



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

File #: 22-837, Version: 1

### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Andrew J. Meyers

**Department:** County Attorney

### Information

#### Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish Notice of Public Hearing to be held on June 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Governmental Center to consider enactment of a proposed Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING PRACTICES FOR VENDORS SEEKING CONTRACTS WITH BROWARD COUNTY; AMENDING SECTION 26-125 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"); CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS AND THE SCOPE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING PRACTICES FOR COUNTY VENDORS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Senator Steve Geller)

#### Why Action is Necessary

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Office of the County Attorney at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of April 26, 2022.

#### What Action Accomplishes

Enables the setting of a public hearing during which the Board may consider enacting the proposed Ordinance.

#### Is this Action Goal Related

No

#### Previous Action Taken

#### Summary Explanation/Background

On April 26, 2022, the Board directed the Office of the County Attorney to draft a proposed Ordinance to amend Section 26-125(d) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. Section 26-125(d) generally requires that a vendor seeking a contract in the amount of \$100,000 or more with Broward County certify that it has implemented or will implement policies, practices, and procedures that preclude inquiry into an applicant's criminal history until the applicant is selected as a finalist and interviewed for the applicable employment position.

The proposed Ordinance amends the definitions of "applicant," "finalist," and "initial application for employment" to clarify that the definitions apply to vendors. Further, the proposed Ordinance provides that the precluded inquiry into an applicant's criminal history by a vendor relates only to employment positions that will foreseeably perform work under, if awarded, a contract with Broward County.

**Source of Additional Information**

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

The Fiscal Impact Statement by the Office of Management and Budget will be provided at the time of the public hearing, in compliance with Section 18.5(e)(7) of the Broward County Administrative Code.