

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(32)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the establishment of
(1) the Miami-Dade County
Talent Attraction and Retention
Pilot Program and (2) the South
Florida Institute for Economic
Research

Resolution No. R-1178-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.


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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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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1178-23

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF (1)
THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TALENT ATTRACTION AND
RETENTION PILOT PROGRAM AND (2) THE SOUTH
FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council (the “Council”), a public-private partnership, is the official economic development organization for Miami-Dade County (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the Council was founded in 1985 as an outgrowth of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to focus on business recruitment, expansion, and retention; and

WHEREAS, today the Council facilitates business growth and expansion locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the County has experienced significant industry growth and is becoming a leader in cyber-security, artificial intelligence, financial services and technology, aviation, and corporate operations (the “targeted industry sectors”); and

WHEREAS, the County has an unemployment rate of 1.6 percent, which is almost a third of the national rate of 3.9 percent; and

WHEREAS, for the County to continue its economic and business growth, expansion, and retention, the Council is pursuing funding to create (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research (“SFIER”); and

WHEREAS, the retention of college and graduate students who are already in the County, and targeted attraction of people with skills that are in demand, will reduce workforce shortages, reduce the loss of talent from leading universities in the County, and position the County as a leader in the targeted industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, as part of the pilot program, the Council will engage industry-leading companies in the fields of the targeted industry sectors to learn the necessary skills, certifications, and degrees they need and anticipate needing in the future; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the pilot program will deepen collaboration among the universities in the County; and

WHEREAS, the SFIER will serve as an appendage to the Council, providing updated and accurate data, research, and analysis on current trends impacting the South Florida economy, as well as annual economic forecasts, for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, with this data and information, the SFIER will be paramount in creating informed solutions to the economic challenges facing the County and South Florida, such as job creation and workforce training, among others; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available funding for the establishment of (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research,

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 to appropriate funding for the establishment of (1) the Miami-Dade County Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program and (2) the South Florida Institute for Economic Research.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	absent	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2023. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin