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## Senate Session

The Senate convened on March 4th, 2025, to begin the legislative session. In his [opening remarks](#), Senate President Ben Albritton emphasized the importance of Florida's agriculture, particularly citrus, and its role in the state's future. He acknowledged the efforts to support rural communities, including proposed legislation to improve education, healthcare, and infrastructure in these areas. Albritton also addressed the need for government efficiency, particularly in updating accountability processes and managing information technology. He highlighted several initiatives for the session, such as expanding autism support, enhancing veteran services, and improving child welfare systems, and called for a focus on Everglades restoration and reducing food insecurity.

## House Session

Speaker Perez addressed the Florida House of Representatives for the start of the 92nd Legislative Session, urging members to focus on meaningful reforms rather than personal priorities. He highlighted key issues such as property insurance, housing, healthcare, education, and public safety, and emphasized the importance of rigorous debate and collaboration to create the best possible legislation. Perez called for accountability in government, urging legislators to identify waste and inefficiency while finding real savings in recurring revenue. He concluded by stressing the power of unity within the House, asserting that together, they can achieve significant progress for the people of Florida.

## Governor's State of the State Address

In his 2025 State of the State address, Governor Ron DeSantis highlighted Florida's ongoing leadership in various areas, emphasizing the state's adherence to constitutional principles, including individual rights and limited government power. He noted Florida's economic successes, including its top rankings in entrepreneurship, GDP growth, and tourism. The Governor also touted reductions in automobile



insurance rates, attributing them to legislative reforms in automobile and homeowners' insurance. He acknowledged that while challenges remain, the state's efforts have brought some improvements to the insurance market.

DeSantis also discussed the state's achievements in education, particularly its position as a leader in school choice and the substantial increases in teacher salaries. He referenced the success of the family empowerment scholarship program, which allows students with unique abilities to attend specialized schools, and highlighted efforts to improve teacher recruitment and retention through the teacher bill of rights. On fiscal matters, DeSantis noted that Florida had reduced state spending and paid down a significant portion of its debt. He concluded by addressing ongoing issues, including property tax relief, hurricane recovery, and infrastructure expansion, and called for continued collaboration with the legislature to meet these challenges moving forward.

On property tax relief, the Governor's comments focused on legislation calling for a study on the topic, rather than calling for a ballot initiative to reduce property taxes as he had previously on his social media and press conferences. We've heard different speculative takes on this noticeable shift: one being that the Governor may have realized the complexity of the issue or wants to support the Legislature's desire for a study first. The second being that the Governor wants to wait to push a ballot initiative to next Session so there will be less time to mount electoral opposition and may create a positive opportunity for a Casey DeSantis campaign for Governor, should she decide to run.

## **Intergovernmental Relations & Community Affairs**

### Update: Sovereign Immunity

[SB 1570](#), the identical companion bill to HB 301, was finally referred to committees and its committee references give some cause for cautious optimism based on the Chairs and makeup of the committees. Our coalition is focusing on the first committee, and our team has requested to meet with the Vice Chair while others follow-up with the Chair.

### Citizen Initiative Process

House Government Operations voted 14-4 to advance HB 1205, which increases regulations on the citizen initiative process as called for by the Governor. The bill requires initiative sponsors to post a \$1 million dollar bond with the Division of Elections and submit affirmations that all petition gatherers have not committed certain crimes and are U.S. Citizens. It decreases the timeline for sponsors turning in verified petitions to supervisors of elections from 30 to 10 days and increases fines for missing deadlines. It also requires sponsors to reimburse supervisors of elections for costs incurred in the verification process. It requires all petition circulators to be residents of the state. It requires paid petition circulators to submit to criminal background checks and undergo training. It requires unpaid petition circulators to submit an affidavit with each petition and provide the address of their legal residence. It requires voters to provide their drivers license number, identification number, or last 4 digits of their social. Upon verification, supervisors of elections must notify voters that a petition with their name has been verified. It also provides a process for voters to revoke their petitions. Finally, it would make violations of the Florida Election Code related to irregularities or fraud in the initiative process a RICO violation. Meanwhile, Senate Ethics & Elections filed a [proposed committee bill](#), to be taken up next week.

- [SB 7016](#) – Filed
- [HB 1205](#)- Government Operations; State Affairs



## Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates

House Economic Infrastructure unanimously advanced HB 11. The bill amends municipal water and sewer rate legislation to standardize charges between residents inside and outside municipal boundaries, offering two pricing options for external consumers. It allows municipalities to charge equivalent rates to both internal and external consumers, with a possible surcharge up to 25%, mandates just and equitable charges based on similar considerations for internal consumers, and requires public hearings for rate setting. The bill also ensures municipalities charge the same rates for external consumers using local plants and specifies that uniform rate adjustments do not require additional hearings or notices.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 011](#): Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
- [SB 202](#): Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

## My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program

Senate Banking & Insurance unanimously advanced SB 592. This bill will amend the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program by redefining "condominium" to exclude detached units on individual properties, limiting program participation to condominiums at least three stories high containing at least one residential unit, and reestablishes the grant requirements allowing for mitigation grants to be used to prevent hurricane damage. A committee substitute amendment was added to clarify language regarding hurricane preparation mitigation grants.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 592](#): Regulated Industries; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 393](#): Budget; Commerce

## Public Records Exemption- County/Municipal Managers

House Intergovernmental Affairs unanimously advanced HB 623, which would exempt from public records location and personal identifying information of County/Municipal Managers, Deputy Managers, and their spouses/children.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 842](#): Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
- [HB 623](#): Government Operations; State Affairs

## Annexing State-owned Lands

Senate Community affairs unanimously advanced SB 384. The bill requires municipalities annexing state-owned lands to notify county legislative delegation members and hold at least two advertised public hearings. It mandates a referendum for approval before an annexation ordinance takes effect and limits each ordinance to one compact area. Additionally, the bill ensures that annexed areas immediately receive municipal services and reenacts provisions on mail ballot elections and annexation prerequisites.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 384](#): Environment and Natural Resources; Rules
- [HB 275](#): State Affairs



## Farm Products (Preemption)

Senate Committee on Agriculture unanimously advanced SB 374, a Senate President and FDACS priority. The bill expands the definition of "farm product," which regulation of is preempted to the state, to include both edible and nonedible plants and plant products in addition to animal products.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 374](#): Community Affairs; Rules
- [HB 211](#): Housing, Agriculture & Tourism; Intergovernmental Affairs; Commerce

## Government use of AI technology

House Information Technology Budget & Policy held a panel focused on the role of AI and automation in shaping Florida's government services. Mr. Sachin Koshy emphasized the importance of preparing for AI adoption, highlighting the need for understanding and policy to support its implementation. He noted that AI should be seen as a supplement to human work, enhancing efficiency rather than replacing jobs. Ms. Tracy Lee from OpenAI discussed how AI can solve complex problems and improve productivity, especially in government functions such as legislative analysis, HR processes, and constituent services. She also recommended policies on AI content provenance, child safety, AI literacy, workforce development, and infrastructure. Dr. Ed Longe from the James Madison Institute added that AI can streamline government operations, citing examples such as Colorado using AI to prevent fraudulent unemployment claims and Florida's Department of Commerce employing a chatbot for reemployment assistance. Despite concerns about job loss, experts reassured that AI is designed to assist workers in more meaningful tasks, not replace them.

