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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Negron at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—35:

Mr. President	Farmer	Rader
Artilles	Flores	Rodriguez
Baxley	Gainer	Rouson
Bean	Galvano	Simmons
Benacquisto	Gibson	Simpson
Book	Hutson	Stargel
Bracy	Latvala	Steube
Bradley	Mayfield	Stewart
Brandes	Montford	Thurston
Braynon	Passidomo	Torres
Broxson	Perry	Young
Campbell	Powell	

Excused: Senators Grimsley and Hukill

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Deacon Wallace Brown, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Havana, a long-time employee of the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our happiness and the great gift of life. You give us love and you have planted in us a spiritual desire that can only be satisfied by you. Give us your grace and mercy, not only to hear your words, but to receive them into our hearts. Let us show them in our lives and for the glory of your great name. You know our needs; help us to see our real needs for you in our lives. We will put all our trust in you.

Look down on our great state, these Senators, and this chamber. Give them the knowledge and wisdom to do your will. We will continue to give you all the praise and all the honor.

We pray this prayer in our Father's name. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Jack Bauman of Lake Park; Breeanne Fitchner of Tallahassee; Charlotte Roberts of Lakeland; and Malavika Kannan of

Oviedo, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Clemens—

By Senator Clemens—

SR 1782—A resolution recognizing April 1, 2017, as “Dupuytren’s Disease Awareness Day” in Florida.

WHEREAS, Dupuytren’s disease, also known as Dupuytren’s contracture, is one of a group of diseases resulting in fibrosis or scar tissue which cripples hands, diminishes quality of life, and affects the overall health of millions of people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million people in the United States suffer bent fingers from Dupuytren’s disease, which is more common in men than in women and is hereditary, and

WHEREAS, part of the biology of Dupuytren’s disease overlaps with that of other fibrotic conditions, including cirrhosis of the liver, pulmonary fibrosis, arteriosclerosis, and some cancers, and

WHEREAS, the most common treatments for Dupuytren’s disease are open surgery and minimally invasive procedures, such as injections, with most contractures returning after treatment, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure for Dupuytren’s disease, and scientists and physicians around the world are conducting research to develop better treatments and to find a cure, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education of Dupuytren’s disease may lead to significant progress in the research to discover the root cause and the cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That April 1, 2017, is recognized as “Dupuytren’s Disease Awareness Day” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Farmer—

By Senator Farmer—

SR 1790—A resolution recognizing September 17, 2017, as “Mickey Smiley Day at the Capitol” in remembrance of his outstanding contributions to legal education.

WHEREAS, William McKinley “Mickey” Smiley was born on September 28, 1935, and

WHEREAS, Mickey Smiley orchestrated the first successful student petition drive to desegregate a university in the South, and

WHEREAS, Mickey Smiley played a pivotal role in ending racial segregation at American colleges and universities by leading efforts to admit African-American students to Duke University, and

WHEREAS, Mickey Smiley won a hard-fought battle with melanoma and sarcoma and, in order to provide medical coverage and college educations for his children, gave up his career as a trial lawyer to be-

come a professor of international law and medical jurisprudence at Stetson University, and

WHEREAS, upon his hiring at Stetson University College of Law in 1969, Mickey Smiley made a motion to admit the first African-American student at the college, and, in 1970, he founded the Stetson Society of Trial Advocacy, and

WHEREAS, as the chair of the Admissions Committee at Stetson Law School, Mickey Smiley saw Stetson become one of the first law schools in the United States to admit more women than men, and

WHEREAS, Mickey Smiley coached one of the first all-female teams to reach the national finals of the American Bar Association’s negotiating skills competition, and

WHEREAS, due largely to the influence of Mickey Smiley, Stetson University College of Law has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the top law school in the nation for trial advocacy, and

WHEREAS, on his passing on December 5, 2016, Mickey Smiley left behind his two daughters and five grandchildren and a host of friends and former students and colleagues, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That September 17, 2017, is recognized as “Mickey Smiley Day at the Capitol” in remembrance of his outstanding contributions to legal education over the course of his career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to his daughters as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

