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MEMORANDUM

December 11, 2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Norman Foster, Director *NF*
Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapters 16½, Article IX of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors CAO File: 17-026.06

Summary

The proposed ordinance Amends Chapters 16½, Article IX of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, Relating to a Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors. This ordinance states that a "Provider shall not engage in conversion therapy or reparative therapy with a minor, regardless over whether the Provider receives monetary compensation in exchange for such services." A Provider is defined as any person who is licenses by the state of Florida to provide professional counseling, including but not limited to, medical practitioners, osteopathic practitioners, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and licensed counselors, excluding Providers active in their pastoral or religious capacity as members of the clergy or as religious counselors as long as they do not hold themselves out as operating pursuant to any of the aforementioned Florida Statutes when acting in their pastoral or religious capacity. Providers who violate this Article shall be required to pay to Broward County a civil penalty of \$250 for the first violation and \$500 for each repeat violation with each conversion therapy sessions with a minor constituting a separate offense with sessions lasting multiple days constituting separate offenses for each day.

Fiscal Impact

The enforcement of this ordinance would be conducted on a complaint-driven basis and incorporated into existing enforcement activities. It is anticipated that there will be minimal instances reported which would allow for civil violation penalties to cover enforcement costs. The proposed ordinance is anticipated to have minimal to no fiscal impact to the County.

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