The panel also addressed technical challenges and questions surrounding AI use in government. Rep. McFarland raised concerns about the creation of public records during local government AI queries, and the panel explained that government-specific AI tools like ChatGPT Gov have built-in safeguards to protect privacy. Concerns about the data quality and storage requirements for AI were discussed, with Koshy stressing the need for continuous learning and data readiness. Panelists also acknowledged the need for investment in data centers to support AI technology, with Longe noting that Florida is behind in this area, and energy consumption for cooling data centers was raised as a key issue, especially in Florida's climate. Overall, the discussion emphasized AI's potential to enhance government efficiency while also addressing the challenges of implementation and public concerns.

## **Public Safety**

### Spring Break

The Governor held a [press conference](#) to highlight that he has directed state law enforcement to provide assistance to any agencies that request their help in policing during spring break weeks from February 27<sup>th</sup> through the month of April. Assistance can include troopers, drones, bearcats, K9 units, and aircraft.

### Obscuring License Plates

Senate Transportation unanimously advanced SB 44. The bill would make it a first degree misdemeanor to manufacture/sell/distribute a "license plate obscuring device" and second-degree misdemeanor to purchase or possess such device. It would make using such device or knowingly obscuring a license plate's visibility a second-degree misdemeanor rather than a non-criminal traffic infraction. If a device is



used or license plate knowingly obscured during the commission of crime, it would be a third-degree felony and would enhance penalties for the underlying crime. The bill would also enhance penalties for driving with prohibited lights to a third-degree felony. The Senator explained that she has seen an uptick in the use of coverings and other tactics to obscure license plate numbers in her community. Four other states have passed bills banning the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession of license plate obscuring devices, also known as “flippers.” The bill was supported by law enforcement.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 044](#): Criminal Justice; Rules
- [HB 253](#): Criminal Justice; Government Operations; Judiciary

## Mental Health

Senate Criminal Justice unanimously advanced SB 168. The bill expands mental health programs and diversion initiatives, including veterans’ treatment courts, and sets parameters for mental health evaluations in legal settings. It expands grant-supported programs to offer special training for 911 telecommunicators and emergency medical technicians for crisis response and adds veterans’ treatment court programs to eligible initiatives. The bill exempts fiscally constrained counties from local match requirements for certain grants and outlines processes for both misdemeanor and felony mental health diversion programs. It also proposes consent form requirements for participants, authorizes courts to consider outpatient treatment, and establishes the Florida Behavioral Health Care Data Repository to improve data collection and analysis on mental health and criminal justice intersections.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 168](#): Appropriations
- [HB 1207](#): Criminal Justice; Human Services; Judiciary

## Sheltering or Aiding Unmarried Minors

Senate Criminal Justice unanimously advanced SB 276. The bill amends laws to create presumptions and defenses in cases of sheltering or aiding unmarried minors, increasing criminal penalties. It prohibits sheltering an unmarried minor for over 24 hours without parental consent or law enforcement notification and forbids aiding a runaway minor without contacting the parent or notifying law enforcement. The bill establishes a presumption that individuals know an unmarried minor’s age if the minor is under 18, assuming knowledge or reckless disregard. It provides a defense if the defendant believed the action was necessary to protect the minor’s welfare and upgrades penalties from a first-degree misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, with specified punishments.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 276](#): Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules
- [HB 153](#): Criminal Justice; Judiciary

## Property Rights (Squatters)

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal & Civil Justice unanimously advanced SB 322. The bill modifies procedures for removing unauthorized persons from residential and commercial properties and establishes legal grounds for property owners and sheriffs. It authorizes property owners or their agents to submit a verified complaint to the sheriff for the immediate removal of unlawful occupants from residential properties. The bill specifies the complaint form contents, including declarations under penalty



of perjury, and allows property owners or agents to request removal from commercial properties under certain conditions. It requires the sheriff to serve a notice to vacate immediately and, if necessary, arrest the unlawful occupant. The sheriff may charge fees for service and standby assistance during property lock changes. The bill also outlines civil remedies for wrongful removal and amends laws regarding criminal penalties for unlawful detention and significant property damage. Additionally, it prohibits fraudulent property listings and reenacts statutes related to habitual misdemeanor offenders.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 322](#): Rules
- [HB 213](#): Civil Justice & Claims; Judiciary

### Driving and Boating Offenses

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal & Civil Justice voted 6-2 to advance SB 138. The bill enhances DUI penalties by establishing "Trenton's Law" and mandating harsher consequences for repeat offenders, including mandatory ignition interlock devices. It classifies refusal to submit to chemical tests as misdemeanors, with increasing penalties for prior refusals and suspensions. The bill also authorizes DUI diversion programs, prohibits deferring adjudication for serious offenses, and expands boating under the influence regulations to include all intoxicating substances. Additionally, it allows search warrants for blood samples in DUI cases and increases penalties for vehicular homicide in cases with prior related convictions.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 138](#): Fiscal Policy
- [HB 687](#): Criminal Justice; Justice Budget; Judiciary

### Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal & Civil Justice unanimously advanced SB 234. The bill revises provisions for crimes against law enforcement officers, increasing penalties and clarifying enforcement roles and definitions. Named the "Officer Jason Raynor Act," the bill updates the prohibition on the use of force to resist arrest, specifying lawful and unlawful arrests. The bill mandates life imprisonment without parole for those convicted of murder or attempted murder of specified officers while on duty. It expands the definition of "law enforcement officer" and reclassifies certain assaults and batteries on officers as higher-degree offenses, with minimum sentences for crimes committed during riots. The bill also strengthens penalties for resisting or obstructing law enforcement officers, especially in cases of violence against official personnel.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 234](#): Fiscal Policy
- [HB 175](#): Judiciary