BILLS ON THIRD READING

CS for SB 60—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children obtaining driver licenses; amending s. 409.1454, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising a pilot program to make it permanent; revising the applicability of the program to include children in out-of-home care; authorizing the program to pay for a child to complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license or the related costs of licensure under certain circumstances; revising the duties of the Department of Children and Families under the program; deleting the requirement for an annual report by the department to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 39.6035, F.S.; revising a child’s transition plan to include options to use in obtaining a driver license under certain circumstances; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; revising a required determination made by the court and a citizen review panel; requiring the department to include specified information in the social study report for judicial review under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.09, F.S.; providing that a guardian ad litem authorized by a minor’s caregiver to sign for the minor’s learner’s driver license does not assume any obligation or liability for damages; making technical changes; reenacting s. 409.1451(5)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 39.6035, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 322.05(3) and 322.56(8)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 322.09, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Bean, **CS for SB 60** was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Bracy	Farmer
Artiles	Bradley	Flores
Baxley	Brandes	Gainer
Bean	Braynon	Galvano
Benacquisto	Broxson	Garcia
Book	Campbell	Gibson

Hutson	Powell	Steube
Latvala	Rader	Stewart
Lee	Rodriguez	Thurston
Mayfield	Rouson	Torres
Montford	Simmons	Young
Passidomo	Simpson	
Perry	Stargel	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Clemens

CS for CS for SB 106—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vendors licensed under the Beverage Law; amending s. 562.13, F.S.; revising applicability to specify circumstances under which persons under the age of 18 years who are employed in specified businesses are excluded from certain employment prohibitions; providing that failure to comply with a restriction on monthly revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages is unlawful if a minor is employed during a month that the restriction is exceeded; amending s. 565.04, F.S.; limiting the package store restrictions to vendors located within a certain distance of a school; providing an exception for current licenses with some restrictions; providing applicability; providing an expiration date; providing a restriction on the sale of distilled spirits below the specified container sizes; prohibiting the issuance of a package store license for specified locations or businesses; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Flores, **CS for CS for SB 106** was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—21

Mr. President	Flores	Perry
Benacquisto	Galvano	Rader
Book	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bracy	Gibson	Simmons
Bradley	Hutson	Steube
Brandes	Lee	Stewart
Braynon	Passidomo	Young

Nays—17

Artiles	Farmer	Rouson
Baxley	Gainer	Simpson
Bean	Latvala	Stargel
Broxson	Mayfield	Thurston
Campbell	Montford	Torres
Clemens	Powell	

SB 436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to religious expression in public schools; providing a short title; prohibiting a school district from discriminating against students, parents, or school personnel on the basis of religious viewpoints or expression; prohibiting penalty or reward for a student’s religious expression in coursework, artwork, or other specified assignments; authorizing a student to wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry displaying religious messages or symbols; authorizing a student to pray or engage in religious activities or expression; authorizing a student to organize prayer groups, religious clubs, and other religious gatherings; prohibiting a school district from preventing school personnel from participating in voluntary, student-initiated religious activities on school grounds under specified circumstances; requiring a school district to comply with the federal requirements in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; requiring that a school district provide religious groups with equal access to school facilities; authorizing religious groups to advertise or announce meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as secular groups;

requiring that a school district adopt a limited public forum policy and deliver a disclaimer at school events; requiring that the Department of Education develop and publish a model policy regarding a limited public forum and religious expression; requiring that each district school board adopt and implement such model policy; providing an effective date.

—was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Baxley, **SB 436** was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—23

Mr. President	Campbell	Passidomo
Artiles	Flores	Perry
Baxley	Gainer	Simmons
Bean	Galvano	Simpson
Benacquisto	Hutson	Stargel
Bradley	Latvala	Steube
Brandes	Lee	Young
Broxson	Mayfield	

Nays—13

Book	Montford	Stewart
Braynon	Powell	Thurston
Clemens	Rader	Torres
Farmer	Rodriguez	
Gibson	Rouson	

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Garcia

Nay—Bracy

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Stewart recognized her granddaughter, Leah Endress, who was present in the gallery.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Benacquisto recognized Senator Stargel who was celebrating her birthday on this day.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

On motion by Senator Steube—

CS for CS for SB 80—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.12, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a court must assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency in a civil action to enforce ch. 119, F.S.; specifying circumstances under which a complainant is not required to provide certain written notice of a public records request; requiring a court to determine whether a complainant requested to inspect or copy a public record or participated in a civil action for an improper purpose; prohibiting the assessment and award of the reasonable costs of enforcement to a complainant who acted with an improper purpose; requiring the court to assess and award reasonable costs against the complainant if he or she is found to have acted with an improper purpose; defining the term “improper purpose”; providing for construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for SB 80** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Latvala—

CS for SB 220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterinary medicine; amending s. 474.202, F.S.; defining “complementary or alternative and integrative therapies,” “physical examination,” “veterinary dentistry,” and “veterinary telemedicine”; revising the definitions of “veterinarian/client/patient relationship,” and “veterinary medicine”; amending s. 474.2165, F.S.; conforming terminology; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for SB 220** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCE

On motion by Senator Artiles, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1618** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Thurston, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1534** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

On motion by Senator Gibson, by two-thirds vote, **SB 518** and **SB 520** were withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Benacquisto, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 106** was ordered immediately certified to the House.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Thursday, March 23, 2017: CS for CS for SB 80 and CS for SB 220.

