



Legislation Text

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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN BROWARD COUNTY TO MANDATE THAT A FULL-TIME NURSE BE ASSIGNED TO ALL BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BACKGROUND:

Section 381.0056(4)(A), Florida Statutes, requires each school in the State of Florida have a school health services plan that includes nurse assessments and health screenings, among numerous other provisions. Additionally, Section 381.0056(6), Florida Statutes, requires a district school board to: (a) include health services and health education as part of the comprehensive plan for the school district; (b) provide in-service health training for school personnel; (c) make available adequate physical facilities for health services; and (d) at the beginning of each school year, provide parents and guardians with information concerning ways that they can help their children to be physically active and to eat healthy foods.

DISCUSSION:

The City is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Currently, Broward County public schools provide a full-time nurse only at schools with students who have special medical needs. However, there are a myriad of reasons for having a full-time nurse assigned to each school during school hours, including meeting the intent and provisions of Florida Statute to provide a health services plan, having someone available to address unanticipated emergencies, and for day-to-day first aid situations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.