

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 16, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
United States Congress to
enact S. 111, H.R. 750, or
similar legislation to establish
a federal clearinghouse on
school safety best practices
within the United States
Department of Homeland
Security

Resolution No. R-221-21

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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____) 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-221-21

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO ENACT S. 111, H.R. 750, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO
ESTABLISH A FEDERAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON SCHOOL
SAFETY BEST PRACTICES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of students is a top priority of parents, educators, legislators, and others across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has the fourth largest school district in the nation and the largest school district in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as such, this Board is acutely concerned about and acknowledges the importance of providing a safe and secure learning environment for students; and

WHEREAS, South Florida as well as other communities throughout the country was deeply saddened and impacted by the tragic events that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, on November 5, 2019, Senator Ron Johnson (R – Wisconsin) introduced S. 2779 for consideration during the 116th United States Congress, a bill that would have, among other things, established a Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2019, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R – Florida) filed H.R. 5229, the companion bill to S. 2779; and

WHEREAS, S. 2779 and H.R. 5229 were cited as the “Luke and Alex School Safety Act of 2019”; and

WHEREAS, the Luke and Alex School Safety Act of 2019 was named after Luke Hoyer and Alex Schachter, two students killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, neither S. 2779 nor H.R. 5229 was adopted; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, during the 117th United States Congress, Senator Ron Johnson and Representative Mario Diaz-Balart reintroduced legislation to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices—S. 111 and H.R. 750, respectively; and

WHEREAS, S. 111 and H.R. 750 are cited as the Luke and Alex School Safety Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, S. 111 and H.R. 750 would codify a federal clearinghouse within the United States Department of Homeland Security to categorize, assess, and share best practices for school safety measures, and provide information on available federal resources and grant programs available to implement these safety measures; and

WHEREAS, S. 111 and H.R. 750 propose to create an all-inclusive site to inform parents, educators, and community officials across the country on expert recommendations and best practices to improve school safety; and

WHEREAS, this Board urges the United States Congress to enact S. 111, H.R. 750 or similar legislation to establish a federal clearinghouse on school safety best practices within the United States Department of Homeland Security,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to enact S. 111, H.R. 750, or similar legislation that would establish a federal clearinghouse on school safety best practices within the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Senator Ron Johnson, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart, the remaining members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

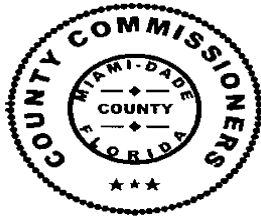
Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2021 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of March, 2021. 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: Melissa Adames
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

NRB

Nicole Ramos-Barreau