

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 22, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the Florida  
Legislature not to pass HB 491,  
SB 286 or similar legislation  
that would reduce the ESOL  
inservice requirements

**Resolution No. R-440-08**

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

  
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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("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
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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4-22-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-440-08

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO PASS HB 491, SB 286 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REDUCE THE ESOL INSERVICE REQUIREMENTS FROM 300 TO 60 HOURS FOR READING TEACHERS AND TEACHERS OF OTHER BASIC SUBJECT AREAS; URGING GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST TO VETO SUCH LEGISLATION IF ITS PASSES THE LEGISLATURE

**WHEREAS**, one in every seven students in Miami-Dade and Broward public schools is learning English as a second language; and

**WHEREAS**, bills have been filed for consideration during the 2008 state legislative session that would in effect reduce the inservice requirements related to English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for most teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 286 by Senator Stephen Wise and HB 491 by Representative Jennifer Carroll, both of Jacksonville, would reduce the ESOL inservice requirements from 300 to 60 hours for reading teachers and teachers of other basic subject areas including mathematics, science, social studies, or computer literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2007 session, the Florida Legislature passed CS/SB 2512; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist vetoed CS/SB 2512, stating in his veto message that the bill reduced the required professional development from 300 hours to 60 hours for reading teachers who teach students who speak English as a second language and that he was concerned that “this reduction may impede these students’ academic, social, and cultural progress”; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 286 and HB 491 filed for consideration this year are substantially similar to CS/SB 2512 that was vetoed last year,

**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 not to pass HB 491, SB 286 or similar legislation that would reduce the ESOL inservice requirements from 300 to 60 hours for reading teachers and teachers of other basic subject areas.

Section 2. Urges Governor Charlie Crist to again veto such legislation if its passes the Legislature.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against HB 491, SB 286 or similar legislation, as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	<b>aye</b>	
	Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Audrey M. Edmonson	<b>absent</b>
Carlos A. Gimenez	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>	Dennis C. Moss	<b>absent</b>
Dorrin D. Rolle	<b>aye</b>	Natacha Seijas	<b>aye</b>
Katy Sorenson	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>absent</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008. 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: **Kay Sullivan**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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