



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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

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

**Department:** County Attorney

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO ENACT** 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**

A Resolution directing the County Administrator to publish notice of public hearing to consider enactment of the Ordinance was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of May 24, 2022.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Allows for the Board's consideration of 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 within the United States 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**

Per the Office of Management and Budget, the estimated impact on the budget does not exceed the threshold required for a Fiscal Impact Statement.