Respectfully submitted,
Lizbeth Benacquisto, Rules Chair
Wilton Simpson, Majority Leader
Oscar Braynon II, Minority Leader

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: CS for SB 788

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 612; SB 672; CS for SB 852; SB 894

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 488

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 704; SJR 1774

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 1320

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1400

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 642; SB 808

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: CS for SB 144; SB 284; SB 1060; SB 1390

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1000

The bill was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 1694

The bill was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends the following pass: SB 162

The bill was referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 1692

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 286

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 1526

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends the following pass: SB 862

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 1166

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 1446

The bill was referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1094

The Special Master on Claim Bills recommends the following pass: SB 46

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 1682

The bill was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: CS for SB 148; SB 1634

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 1252

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends the following pass: SB 422

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 464; SB 7002; SB 7014

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: CS for SB 818; SCR 920; SB 954

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1048

The bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 534

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 330; CS for SB 764

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1092; SB 1392

The Committee on Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 780

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 896; SB 1458

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 772; SB 890

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1592

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 982

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 250; SB 842; SB 1232

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 680

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1136

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1040; SB 1348

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 776

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 924

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 278

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 298; SB 300

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 188

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1672

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SJR 136

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 198

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 492

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1604

The Committee on Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 110

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 628

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 582

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 444; SB 1022

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 282

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 832

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Transportation under the original reference.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: CS for SB 536; SB 878; SB 892

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: CS for CS for SB 240; CS for SB 430; CS for SB 670

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: SB 898

The bill was referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 154; SB 458

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 378

The Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 230; CS for SB 336

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING
TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - First District Court of Appeal	
Appointee: Brower, Candice K.	09/30/2019
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Second District Court of Appeal	
Appointee: Neymotin, Ita M.	09/30/2019
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Third District Court of Appeal	
Appointee: Zenobi, Eugene F.	09/30/2019
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Fourth District Court of Appeal	
Appointee: Ryan, Antony Parker	09/30/2019
Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Fifth District Court of Appeal	
Appointee: Deen, Jeffrey D.	09/30/2019

The Committee on Education recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Board of Governors:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University	
Appointees: Dortch, Thomas W., Jr. Mills, Harold F. Reed, Craig	01/06/2021 01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University	
Appointees: Davis, Shaun M. Stilley, Robert J.	01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida	
Appointees: Marchena, Marcos R. Martins, Alexander	01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida State University	
Appointee: Mateer, Craig C.	01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University	
Appointees: Fogg, Joseph G. III Montgomery, Johnny Leo	01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida International University	
Appointee: Grant, Gerald C., Jr.	01/06/2021

Office and Appointment

Board of Trustees, New College of Florida		<i>For Term Ending</i>
Appointee: Coleman, Audrey R.		01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University		
Appointees: Featherman, Sandra Martin, Frank T.		07/15/2020 07/15/2020
Board of Trustees, University of Florida		
Appointee: Johnson, Leonard H.		01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, University of North Florida		
Appointees: McElroy, Paul E. Wamble-King, Sharon		01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida		
Appointees: Goforth, Stephanie E. Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway		01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida		
Appointee: Cleveland, David E.		01/06/2021

The Committee on Education recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University	
Appointee: Perry, Belvin, Jr.	01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University	
Appointees: Dorman, Malcolm J. Moabery, Abdol	01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida	
Appointees: Bradley, Kenneth W. Sprouls, John R. Esquire Walsh, David M.	01/06/2021 01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University	
Appointee: Cors, Darleen	01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida International University	
Appointees: Armas, Jose Puig, Claudia Sarnoff, Marc D.	01/06/2021 01/06/2021 01/06/2021
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University	
Appointees: Bostick, R. Mark Dur, Philip A. McCance, Henry F. Otto, Clifford K.	06/30/2020 06/30/2020 06/30/2020 06/30/2019