### Dangerous Dogs

Senate Agriculture unanimously advanced SB 572. The bill strengthens regulations on dangerous dogs in Florida, requiring owners to securely confine dogs with known dangerous propensities. It establishes a Dangerous Dog Registry, mandates liability insurance for owners, and increases civil penalties to \$1,000 per violation. The bill also outlines procedures for confiscating and impounding dogs under investigation,



steps to take after a dog attacks or bites, and clarifies owner obligations when transferring a dangerous dog.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 572](#): Judiciary; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 593](#): Intergovernmental Affairs; Civil Justice & Claims; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget; State Affairs

### Child Welfare

Senate Children, Families, & Elder Affairs unanimously advanced SB 7012. This bill mandates the Department of Children and Families to provide specific assessment data in their annual report regarding the commercial sexual exploitation of children, including detailed placement assessments and maintaining individual-level data.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 7012](#): Fiscal Policy
- [HB 1127](#): Human Services; Health Care Budget; Health & Human Services

### Peer Support for First Responders

Senate Criminal Justice unanimously advanced SB 86. The bill expands the definition of "first responder" to include additional support personnel for peer support purposes. It amends section 111.09 of the Florida Statutes to include 911 public safety telecommunicators, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers as "first responders." The definition is further revised to encompass support personnel involved in investigating crime scenes or collecting and processing evidence.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 86](#): Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules
- [HB 421](#): Judiciary

### Concealed Carry Licensing Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers, Correctional Officers, and Military Servicemembers

Senate Criminal Justice voted 7-1 to advance SB 168. The bill amends existing laws to expand concealed carry rights and redefine terms related to law enforcement and military personnel. It allows correctional probation officers to carry concealed firearms off-duty at the discretion of their superiors and perform law enforcement functions. The bill revises the definitions of "qualified law enforcement officer" and "qualified retired law enforcement officer" to include correctional probation officers. It also specifies that superior officers in the Department of Corrections must file a statement with the department's governing body if they permit subordinates to carry concealed firearms off-duty. Additionally, the bill exempts correctional probation officers from needing a concealed weapon license to carry firearms off-duty as private citizens and clarifies that this does not impose liability on their department. It also alters firearm purchase waiting period exemptions for licensed holders and those trading in firearms or meeting hunter safety requirements.

*Remaining Committees:*



- [SB 490](#): Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 383](#): Judiciary

### Motor Vehicle Repair Work

Senate Commerce & Tourism unanimously advanced SB 92, the “Lilly Glaubach Act”. The bill aims to enhance identification of hit-and-run drivers. It would require motor vehicle repair shops to request a crash report for repairs due to damage from an accident or collision costing \$5,000 or more. If a crash report is not provided, the repair shop must prepare an accident or collision repair work transaction form designed by FDACS after preparing an estimate. The repair shop must electronically transfer the form to law enforcement on the next business day after the transaction, keep it as a record for a minimum of one year, and produce the original within 24 hours upon the request of law enforcement. Such forms produced by repair shops would be admissible as evidence in court. If the repair shop doesn’t have the equipment to transfer the form electronically, a law enforcement agency may provide them with equipment or the shop must follow additional procedures. A person who violates these provisions commits a second-degree misdemeanor, and FDACS may revoke the registration of the motor vehicle repair shop. Finally, it requires VIN numbers be included in written cost estimates.

#### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 092](#): Appropriations on Agriculture, Environment & General Government; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 807](#): Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Commerce

### House Combined Workgroup on Hemp

The Combined Workgroup on Hemp, established by a joint memorandum from Speaker Perez, focused on exploring hemp regulations and public safety concerns over three days. The workgroup aimed to gain a better understanding of the hemp industry, gathering insights from regulators, scientists, and public health experts. The first day emphasized the need for clear distinctions between hemp and marijuana, especially regarding THC content, and the challenges posed by inconsistent regulations. The workgroup reviewed the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized hemp but left gaps in regulating the post-harvest products. There was a focus on ensuring safety standards for products, particularly addressing the risks associated with unregulated cannabinoids like Delta-8 and Delta-9 THC, and their potential to be marketed irresponsibly.

On the second day, the group heard from industry representatives including farmers, manufacturers, and lab experts. Presentations underscored the challenges in growing and processing hemp, particularly related to contamination risks like pesticides and heavy metals. There was agreement on the need for stronger, clearer regulations to ensure product safety, such as proper labeling, testing, and storage. While some members advocated for strict regulations to safeguard consumers, especially children, others cautioned against overregulation, emphasizing the importance of supporting small businesses in Florida’s growing hemp industry. The need for standardized testing and clearer safety protocols for hemp-derived products was a common theme.

The final day of discussions moved towards considering potential regulatory frameworks. Many members expressed support for a model similar to alcohol regulation, where potency limits and age restrictions could ensure consumer safety. However, concerns were raised about the potential for a “Wild West” environment if not properly controlled. Members discussed the complexities of hemp product marketing, storage, and distribution, particularly how products like hemp beverages and edibles could be more



strictly regulated to prevent accidental consumption, especially by minors. While consensus was reached on the necessity of regulation, debates about how to balance consumer safety, industry growth, and fair competition will continue.

## **Environment and Natural Resources**

### **Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

The Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources heard a presentation by the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association on Advanced Treatment Systems in the Onsite Wastewater Industry.

The presentation covered the types of treatments; PBTS, NSF 245, and Inground Nitrogen Reducing Biofilters (INRB); and types of systems; suspended aeration, submerged fixed film, media/membrane filters, and sequencing batch reactors (SBR). They also briefly went over their water quality restoration program and the existing system requirements for the spring BMAPs. In Volusia County, they have a septic upgrade incentive program that requires existing septic systems in the DeLeo Springs Priority Focus Area (PFA) to upgrade to enhanced nutrient reducing systems (ENR). In Hernando County, they also had a septic upgrade incentive program that offered grants to homeowners who upgraded their septic systems.

An environmental specialist of the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department, Anthony Gubler, presented on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon initiative which primarily focuses on septic upgrades. They have completed 287 homeowner septic upgrades so far and are actively tracking the estimated nitrogen loading around the area.

