

State Senator Audrey Gibson
Session in Review - Week 8
April 24-28, 2017



Dear Constituent and Friend,

With one week left in Session, we have begun the budget conference process to match the House and Senate spending plans. These must match-up and balance before we send the plan to the Governor, who can either sign, line item veto, or veto entirely. As we go through the budget process, we continue to hear other legislation that comes to the Senate floor and referenced below are some of the bills.

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SB 64: State Park Fees allows families that operate a licensed foster home and those that adopt special needs children, to receive a free annual state park entrance pass for the entire family. Additionally the legislation provides a 50 percent discount on state park campsite fees. This changes the current practice of providing a 1-day free pass. A nice walk in the park for families filling special roles! I was happy to support and co-sponsor the bill.

SB 392: High School Graduation Requirements, also referred to as the "Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Education Act," revises the graduation requirements for students entering 9th grade beginning in the 2017-18 school year. The bill reduces the number of required electives to graduate from 8 to 7.5, and requires students to earn a half credit in personal financial literacy. I was happy to support this bill because it places high school students in a good position to effectively manage their personal finances, and plan better for financial future.

SB 800: Medication Synchronization, creates a method by which pharmacists can coordinate refills for patients who have multiple prescriptions covered by insurance, so the prescriptions can be filled the same day of every month. In addition to the convenience, patients may have better outcomes and take their medication as directed on schedule. Health insurers and organizations providing prescription coverage will be required to allow patients to align refill dates at least once per year.

As we continue through Session, I will keep you informed of various issues that will come before us. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

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With Junior Senator Takari Allen, grandson of Sherese Gainous Senior Administrative Assistant, Senate Democratic Office



Speaking on the Senator floor