Office and Appointment

Board of Trustees, University of Florida

Appointees: Heavener, James W.	01/06/2021
Hosseini, Morteza "Mori"	01/06/2021
Rosenberg, Jason J.	01/06/2021

Board of Trustees, University of North Florida

Appointees: Gonzalez, Wilfredo J.	01/06/2020
Hyde, Kevin E.	01/06/2021
Joost, Stephen C.	01/06/2021

Board of Trustees, University of South Florida

Appointees: Carrere, Michael L.	01/06/2021
Ramil, John B.	01/06/2021
Stikeleather, James A.	01/06/2021

Board of Trustees, University of West Florida

Appointees: Britton, Greg S.	01/06/2021
Patel, Jayprakash S.	01/06/2021
Sires, Robert D.	01/06/2021

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1788—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 787.061, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for specified redacted and sealed information identifying a victim of human trafficking; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

Senate Bills 7000-7018—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs—

SB 7020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the ratification of a Department of Elder Affairs rule; ratifying a specific rule relating to the practice for Professional Guardians for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of any rule exceeding the specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 7022—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 7024—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 626.84195, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for proprietary business information provided to the Office of Insurance Regulation by title insurance agencies or insurers; redefining the term

For Term Ending

“proprietary business information”; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 7026—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 717.117, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for social security numbers and property identifiers, contained in certain reports of unclaimed property, which are held by the Department of Financial Services; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Brandes—

CS for SB 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; creating s. 1004.055, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records requirements for certain records held by a state university or Florida College System institution which identify detection, investigation, or response practices for suspected or confirmed information technology security incidents; creating an exemption from public records requirements for certain portions of risk assessments, evaluations, external and internal audits, and other reports of a university’s or institution’s information technology security program; creating an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of public meetings which would reveal such data and information; providing an exemption from public records requirements for a specified period for the recording and transcript of a closed meeting; authorizing disclosure of confidential and exempt information to certain agencies and officers; defining the term “external audit”; providing retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Artilles and Powell—

CS for SJR 136—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter or special law to provide for choosing a property appraiser in a manner other than by election or to transfer the duties of the property appraiser or abolish the office of the property appraiser.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Steube and Perry—

CS for SB 188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vacation rentals; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; authorizing local laws, ordinances, or regulations to regulate activities relating to vacation rentals only if such laws, ordinances, or regulations apply uniformly to all properties; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senators Stewart and Rodriguez—

CS for SB 198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Environmental Regulation Commission; amending s. 20.255, F.S.; requiring the Governor to appoint a new member to the commission within a certain timeframe after the occurrence of a vacancy; amending s. 403.805, F.S.; requiring certain proposed rules submitted to the com-

mission to receive specified vote totals for approval or modification; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Artiles—

CS for SB 250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high-occupancy toll lanes and express lanes; amending s. 338.166, F.S.; specifying that the Department of Transportation may collect tolls on high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes only for the discharge of certain bond indebtedness on a project existing before a specified date; requiring that the tolls be eliminated after discharge of the project's bond indebtedness; prohibiting the creation of high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes on or after a specified date; requiring existing lanes to no longer be high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes upon elimination of their tolls; creating s. 338.2225, F.S.; providing a legislative purpose; authorizing the department to collect a toll on express lanes that, before a specified date, exist, or are under construction, on any part of the turnpike system for the discharge of certain bond indebtedness; requiring the elimination of the toll after discharge of the bond indebtedness; prohibiting express lanes from being on any part of the turnpike system; authorizing express lanes that, before a specified date, exist, or are under construction, on any part of the turnpike system to continue to exist but not as express lanes; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Steube—

CS for SB 278—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local tax referenda; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; requiring local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a primary election or on the date of a general election and specifying the required approval of voters for passage; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Artiles—

CS for SB 282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to towing and storage fees; amending s. 323.002, F.S.; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing additional charges, costs, expenses, fines, fees, or penalties on a registered owner or lienholder of a vehicle; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Rouson—

CS for SB 298—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Reginald Jackson by the City of Lakeland; providing an appropriation to compensate Reginald Jackson for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of Mike Cochran, a police officer for the Lakeland Police Department; providing a limitation on the payment of fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Torres—

CS for SB 300—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Robert Allan Smith by Orange County; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Orange County; providing for repayment of Medicaid liens; providing a limitation on the payment of fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Steube—

