



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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

**Director's Name:** Keith D. Bostick (Deputy Director)

**Department:** Human Services

**Division:** Community Partnerships

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE** County Administrator to execute Agreement, subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney, between Broward County and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, for October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, with two additional renewal terms, to provide driver education programs for high school students in public and nonpublic Broward County schools in the approximate amount of \$622,250, which is the estimated amount available in the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund; authorize the County Administrator to execute amendments to the Agreement (subject to review for legal sufficiency by the Office of the County Attorney) that do not significantly alter the approved scope of services; and authorize the County Administrator to take all necessary and administrative and budgetary actions to implement the Agreement.

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Commission") approval is required for agreements with external agencies and for authorizing the County Administrator to execute agreements.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Approval provides for the enhancement, not replacement, of driver education programs in public and nonpublic schools using funds collected from traffic violations under the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act, Section 318.1215, Florida Statute ("Safety Act").

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

Yes

#### **Previous Action Taken**

None

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE MOTION.

This action supports the Commission's value of "approaching human services collaboratively and compassionately, with special emphasis on the most vulnerable" and the goal to "collaborate with public and private partners to find creative, equitable, and responsible solutions to systemic community problems, especially permanent, supportive housing for persons experiencing, or at risk

of, homelessness.” Funding allows high school students in public and nonpublic Broward County schools to participate in driver education programs.

Retroactive approval is requested to allow The School Board of Broward County, Florida, (“School Board”) to receive funds from Driver Education Safety Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for eligible expenses. The program has been inactive since March 2020 due to COVID-19.

Commission approval is requested for the agreement between the County and School Board to fund driver education programs in accordance with the Safety Act and Section 10-31, Broward County Code of Ordinances. Traffic violation fines in the amount of \$5 per violation are collected by the Broward County Clerk of Courts, who then forwards the funds to Broward County for deposit in the Trust Fund. The amount payable to School Board for this program is estimated, as the available balance in the Trust Fund is dependent upon the collection of fines for traffic violations. Per the Safety Act, the funds must be used for direct educational expenses, not administration, and funded programs must ensure that students spend a minimum of 30 percent of training time behind the wheel.

The agreement has two one-year renewal terms, with annual funding based on the amount collected in the Trust Fund. The School Board driver education program has been in operation since 2003.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

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#### **Fiscal Impact**

##### **Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

There is no fiscal impact to the County.