[Committee Packet](#)

### **Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan**

House Natural Resources & Disasters unanimously advanced HB 295. The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan by July 1, 2026, with input from a technical assistance group. The plan must set recycling goals, include a 3-year implementation strategy, and evaluate the previous Recycle and Education Grant Program. Once completed, the department will submit a report with recommendations for statutory changes to achieve the recycling goals.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 295](#): Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs
- [SB 200](#): Fiscal Policy

### **Water Management Districts**

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, & General Government unanimously advanced SB 7002. When water management districts were permitted to apply for Resilient Florida grants, they ended up getting priority and taking up major chunks of the grant program. The bill addresses this issue, which would restore the competitiveness of local county and municipal projects for this grant. The bill creates new regulations and reporting requirements for Florida's water management districts, revising aspects of budgeting, taxation, project management, and operational protocols. The bill prohibits using state funds as local matches for grants unless specified, allows districts to levy taxes for capital projects, and introduces detailed budget requirements, preferences for bids with long-term financial



assurances, and changes to project submission procedures. It also allows the Department of Environmental Protection to issue interest-free loans to districts for eligible projects. It defines "expenditure," establishes quorum requirements for governing boards, and mandates annual reports on Everglades restoration from the South Florida Water Management District.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 7002](#): Appropriations
- [HB 1169](#): Natural Resources & Disasters; Ways & Means; Budget; State Affairs

### Resilient Buildings

House Natural Resources & Disasters voted 17-1 to advance HB 143. This bill defines a new tax credit for owners of "resilient buildings" with specific Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications. This specifies tax credit for buildings with silver or gold LEED BD+C certification or O+M certification at \$0.50 and \$1 per square foot for five years. It also allocates \$1 per square foot for five years for platinum LEED BD+C and \$2 per square foot for platinum LEED O+M. An amendment was adopted that modifies regulations for LEED-certified buildings seeking tax credits, requiring building owners to apply through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation by March 1 each year, with specific documentation of energy use and certification details. It also establishes the Florida Resilient Building Advisory Council to recommend policies on resilient buildings and hurricane resiliency. The bill was replaced by a committee substitute.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 143](#): Ways & Means; Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Affairs
- [SB 062](#): Appropriations

### State Land Management

House Natural Resources & Disasters unanimously advanced HB 209. The bill is in response to the controversial plans unveiled over the summer to add hotels, golf courses, and pickleball courts to state parks. It emphasizes conservation-focused recreational use, prohibits lodging in state parks while allowing compatible camping cabins, and mandates advisory group input for management plans. It strengthens state land management by requiring public hearings for land management updates and making electronically accessible land management plans before hearings for larger parcels and state parks. A comprehensive report on the state park system's status and budget would be due to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2025. An amendment was adopted that strengthens conservation and management provisions for state lands, ensuring public benefits, protecting natural and historical resources, and enhancing transparency through updated management plans and annual reporting requirements.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 209](#): State Affairs
- [SB 080](#): Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, & General Government; Fiscal Policy

### Nature-based Methods for Improving Coastal Resilience

Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, & General Government unanimously advanced SB 50. This bill requires the development and implementation of nature-based methods to



improve coastal resilience, directing the Florida Flood Hub to create guidelines and models for green and hybrid green-gray infrastructure. It mandates the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules addressing coastal erosion, protecting natural features, and promoting green infrastructure, while streamlining permitting processes and conducting a feasibility study on the impact of nature-based methods on flood risk and insurance. An amendment was adopted to allocate \$250,000 from the Resilient Florida Trust Fund for a coastal flood risk reduction study for fiscal year 2025-2026. The bill was replaced by a committee substitute.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 050](#): Rules
- [HB 371](#): Natural Resources & Disasters; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget; State Affairs

## **Healthcare**

### mRNA / COVID Vaccines

The Governor, First Lady, and Surgeon General Ladapo held a [press conference](#) to call on the Legislature to make permanent mRNA vaccine mandate protections past during the COVID-19 pandemic and add vaccine status to the Patients Bill of Rights. They also called on the CDC to end recommendations of the COVID vaccine to children.

### Recovery of Damages for Medical Negligence Resulting in Death

House Civil Justice & Claims unanimously advanced HB 6017. The bill amends Florida's statutes regarding the recovery of damages for medical negligence resulting in death by removing limitations on adult children and parents of adult children. It preserves the ability for minor children and all children (if no spouse survives) to recover for lost parental companionship and mental pain and suffering, while also clarifying that actions for violations of rights or negligence are not considered medical malpractice.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 6017](#): Judiciary Committee
- [SB 616](#): Judiciary; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Rules

### Nursing Education Programs

Senate Health Policy unanimously advanced SB 526. The bill revises approval and operational requirements for nursing education programs in Florida. It mandates that program applications include the director's legal name and educational qualifications for directors and faculty. The bill sets rules for clinical training and simulation, requiring at least 50% of training to be clinical and no more than 50% to be simulation. It requires annual reports from approved programs, including an affidavit of compliance and performance data. Programs with prior adverse actions are denied approval, and programs failing to meet graduate passage rate benchmarks must implement remediation plans. The bill authorizes on-site evaluations by Department of Health agents and clarifies the Board of Nursing's rulemaking authority, while eliminating the option for programs to request extra time to meet accreditation requirements.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 526](#): Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 919](#): Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; Health & Human Services



## Children with Developmental Disabilities

Senate Fiscal Policy unanimously advanced SB 112, with very vocal support from the Senate President. The bill expands services and programs for children with developmental disabilities, particularly autism spectrum disorder. It modifies the Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program to include autism under eligible screenings and related services. The bill revises definitions and requirements in existing statutes, including a clearer definition of the "department" involved. It introduces the Early Steps Extended Option to provide services until a child turns four, with clear responsibilities for transitioning to other services. The bill also mandates the development of rules and contracts by the Department of Health and the Department of Education for the Early Steps Extended Option. It establishes the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment to oversee new initiatives such as specialized summer programs and startup grants for autism charter schools. Additionally, the bill specifies requirements for professional development and certification renewal for educators and outlines eligibility and reporting requirements for new grant programs and educational initiatives.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 112](#): No remaining committees
- [HB 591](#): Student Academic Success; Health Professions & Programs; Budget; Education & Employment

## Fentanyl Awareness & Education Day

House Human Services unanimously advanced HB 259, which would designate August 21<sup>st</sup> as "Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day" to help promote awareness of the dangers of fentanyl. The bill encourages the Dept. Of Health, Dept. Of Children and Families, local governments, and public schools to sponsor events on this day.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 259](#): Government Operations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services
- [SB 214](#): Health Policy; Rules

