

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of July 13, 2011

July 12, 2011

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-091 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 37, OFFENSES BY CAREGIVERS OF MINOR CHILDREN ("CAYLEE'S LAW")

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LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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} Revised

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The Miami-Dade County Public Schools should support any and all reasonable measures designed to protect children from harm by strengthening the criminal sanctions against those who harm children through their actions, inactions and omissions.

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This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to ensure that the aforementioned measures are timely and appropriately addressed. In addition, HB 37 was filed on July 7th, 2011 after the publication of the agenda.

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ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of Florida House Bill 37, Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children.

**Revised Replacement²
GOOD CAUSE
H-15**

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WHEREAS, holding caregivers accountable for failure to report a missing child to the proper authorities will assist law enforcement officials as they investigate cases involving missing children; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Public School District should support any and all reasonable measures designed to protect children from harm at all times and to strengthen penalties against those who seek to harm them through their actions and omissions;

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Presented this thirteenth day of July, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Secretary

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