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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

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

DATE: November 17, 2015

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution opposing SB 68 and HB 4001 or similar legislation that would allow concealed carry licensees to carry a firearm into college and university facilities

Resolution No. R-1047-15

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.

Abigail Price-Williams
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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RESOLUTION NO. R-1047-15

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 68 AND HB 4001 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEES TO CARRY A FIREARM INTO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the community has expressed great concern about the use of firearms in mass shootings on college campus and university facilities; and

WHEREAS, there have been several incidents in Florida in recent years involving the use of firearms on college and university facilities; and

WHEREAS, Florida law currently prohibits concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or firearm into a college or university facility; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 68 has been filed for consideration during the 2016 session of the Florida Legislature by Senator Greg Evers (R-Pensacola); and

WHEREAS, SB 68 would repeal Florida's prohibition on carrying a weapon or firearm into a college or university facility; and

WHEREAS, companion House Bill (HB) 4001 has been filed for consideration during the 2016 session of the Florida Legislature by Representative Gregory Steube (R-Sarasota); and

WHEREAS, allowing carry conceal permit holders to bring firearms into college and university facilities would raise public safety concerns for institutions that have a duty to provide secure environments for their faculty, students and visitors; and

WHEREAS, open carrying of firearms at college and university facilities poses particular challenges for law enforcement officers who must respond to 911 calls from concerned citizens about people carrying guns in public; and

WHEREAS, allowing guns on campus would distract from the learning environment and lead to an escalation in violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should consider the danger associated with passing SB 68, HB 4001 or similar legislation that would allow concealed carry licensees to carry firearms into college and university facilities,

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

Section 1. Opposes SB 68, HB 4001 or similar legislation that would allow concealed carry licensees to carry a firearm into college and university facilities.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Senator Greg Evers, Representative Gregory Steube and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2016 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MP for

Suzanne Villano-Charif