, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to establish an educational program for school-aged children that focuses on gun safety or integrates enhanced gun safety education into the curricula of existing programs that Miami-Dade Police Department provides in public and private schools; and provide a report

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


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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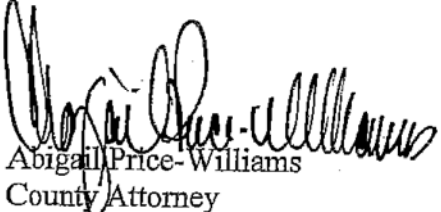


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 5, 2018

FROM: 
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

6-5-18

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN THAT FOCUSES ON GUN SAFETY OR INTEGRATES ENHANCED GUN SAFETY EDUCATION INTO THE CURRICULA OF EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS; AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, gun violence, including mass shootings such as the February 14, 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, is a crisis plaguing the nation; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a problem of particular concern in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017 alone, a 2-year old, three 16-year olds, and a 17-year old were fatally shot while several other teenagers were wounded in other gun violence incidents in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, numerous other gun-related homicides have claimed the lives or seriously injured County residents, including a recent spate of gun violence incidents in late 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 187 gun-related homicides reported in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, more than 30 minors were killed by gun violence in Miami-Dade County, an increase from 20 such deaths in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in addition, according to the *Miami Herald*, more than 500 non-fatal shootings occurred in Miami-Dade County in 2016, which is slightly higher than the number the year before; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, there were 5,601 reported crimes involving a firearm in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the causes of gun violence in Miami-Dade County need to be explored, with an eye towards possible solutions that will adequately protect our community; and

WHEREAS, one such possible solution is educating school-aged children about gun safety; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Police Department offers two educational programs that include a gun safety component; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the Gun Bounty Unit has an educational component that is directed towards educating elementary school-aged children, between the ages of five and 11 and the Community Education Unit offers a short presentation on gun safety directed at young children, between the ages of four and eight; and

WHEREAS, in light of how gun violence intersects the lives of many older youth in the County, it would be beneficial to expand the reach of the Miami-Dade Police Department's gun safety education to offer such programs to said youth; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address and curtail youth gun violence in Miami-Dade County, this Board supports additional educational programs for all school-aged children,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to establish an educational program for school-aged children that focuses on gun safety or integrates enhanced gun safety education into the curricula of existing programs that Miami-Dade Police Department provides in public and private schools.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board pertaining to the provision of the educational program identified in Section 2 above by Miami-Dade Police Department. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the completed report shall be placed on an agenda of this Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

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	
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
District 5 - Vacant	

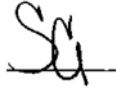
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by 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.



Shanika A. Graves

