

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-659

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Newby at the request of Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 14, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: September 16, 2021

Type of Action: Unified Plan; One Cycle Emergency

Bill Summary: This Ordinance is to support a unified plan for the allocation and use of opioid settlement proceeds as generally described in the Florida Plan.

Background Information: The State of Florida and lawyers representing certain various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed a unified plan for the allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid related litigation. The State of Florida has filed an action pending in Pasco County, Florida, and a number of Florida Cities and Counties have also filed an action National Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 22 2804 (N.D. Ohio) and the City of Jacksonville is a litigating participant in that action It is the intent of the State of Florida and its Local Governments to use the proceeds from Settlements with Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants to increase the amount of funding presently spent on opioid and substance abuse education, treatment and other related programs and services

One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that on August 13, 2021, the State of Florida set a deadline of September 30, 2021, for passage of this legislation.

Policy Impact Area: Unification of settlement dollars

Fiscal Impact: Settlement dollars based on opioid related litigation detailed in the Florida Plan

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