

C7 AB A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADDING THE EXPANSION OF FUNDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN (VPK) EDUCATION PROGRAM TO COVER THE COST OF A FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS, AND TO INCLUDE PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS TO THE CITY'S LIST OF 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 26, 2025

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Laura Dominguez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

**Condensed Title**

Add Expansion of VPK Program to Include 3 Yr Olds to 2025 State Legislative Priorities.  
(Dominguez/Fernandez/Magazine) CA

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, each year, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach adopt a list of legislative priorities for the annual session of the State Legislature to address issues critical to the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is committed to providing high-quality early childhood education and expanding access to Prekindergarten programs for its youngest residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's current Miami Beach PreK Scholarship Program is designed to expand access to PreK for four-year-old children by providing a full day of school at no cost to families, with the state covering the first three hours of instruction, and the City funding the last 2.5 hours to ensure a full day of PreK education for eligible children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to urge the State to expand funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) education program sufficient to cover the cost of a full-day PreK program for all students, as well as the expansion of program options for three-year-old students in addition to the current four-year-old program; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding VPK to include three-year-olds will enhance access to quality early childhood education for more families, fostering early learning and development for children across the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission direct the City Administration to add the following priorities to the City's 2025 State Agenda:

- Expand funding for the VPK education program to cover the cost of a full-day Prekindergarten program for all students; and
- Expand VPK to include program options for three-year-old students to ensure that more families have access to early childhood education opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby add the expansion of funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program to cover the cost of a full-day Prekindergarten Program for all

students, and to include program options for three-year-old students to the City's list of 2025 State Legislative priorities.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *MA*

*2/19/2025*  
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Date