

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-0562

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Carlucci and J. Carlucci

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: July 21, 2025

Type of Action: Suggesting Duval County School Board (DCSB) consider Downtown Jacksonville as a potential headquarters location

Bill Summary: This resolution suggests DCSB consider Downtown Jacksonville—including the Northbank, Southbank, LaVilla, and Brooklyn neighborhoods—as a potential location for the Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) headquarters and encourages collaboration with the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) and other stakeholders to identify suitable sites. It also directs the Legislative Services Division to transmit copies of the resolution to members of the DCSB and the Superintendent of DCPS once adopted.

Background Information: The DCSB has expressed an intent to relocate its administrative headquarters from 1701 Prudential Drive, a site deemed surplus and currently listed for sale. This relocation presents an opportunity to consolidate multiple administrative offices into a centralized facility that better meets the operational, technological, and spatial needs of DCPS. The City Council believes that a Downtown location for the consolidated DCPS headquarters could align with both fiscal responsibility and the public interest by reinforcing civic presence within the urban core and supporting ongoing redevelopment efforts. Additionally, the presence of other major public-sector employers in Downtown, like JEA and JTA, contributes to the vitality of surrounding neighborhoods, local businesses, and public infrastructure. The continued presence of DCPS within Downtown would support local economic development, sustain daytime workforce population and contribute to Jacksonville's broader strategic goals for revitalization.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown, Duval County Public Schools

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to City.

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