## Chemical Additives in Food Products

Senate Agriculture voted 5-1 to advance SB 560. The bill prohibits food establishments from manufacturing, selling, or distributing food containing specific chemical additives starting January 1, 2028. It bans the inclusion of various chemical additives in food, including Brominated vegetable oil, Potassium bromate, Propylparaben, Red dye 3, Blue dye 1, Yellow dye 5, Benzidine, Butylated hydroxyanisole, and Butylated hydroxytoluene. The bill establishes penalties for non-compliance, imposing a Class II administrative fine for first violations and a Class III administrative fine for second or subsequent violations.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 560](#): Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 595](#): Industries & Professional Activities; Commerce



## Medical Review Committees for Behavioral Health

Senate Judiciary unanimously advanced SB 514. This bill permits managing entities to establish "medical review committees." A medical review committee is a committee of certain health care providers, organizations, or institutions that is formed to evaluate and improve the quality of health care rendered by providers of health service. It provides that the committee may be made up of DCF and managing entity employees and consultants as well as anyone deemed necessary by DCF or the managing entity to provide peer review, utilization review, or mortality review of treatment services. It updates protections related to the admissibility of committee proceedings in legal actions, ensuring that investigations and records are not discoverable, though original sources remain discoverable.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 514](#): Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules
- [HB 463](#): Human Services Subcommittee; Judiciary

## **Education**

### Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools

Senate Education PreK-12 unanimously advanced SB 166. This [legislation](#) builds upon reforms passed last Legislative Session meant to cut red tape and reduce regulatory burdens on traditional public schools. The bill introduces changes to educational administration, school board operations, and instructional policies. It revises public input rules, school capacity updates, financial reporting, and facilities planning while removing certain mandates like internal auditing and handbook financial reports. It also enhances transparency, modifies funding procedures, and updates requirements for charter schools, innovation schools, and special education services.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 166](#): Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education; Fiscal Policy

### Middle School and High School Start Times

Senate Education PreK-12 voted 6-1 to advance SB 296. This bill eliminates district school boards' duty to adopt specific start times for middle and high schools by removing the requirement for instructional days at middle schools and high schools to begin no earlier than 8:00am and 8:30am. It also deletes the obligation for district school boards to inform the community about the impacts of sleep deprivation on students and benefits of later school start times. The bill also eliminates the requirement for certain charter schools to comply with specific middle and high school start times.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 296](#): Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education; Fiscal Policy
- [HB 261](#): Education & Employment

### Hazardous Walking Conditions

House Education Administration unanimously advanced HB 85. This bill amends criteria for determining hazardous walking conditions for public school students by deeming it a hazardous condition if there is no walkway of at least 4 feet wide adjacent to roads students use to reach school, excluding certain natural



landscape features. It also requires a 3-foot separation from the road edge for walkways beside uncurbed roads with speed limits of 50 mph or more. An amendment was adopted that expands the conditions under which walkways must adhere to specific standards. The bill was replaced by a committee substitute.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 85](#): Education & Employment
- [SB 650](#): Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Rules

## Education

House Education Administration voted 13-5 to advance HB 123. The bill revises the criteria and processes for establishing and operating conversion and job engine charter schools, while introducing new property management protocols for school boards. It allows municipalities to convert underperforming schools into job engine charter schools with annual economic impact reporting and prohibits school districts from charging fees for facilities used by conversion charter schools. School boards must submit a 5-year property plan detailing enrollment changes and usage, with updates to the Department of Education. The bill restricts property acquisition in districts with declining enrollment and prioritizes surplus school property for affordable housing, charter school facilities, or recreation centers. The State Board of Education is tasked with rulemaking for implementing these changes.

*Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 123](#): Education & Employment
- [SB 140](#): Education Pre-K - 12; Community Affairs; Rules

## House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee

The PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee held a meeting to discuss add-on weights for certain FTE students within the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and reviewed the Department of Education's add-on weights study. Chair Persons-Mulicka provided an overview of the add-on weights system, explaining that it assigns additional funding for specific student programs like AP, IB, AICE, CAPE, and Dual Enrollment based on participation and performance. The committee was informed that these add-on weights are a significant component of school district funding, with the amount increasing as the base student allocation (BSA) has risen over the years.

Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Pridgen then presented the results of the study, which covered the 2021-2024 fiscal years. The study found that a large portion of the add-on FTE revenue was spent on teacher compensation, including bonuses for teachers in specific programs. Other significant expenditures included instructional materials, exam fees, and equipment, though there was difficulty in tracking certain expenditures like charter school payments. Expenditures in the 2023-2024 fiscal year saw a sharp increase, largely due to higher BSA and the addition of the small district factor, which boosted funding for certain fiscally constrained districts.

While the study showed an increase in funding for add-on FTE programs, there were concerns about whether the funds were fully covering the costs of these programs or if surplus funds existed. The committee discussed the lack of detailed tracking of expenditures and the challenge of aligning funds directly with program costs. The DOE recommended adjusting the add-on FTE amounts to align with the increased funding, ensuring more accurate support for the programs generating these funds.



## Child Care and Early Learning Providers

House Human Services unanimously advanced HB 47. The bill enhances regulatory standards for child care providers, focusing on sanitation, safety, and personnel training. It exempts public and private preschools from certain municipal assessments and revises licensing standards to ensure all child care facilities meet new health, sanitation, and safety requirements. The bill introduces mandatory background checks, supervision, and new training standards for child care personnel. It establishes a tiered classification of violations based on severity and eliminates certain educational provisions related to parent and child health education. The bill mandates annual affirmations from county commissions for local child care licensing decisions, expands inspection plans, and specifies exemptions for religious or parochial child care facilities, provided they meet health and safety screenings. Additionally, it updates licensing processes for exempt facilities and aligns performance standards training for prekindergarten instructors with revised requirements.

### *Questions & Debate:*

HB 47 sparked questions regarding accreditation, accountability for license-exempt providers, and the timeline for background screenings. Members expressed concerns about the bill's impact on workforce needs and ensuring children's safety. Specifically, there were inquiries about whether license-exempt providers, such as religious-based daycares or employer-provided childcare, would remain in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) database, to which Representative McFarland clarified that they would not, but would still require accreditation and background checks. Concerns also arose regarding the three-day turnaround for DCF background screenings, with some members questioning whether this timeframe was sufficient for thorough checks, though the provision of provisional approval was introduced as a fallback.

In the debate, there was broad support for the bill, with representatives praising it for reducing regulatory burdens and improving childcare affordability. Representative Eskamani noted the bill's positive approach in reducing red tape while maintaining safety, and several others emphasized the bill's potential to address workforce challenges and benefit child safety and early education. Representative McFarland's willingness to explore potential amendments.

