

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-95

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

Date of Introduction: February 8, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 8, 2022

Type of Action: Approval of settlement agreement; one cycle emergency request

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the City of Jacksonville to enter into a joint settlement agreement with the State of Florida and other local governmental units as a participant in the state's opioid litigation settlement under the Florida Plan with Endo Health Solutions, Inc. and Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Emergency one-cycle approval is requested.

Background Information: The State of Florida filed litigation in Pasco County and the City of Jacksonville is a litigating participant in that action; this is the Unified Plan known as the "Florida Plan." A number of Florida cities and counties have filed an action in re: National Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 18 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the "Opioid Litigation") and the City of Jacksonville is a litigating participant in that action. The State of Florida has entered into a \$65 million settlement agreement with the defendants Endo Health Solutions, Inc. and Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and as a participant in the Florida Plan, the City of Jacksonville will use the proceeds from the settlement to increase the amount of funding presently spent on opioid and substance abuse education, treatment and other related programs and services. Emergency one-cycle approval is requested due to the State of Florida's request that the agreement be returned on or before February 15, 2022.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid litigation settlement

Fiscal Impact: The state will allocate \$5 million of the \$65 million to state litigation costs and \$5 million to participating city and county litigation costs. The remaining \$55 million will be divided among a State Sub-Fund, a regional Abatement Accounts Sub-Fund, and a Subdivision Sub-Fund. The regional and subdivision sub-funds will be distributed to local governments on a population basis.

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