

THIS WEEK IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
FEBRUARY 19 – 23, 2018

Senate Proposes Comprehensive Plan to Keep Our Children Safe in Schools



Earlier this week, Senators met with students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, as well as other members of the community from Parkland, to listen to their stories and discuss solutions to ensure our students are safe and secure in Florida's schools. On Friday, the Senate working with our House colleagues, proposed a comprehensive plan addressing school safety, firearm safety, mental health, and coordination and information sharing. By addressing these key areas where improvements need to be made, we can implement the necessary safeguards to protect our children.

Next week, Senate Committees will consider the proposed legislation. Protecting our children is our top priority, and we must act now to prevent a tragedy like this from ever happening again.

Legislation Assisting Floridians with Hurricane Recovery Efforts Passes Committee

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development unanimously passed Senate Bill 1328, Affordable Housing, sponsored by Senator Keith Perry. The bill creates the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program and the Recovery Rental Loan Program, which would expedite the creation of additional affordable housing in response to the needs created by the recent hurricanes. This legislation will help Floridians who have suffered damage or lost their homes due to a hurricane return back to their communities by providing affordable housing solutions, enabling them to rebuild and recover.