### *Remaining Committees:*

- [HB 047](#): Health Care Budget Subcommittee; Health & Human Services
- [SB 738](#): Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

## **Infrastructure & Commerce**

### Grid resilience and storm-related utilities costs

The Senate Regulated Industries Committee heard presentations on storm recovery and protection from various utilities and stakeholders, with a focus on measures to enhance grid resilience and reduce storm-related costs. Mr. Mark Futrell from the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) provided a historical context for storm recovery efforts, explaining how the devastation of Hurricane Andrew in 1992 led to a shift in insurance practices. This change prompted the creation of self-insurance programs for utilities and the development of storm protection plans. These plans are aimed at strengthening Florida's transmission and distribution systems through initiatives like replacing wooden poles with steel or concrete and undergrounding lines in vulnerable areas. Futrell also emphasized the importance of these efforts in reducing power outages and speeding up recovery during storms like Irma and Michael.



Andy Pankratz, from Florida Power and Light (FPL), shared their progress in hardening the electric grid, including replacing wood poles and burying neighborhood lines. These initiatives have resulted in significant improvements in service reliability, with restoration times decreasing dramatically since events like Hurricane Wilma. FPL's undergrounding program performed 14 times better during the 2024 hurricane season. Pankratz also highlighted FPL's preparations for hurricane season, including storm drills and close coordination with local governments, which help to ensure a faster and more effective response when storms hit.

Representatives from Duke Energy and Tampa Electric also presented their storm recovery strategies. Duke Energy outlined their use of smart grid technology and automation to reduce outages and improve restoration times, while Tampa Electric focused on the undergrounding of power lines and substation hardening. Both utilities emphasized their ongoing investments in grid resilience and discussed how they coordinate resources during storm events. Throughout the meeting, there was a strong focus on collaboration between utilities, regulators, and local governments to ensure a smooth recovery process and minimize costs for consumers. Public Counsel representatives also spoke on the improvements made in storm cost recovery and the continued need to refine storm preparedness across the state.

### FDOT Legislative Priorities

FDOT presented its legislative priorities with a focus on the improvement and expansion of the state's transportation infrastructure and workforce. A key emphasis was placed on enhancing workforce development within the transportation industry, particularly in sectors like aviation and logistics. FDOT highlighted the importance of educational programs, certifications, and partnerships with educational institutions to equip Floridians with the skills necessary to support the growing transportation sector. This initiative aims to ensure Florida's competitiveness and readiness to meet the increasing demands for skilled professionals in transportation-related fields.

Further, FDOT stressed the need to address the transportation challenges faced by rural communities in Florida. The department outlined plans to increase funding and resources to enhance transportation services in these underserved areas, ensuring that rural populations have access to reliable and efficient transportation networks. FDOT is also focusing on fostering stronger partnerships with small businesses, enabling them to meet state standards while contributing to the growth and development of the state's transportation infrastructure. This effort aims to promote equitable growth and ensure that all areas of Florida benefit from robust transportation systems.

In addition to workforce development and rural community improvements, FDOT outlined its efforts to expand and modernize various transportation modes, including aviation, seaports, and public transit. The department highlighted the necessity of upgrading Florida's airports and seaports to meet modern standards and accommodate growing passenger and freight volumes. This focus on transportation infrastructure will ensure that Florida maintains its position as a leader in national and international transportation networks.

### Manufacturing

Senate Commerce & Tourism unanimously advanced SB 600. The bill establishes new initiatives and offices to bolster manufacturing in the state. This includes a newly established Office of Manufacturing within the Department of Commerce, a grant program for small manufacturers, and a marketing campaign to promote Florida-made products. The state will also require reports on manufacturing's economic impact and focus funding on innovative projects.



*Remaining Committees:*

- [SB 600](#): Appropriations on Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development; Appropriations
- [HB 561](#): Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee; Commerce

## **Bill Tracking**

For an even more comprehensive list, the Florida Association of Counties has a [bill tracker](#) and [preemption & mandate tracker](#)

### **Interlocal Affairs:**

[SB 1570/ HB 301](#) **Suits Against the Government** - /DiCeglieMcFarland

Drastically increases Sovereign Immunity Caps

[SB 840](#) **Public Records/Municipal Clerks** Rodriguez/ Casselo

[SB 100/ HB 75](#) **Display of Flags by Governmental Entities**- Fine/ Borrero

[HB 77](#) **Recall of County Officers and Commissioners**- Rudman

[HB 1571](#) **Official Actions of Local Governments with Respect to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** Black

[SB 420](#) **Official Actions of Local Governments** Yarborough

[HB 1337](#) **Emergencies** Giallombardo

[SB 1566](#) **Emergencies** Simon

[SB 1538](#) **Contracting with Foreign Countries of Concern** Collins

[SB 1276](#) **Procurement Compliance** Collins

[HB 1153](#) **Governmental Entity Access to and Use of Vendor Background Information** McFarland

[SB 1416](#) **Election Dates for Municipal Office** DiCeglie

### **Finance & Tax**

[SB 852](#) **Study on the Elimination of Property Taxes**- Martin

[HB 1221](#) **Local Option Taxes**

[SB 996](#) **Revenues from Ad Valorem Taxes** Collins/ Chamberlin

[HB 669](#) **Unrated Bonds**- PGS

[SB 590](#) **State Board of Administration** -Leek

[HB 771](#) **Local Government Assessments**-Steele

[SB 192](#) **Revenue Administration**- Gruters



[HB 775 Assessment of Homestead Property](#) Steele  
[HB 773 Revising How Homestead Property is Assessed](#) Steele  
[SB 1092 Assessment of Homestead Property](#) Martin  
[SB 1196 Local Business Taxes](#) Truenow  
[SB 1126 Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits](#)Rodriguez  
[SB 174 Homestead Property Assessed Value Determination](#) DiCeglie  
[SB 1190 Homestead Property Assessment Limitation](#) Ingoglia  
[HB 1039 Limitation on the Assessment of Homestead Property](#) Berfield  
[SB 1176 Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes](#) Leek  
[HB 1339 Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes](#) Overdorf  
[HB 1325/ SB 1756 Succession to Office of Governor, Auditing, and Government Efficiency](#) Sirois /Fine  
[SB 1308 Ad Valorem Tax](#) Ingoglia  
[HB 945 Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits](#) Blanco  
[HB 985/ SB 1068 Deferred Compensation Plans for Public Employees](#) Rodriguez/ Porras  
[SB 1016 Increased Homestead Property Exemptions](#) Ingoglia  
[SB 1018 Homestead Exemptions](#) Ingoglia  
[SB 1352 Communication Services](#) Trumbull  
[HB 1215 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption](#)Alvarez (D)  
[HB 1257/ SB 1512 Property Tax Exemption and Assessment Limitation on Long-term Leased Property](#)  
Ávila/Busatta

**Development/ Growth:**

[SB 1188 Local Governing Authorities](#) McClain  
[HB 923 / SB 1594 Housing-](#) Lopez/ Leek  
Supercharges financing of Live Local developments by expanding tax credits  
[HB 943/ SB 1730 - Affordable Housing-](#) Lopez/ Catalayd  
Live Local “glitch” bill - mainly for developers that further limits local control  
[SB 184 Affordable Housing-](#) Gaetz  
Mandates allowance of ADUs in single-family housing zones  
[SB 1474/ HB 695 Private Provider Building Inspection Services](#) - DiCeglie/ Gentry  
Vests all authority of local building code officials in private providers for work they are contracted for and prohibits local jurisdiction interference (among other things)  
[SB 712 / HB 683 - Construction Regulations](#) - Grall/ Griffiths  
Blocks local government from prohibiting turf installation and prohibits all local regulation of synthetic turf for single-family residences 1 acre or less; local governments must approve or deny change orders from contractors within 30 days; Prohibits local  
[SB 482/ HB 665 Local Government-](#) DiCeglie/ Steel  
Places impossible requirement on “extraordinary circumstances” for raising impact fees/ prohibits public art component requirements.



[SB 818/ HB 703](#) **Utility Relocation**- McClain/ Robinson

[SB 462/ HB 567](#) **Transportation** - DiCiegli/ McFarland

[SB 838](#) - **Florida Building Code**- DiCeglie

Bans local lookback ordinances for substantial improvements or repairs and makes such ordinances adopted before July 1 2025 void and unenforceable.

[SB 634](#) **Land Use and Zoning** - Martin

[HB 569](#) **Construction and Facilities**- Kendall

Facilitates changes in public facility concurrency requirements, school-related developments, and charter schools operations.

[HB 579](#) **Development Permits and Orders** - Overdorf

[SB 1600](#) **Community Associations** Arrington

[HB 983](#) **Homeowners' Associations** Porras

[HB 913](#) **Condominium Associations** Lopez

[SB 586](#) **Actions by Condominium Associations**-Leek

[SB 592](#) **My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program** Leek

[SB 650/ HB 85](#) **Hazardous Walking Conditions** Leek/ Kendall

[HB 683](#) **Construction Regulations**-Griffitts Jr.

[HB 733](#) **Brownfields**-Anderson

[SB 62/ HB 143](#) **Resilient Buildings**- Rodriguez/ Barnaby

[HB 381](#) **Issuance of Address and Individual Parcel Identification Numbers** Holcomb

[HB 1613](#) **Prohibition of Considering Race or Ethnicity in Government Contracting** Stark

[SB 1104 / HB 1477](#) **Enforcement of the Florida Building Code** Rodriguez/Partington

[HB 1397 / SB 1662](#) **Transportation** Abbott/ Collins

[HB 1345](#) **Infrastructure and Resiliency** LaMarca

[SB 1298](#) **Building Construction** Simon

[SB 1080](#) **Local Government Land Regulation** McClain

[SB 1078](#) **Fire Prevention** McClain

[SB 1738](#) **Transportation Concurrency** Ingoglia

[HB 203 / SB 1074](#) **Transportation Concurrency** Grow/ McClain

[HB 1071 / SB 1134](#) **Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections** Benarroch/ Calatayud

[HB 1035/ SB 1128](#) **Building Permits for Single-family Dwellings** Esposito/ Ingoglia

[HB 1209/ SB 1118](#) **Land Use and Development Regulations** Steele/ McClain

[HB 991/ SB 1242](#) **Community Redevelopment Agencies** Giallombardo/ McClain

[HB 943](#) **Real Property and Land Use and Development** Lopez

[HB 1131 / SB 1004](#) **Affordable Housing and Supportive Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**  
Rodriguez/ Weinberger

[SB 1548](#) **Florida Building Code** Leek

[SB 1572](#) **Adaptive Reuse of Land** Collins

[SB 1106 / HB 1475](#) **Pub Rec/Code Inspector Body Camera Recordings** Partington



[SB 1580](#) Resilience Planning Rodriguez

[SB 1262](#) Construction Contracting

#### **Environment & Water**

[SB 202/ HB 11](#) Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates Jones/ Robinson

[SB 700/ HB 651](#) Agriculture- Truenow/ Tuck

Bans non-water quality additives to water systems (i.e. fluoride); codifies/fleshes out preemption on EV charging infrastructure.

[HB 739](#) Sanitary and Storm Water System Standards- Grow

Requires compliance with FDOT standards when installing or repairing pipes

[SB 810](#) Stormwater Management Systems- Burgess

Requires each political subdivision to conduct inspection of all culverts, canals, drains, etc. by June 1 each year and report to DEM

[SB 736](#) Brownfields - Truenow

[HB 661](#) One-Water Approach Toward the State's Water Supply- Albert

[HB 73](#) Safe Waterways Act- Gossett-Seidman

[SB 200](#) Comprehensive Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan- Berman

[SB 1008](#) Waste Incineration Ávila

[SB 1208/ HB 1187](#) Service Lateral Assessment and Rehabilitation Truenow/ Nix, Jr.

[HB 651](#) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Tuck

[HB 1143 / SB 1300](#) Permits for Drilling, Exploration, and Extraction of Oil and Gas Resources Shoaf

[SB 1120](#) Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems Ingoglia

[SB 1436](#) Sanitary and Stormwater System Standards McClain

[HB 1123](#) Sewer Collection Systems Cassel

[SB 1316](#) Resilience Districts Grall

[HB 1137](#) Preemption Over Utility Service Restrictions Shoaf

[SB 1704](#) Utility Services Calatayud

[SB 1002](#) Utility Service Restrictions Truenow

[HB 1523](#) Utility Services Busatta

[SB 1846](#) One Water Approach to Water Resource Management Truenow

[HB 1319](#) Jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission Relating to Water and Wastewater Systems

Andrade

#### **Public Safety:**

[SB 1444](#) Criminal Justice Collins

[HB 1211](#) Public Safety Abbott

[HB 1403](#) Safety of Students Yeager

[SB 1470](#) School Safety Burgess

[HB 1099/ SB 1450](#) Arrest and Detention of Individuals with Significant Medical Conditions Canady/Burgess



