

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

July 11, 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**

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

State Representative Jose Felix Diaz has filed a bill (H.B. 37) seeking to enhance the penalties against caregivers of minor children who willfully or by culpable negligence fail to report a child missing within a 48-hour period. Senator Anitere Flores has filed the same legislation in the Senate.

The security and safety of our students and that of all children is absolutely fundamental. Supporting this common sense bill sends a strong message in favor of protecting the lives of young, defenseless children. Holding caregivers accountable for failure to report a missing child to the proper authorities will help law enforcement officials as they investigate cases involving missing children.

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 that seek to harm them through their actions and omissions.

**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.

**Replacement
GOOD CAUSE
H-15**

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WHEREAS, the security and safety of our students and that of all children is absolutely fundamental; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Jose Felix Diaz has filed a bill (H.B. 37) seeking to enhance the penalties against caregivers of minor children who willfully or by culpable negligence fail to report a child missing within a 48-hour period; and

WHEREAS, Senator Anitere Flores has filed the same legislation in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, supporting this common sense bill sends a strong message in favor of protecting the lives of young, defenseless children; and

WHEREAS, holding caregivers accountable for failure to report a missing child to the proper authorities will help 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 that seek to harm them through their actions and omissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary