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CANES MEN REACH THEIR FIRST FINAL 4 UM WOMEN'S VALIANT FIGHT ENDS IN DEFEAT

Above, Jim Larrañaga, head coach of the University of Miami Hurricanes' men's basketball team, celebrates with his players after defeating the second-seeded Texas Longhorns, 88-81, in an Elite 8 game in the Midwest Regional of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Kansas City. Below:

Miami Hurricanes head coach Katie Meier talks with forward Destiny Harden (3) during a timeout against LSU in the NCAA Women's Tournament at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, South Carolina, on Sunday night. UM lost to the Tigers, 54-42. **See Sports, 11A**



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Mental health curriculum is latest target of the Miami-Dade School Board

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Invoking Florida's new parents' rights law, the Miami-Dade School Board is embarking on a review of how students learn about managing their emotions, collaborating with others and developing their identities — a move that comes as the number of students experiencing mental health

concerns has significantly increased in recent years.

The proposal by new board member Monica Colucci, which the board adopted March 15 in a 7-0 vote with Steve Gallon and Roberto Alonso absent, sets out to determine if any social emotional learning materials violate the Parents' Bill of Rights that gives parents the "fundamental right" to direct the upbringing, education and care of their child.

Colucci, whom DeSantis endorsed in the August primary, contends students are learning about "sensitive topics," such as depression, suicide and physical and sexual assault, without discussion or supervision.

Her proposal came a week after Florida Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. singled out the same curriculum — Edgenuity/Imagine Learning Purpose Prep social emotional learning — in a me-

mo sent to Florida superintendents. After thanking the Miami-Dade County School Board for making the department aware of the curriculum's content, Diaz said it "upon preliminary review, appears contrary to Florida law."

Diaz provided no examples of the problematic materials, yet he implored the state's school districts "to conduct a thorough

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DeSantis' vision for State Guard: planes, boats, police powers

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When Gov. Ron DeSantis first proposed reviving the long-dormant Florida State Guard, he wanted 200 volunteers and a modest \$5 million budget.

Then it grew to 400 members and \$10 million.

Now it's 1,500 members and a nearly \$100 million budget — with police powers, helicopters, boats and, under one lawmaker's request, cellphone-hacking technology.

The proposed budget for the Florida State Guard, released by a House committee on Tuesday, offers the most detailed realization of DeSantis' vision for the State Guard, a WWII-era force brought back last year to supplement the state's overworked Florida National Guard.

DeSantis told lawmakers he wanted \$98 million for the program but didn't offer many details. Republican leaders in the House largely mirrored DeSantis' proposal, proposing more than \$89 million in their budget, including six boats and tow vehicles, \$49.5 million for planes and helicopters, \$22.7 million to store those vehicles and \$10 million for a new headquarters.

They also want another \$750,000 to contract with the Israeli company Cellebrite to create a new "Digital Forensic Center of Excellence" that would help the State Guard target human trafficking and drug and child exploitation

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Senate president's plan would let a single business block a new local ordinance by suing

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The power of one.

One business can stop a city ordinance under a new bill designed by Senate President Kathleen Passidomo that passed its final legislative committee on Thursday.

The measure, HB 1515 and SB 170, requires counties and cities to produce a business impact estimate prior to passing an ordinance and allows a business owner to file a lawsuit claiming the ordinance is "arbitrary" or "unreasonable" and halt a local ordinance within 90 days of its enactment. The court would have to give the lawsuit an expedited hearing, but local officials would have no option but to suspend the rule or law regardless of how long they spent developing it and no matter whether the community is demanding it.

It is a powerful new tool intended to end the perennial preemption battle that takes place in Tallahassee, said Passidomo, a Naples real estate attorney who conceived of the idea last year. But opponents warn that it will have a chilling effect on the willingness of cities and counties to manage their communities.

"The purpose of that bill is to be the end of all preemptions," Passidomo said on Thursday.

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