[HB 1183/ SB 1576](#) **Cybersecurity Incident Liability** Giallombardo/DiCeglie  
[HB 1163/ SB 954](#) **Recovery Residences** Owen/ Gruters  
[SB 1364](#) **Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers** Collins  
[SB 1042](#) **Interfering With an Officer's Means of Protection or Communication** Martin  
[HB 1343](#) **Fines for Public Nuisance Abatement** Booth  
[SB 1022](#) **Public Nuisances** Wright  
[HB 759](#) **Minimum Age for Firearm Purchase or Transfer** - Collins/ Salzman  
[SB 66](#) **Firefighter Benefits-** García  
[SB 86](#) **Peer Support for First Responders-** Burgess  
[SB 226](#) **Smoking in Public Places-** Gruters  
[SB 234](#) **Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel** - Leek  
[HB 31](#) **Carrying and Possession of Weapons and Firearms-** Rudman  
[SB 94](#) **Sales or Transfers of Firearms to Persons Under 21 Years of Age** Fine  
[HB 929](#) **Firefighter Health and Safety** Booth  
[SB 1202](#) **Benefits for Firefighters Injured During Training Exercises** McClain  
[SB 1160](#) **Benefits for Certain Officers Injured in the Line of Duty** Leek  
[SB 1536](#) **Cybersecurity** Collins  
[HB 1293](#) **Cybersecurity** Giallombardo  
[SB 770](#) **Cybersecurity** Harrell  
[HB 1273](#) **Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers** Stark  
HB 403/ [SB 464](#) - **Certified Recovery Residences** Caruso/ Harrell

**Education:**

[SB 1424/ HB 1213](#) **K-12 School Transportation** Alvarez/ Collins  
[SB 738/ HB 47](#) **Child Care and Early Learning Providers-** Burton/McFarland  
[SB 140/ HB 123](#) **Education-** Gaetz/ Andrade  
[SB 204/ HB 37](#) **Educator Certifications and Training-** Jones/Daley  
[HB 443](#) **Charter Schools** Snyder  
[HB 569](#) **Construction and Facilities** - Kendall  
[SB 136](#) **Public School Personnel Salary Schedules-** Rodriguez  
[SB 70](#) **Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program-** Berman  
[SB 104](#) **Cardiac Emergencies-** Burgess  
[SB 52](#) **School Busses-** García  
[SB 102](#) **Exceptional Student Education** - Gaetz  
[HB 1255](#) **Education** Trabulsy  
[HB 1367](#) **School Attendance** Booth  
[HB 875](#) **Educator Preparation** Rizo  
[HB 1307](#) **Education** Temple  
[HB 1113/ SB 1112](#) **Mathematics Instruction** Calatayud/ Valdés



[SB 938](#) **Student Absences** McClain

[SB 1618](#) **Prekindergarten Through Grade 12 Education** Calatayud

[SB 166](#) **Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools** Simon

[HB 1309](#) **Reading Interventions and Instruction** Snyder

[SB 112/](#) [HB 591](#) **Children with Developmental Disabilities** Harrell/ Maggard

[SB 1102](#) **School Readiness Program** Calatayud

[HB 877](#) **School Readiness Program** Bartleman

[HB 859](#) **School Readiness Program** Tramont

[SB 1382](#) **Access to School Readiness Programs for Economically Disadvantaged Households** Calatayud

[HB 949](#) **Wireless Communications Devices on School Grounds** Busatta

[HB 969](#) **Reporting of Student Mental Health Outcomes**

**Insurance:**

[HB 13](#) Windstorm Coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Cassel

[SB 114](#) Insurance Research Trumbull

[SB 128](#) Residential Property Insurers Burgess

[SB 224](#) Resolution of Disputed Property Insurance Claims Polsky

[SB 230](#) Insurance Truenow

[SB 328](#) Applicability of Valued Policy Law to Surplus Lines Insurers García

[SB 426](#) Attorney Fees in Insurance Matters Martin

[HB 451](#) Court Judgment Interest Rates and Insurance Reports and Practices Andrade

[SB 554](#) Insurance Practices Gaetz

[SB 638](#) Home Inspectors Martin

[HB 643](#) Residual Market Insurers Snyder

[SB 790](#) Policy Cancellations and Nonrenewals by Property Insurers Bradley

[SB 792](#) Property Insurer Financial Strength Ratings Bradley

[SB 794](#) Mandatory Human Reviews of Insurance Claim Denials Bradley

[HB 841](#) Residential Property Insurance Policy Cancellations, Nonrenewals, and Rate Changes Botana

[HB 881](#) Insurer Accountability to Insureds Griffitts Jr.

[SB 888](#) Consumer Transparency for Homeowner's Insurance Ávila

[SB 1020](#) Coverage by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Rodriguez

[HB 1047](#) Insurance Berfield

[HB 1087](#) Property Insurance Claims Maggard

[HB 1097](#) Insurance Research Canady

[HB 1141](#) Insurance Regulations Fabricio

[SB 1184](#) Residual Market Insurers DiCeglie

[SB 1316](#) Resilience Districts Grall

[SB 1428](#) Consumer Protection in Insurance Matters DiCeglie

[HB 1429](#) Insurance Regulations Fabricio



[HB 1431](#) Pub. Rec./Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Forms Chaney  
[SB 1448](#) Annual Rate Increases for Coverages by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation  
[SB 1508](#) Property Insurance Claims Leek  
[HB 1551](#) Attorney Fee Awards in Insurance Actions Cassel  
[SB 1656](#) Office of Insurance Regulation Collins  
[SB 1658](#) Public Records/Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form Database

**Transportation:**

[HB 1397](#) / [SB 1662](#) **Transportation** Abbott/ Collins  
[SB 462](#)/ [HB 567](#) **Transportation** - DiCiegli/ McFarland  
[SB 916](#) **Indemnification of Commuter Rail Transportation Providers** - Rodriguez  
[SB 812](#) **Traffic Infraction Enforcement** Calatayud  
[SB 818](#)/ [HB 703](#) **Utility Relocation** - McClain/ Robinson  
[SB 296](#)/ [HB 261](#) **Middle School and High School Start Times** Bradley/Gerwig  
[HB 351](#) **Traffic Infractions** Plasencia  
[HB 699](#) **Noncriminal Traffic Infractions Causing Vehicle Crashes** Melo  
[HB 501](#)/ [SB 1318](#) **Hands-free Driving** Tant/ Grall