

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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

DATE: September 4, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to authorize a tax
refund or other tax incentive to
local businesses which
provide customer service or
neurodiversity training to their
employees

Resolution No. R-772-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator René García.



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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-772-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
AUTHORIZE A TAX REFUND OR OTHER TAX INCENTIVE
TO LOCAL BUSINESSES WHICH PROVIDE CUSTOMER
SERVICE OR NEURODIVERSITY TRAINING TO THEIR
EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, strong local businesses are the key to a thriving local economy; and

WHEREAS, good customer service is an important key to allowing our local businesses
to continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, good customer service is important to Miami-Dade County's outward-facing
businesses that cater to tourism and other visitors to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, providing customer service or neurodiversity training to our local workforce
can enhance our local residents' quality of life, help the County's local businesses to grow, and
promote increased tourism to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, customer service and neurodiversity training can be costly, and creating a tax
refund for local businesses providing such training will help them provide better customer service
and benefit our local economy,

**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 authorize a tax refund or other tax incentive
to local businesses which provide customer service or neurodiversity training to their employees.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution
to the Governor, the Florida Senate President, the Florida House Speaker, and the 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 include this item in the 2025 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator René García. It was offered by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen. René García** 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	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	nay
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of September, 2024. 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Michael B. Valdes", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael B. Valdes
Jorge Martinez-Esteve