

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**JUDICIARY**  
**Senator Flores, Chair**  
**Senator Joyner, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, January 12, 2012  
**TIME:** 10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Flores, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Braynon, Gardiner, Richter, Simmons, and Thrasher

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 98</b> Siplin (Identical H 317)	Education; Authorizing district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events; providing legislative intent; providing for severability, etc.  ED 11/02/2011 Fav/1 Amendment JU 01/12/2012 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 1
2	<b>SB 378</b> Richter (Identical H 243)	Expert Testimony; Providing that a witness qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify in the form of an opinion as to the facts at issue in a case under certain circumstances; requiring the courts of this state to interpret and apply the principles of expert testimony in conformity with specified United States Supreme Court decisions; subjecting pure opinion testimony to such requirements; providing that facts or data that are otherwise inadmissible in evidence may not be disclosed to the jury by the proponent of the opinion or inference unless the court determines that the probative value of the facts or data in assisting the jury to evaluate the expert's opinion substantially outweighs the prejudicial effect of the facts or data, etc.  JU 01/12/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 2
3	<b>CS/SB 504</b> Criminal Justice / Evers (Identical CS/H 173)	Department of Juvenile Justice; Deleting obsolete references; revising the types of diversified and innovative programs to provide rehabilitative treatment that may be developed or contracted for by the department, to include mother-infant programs and remove reference to an obsolete program; authorizing the department, at the secretary's discretion, to pay up to a specified amount toward the basic funeral expenses for a youth who dies while in the custody of the department and whose parents or guardians are indigent and for which no other funding is available, etc.  CJ 11/17/2011 Fav/CS JU 01/12/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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4	<b>SB 486</b> Diaz de la Portilla (Identical H 917)	Jurisdiction of the Courts; Including as an additional basis for subjecting a person to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state provisions which state that a person submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state by entering into a contract that designates the law of this state as the law governing the contract and that contains a provision by which such person agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state; clarifying that an arbitral tribunal receiving a request for an interim measure to preserve evidence in a dispute governed by the Florida International Commercial Arbitration Act need consider only to the extent appropriate the potential harm that may occur if the measure is not awarded or the possibility that the requesting party will succeed on the merits of the claim; revising application dates of provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the courts, etc.  CM 12/07/2011 Favorable JU 01/12/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
5	<b>SB 752</b> Flores (Identical H 565)	Equitable Distribution of Marital Assets and Liabilities; Redefining the term "marital assets and liabilities" for purposes of equitable distribution in dissolution of marriage actions; providing that the term includes the paydown of principal of notes and mortgages secured by nonmarital real property and certain passive appreciation in such property under certain circumstances; providing formulas and guidelines for determining the amount of such passive appreciation; requiring security and interest relating to the installment payment of such assets; providing exceptions; permitting the court to provide written findings regarding any installment payments, etc.  JU 01/12/2012 Fav/CS BI BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0

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