CS for SB 330—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local business taxes; creating s. 205.055, F.S.; providing an exemption from the business tax, subject to certain conditions, to specified veterans, spouses of veterans and active servicemembers, and low-income individuals; repealing s. 205.171, F.S., relating to exemptions allowed disabled veterans of any war or their unremarried spouses; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Baxley—

CS for SB 444—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veteran identification; creating s. 322.0511, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a veteran identification card for certain purposes; providing for the design of the card; providing veteran eligibility requirements; prohibiting use of the card for certain purposes; amending ss. 472.015, 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6202, 493.6302, 493.6402, 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904, 559.928, 626.171, and 790.06, F.S.; authorizing use of the card as proof of veteran status for obtaining waivers of license or registration fees relating to land surveying and mapping, private investigation, security, and repossession services, health studios, telephone salespersons, movers and moving brokers, the sale of liquefied petroleum gas, pawnbrokers, motor vehicle repair shops, sellers of travel, insurance representatives, and the carrying of concealed weapons or firearms; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Young—

CS for SB 492—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of the alleged victim in an allegation of sexual harassment; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Community Affairs; and Senator Perry—

CS for CS for SB 534—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public works projects; creating s. 255.0992, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting the state and political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing restrictive conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; prohibiting the state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Latvala—

CS for SB 582—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulatory boards; amending ss. 455.203, 456.004, and 497.103, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Health, and the Department of Financial Services, respectively, to determine whether final board decisions constitute certain anticompetitive conduct; requiring the departments to review final board decisions for anticompetitive conduct and issue orders approving, modifying, or disapproving each decision; specifying that the departments' anticompetitive review constitutes a limited legal review and its resulting determination is subject only to certain legal challenges; specifying actions that are considered final board decisions; requiring that legal costs for defense of antitrust actions and financial damages be paid from specified accounts or by a specified entity; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Garcia and Campbell—

CS for SB 628—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transmission of disease through bodily fluids; amending s. 381.0041, F.S.; reclassifying a criminal offense relating to the donation of blood, plasma, organs, skin, or other human tissue; providing an exception to allow such donation when deemed medically appropriate by a licensed physician; amending s. 384.23, F.S.; defining the terms "sexual conduct" and "substantial risk of transmission"; amending s. 384.24, F.S.; expanding the scope of unlawful acts by a person infected with a sexually transmissible disease; expanding the list of sexually transmittable diseases; specifying that a certain act is unlawful if the person committing the act acts with the intent to transmit a specified disease, engages in conduct that poses a substantial risk of transmission of that disease to another person who is unaware that the person who transmits the disease is a carrier of the disease, and actually transmits the disease; providing that certain actions are not sufficient to establish

intent on the part of the person who transmits the disease; amending s. 384.34, F.S.; reclassifying specified criminal offenses; eliminating a fine for specified rule violations; amending s. 775.0877, F.S.; requiring that a person who commits, rather than one who attempts to commit, an offense involving the transmission of semen or vaginal secretions must undergo HIV testing; eliminating the application of the section to certain offenses; revising disclosure requirements; reclassifying specified criminal offenses; amending s. 796.08, F.S.; requiring an infected arrestee to submit to appropriate treatment; requiring the Department of Health to pay any costs associated with the screening of such arrestees; requiring that the medical services include the offer of postexposure prophylaxis; requiring the department to ensure that certain out-of-pocket expenses to victims not exceed a specified amount; eliminating requirements that persons convicted of specified offenses undergo screening for a sexually transmitted disease; amending s. 960.003, F.S.; revising legislative findings; requiring that the department refer such victims to medical services; requiring that the medical services include the offer of postexposure prophylaxis; requiring the department to ensure that certain out-of-pocket expenses to victims not exceed a specified amount; correcting cross-references; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Baxley and Garcia—

CS for SB 680—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bail bonds; amending s. 903.045, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning the obligations of a bail bond agent; revising the commitments and obligations of a bail bond agent; requiring that anyone charging a fee or premium to post a cash or surety bail bond be licensed under specified provisions; deleting a provision relating to circumstances that constitute a breach by the bail bond agent; amending s. 903.26, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a surety bond deposited as bail must be forfeited; revising the circumstances that require a forfeiture to be discharged; amending s. 903.28, F.S.; revising the amount of forfeiture to be remitted under specified conditions; amending s. 903.31, F.S.; specifying that certain provisions concerning cancellation of a bond do not apply if the bond is forfeited within a specified period after it has been posted; providing that an original appearance bond does not guarantee placement in a court-ordered program; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Baxley—

CS for CS for SB 764—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; specifying the information to be included in an application for certain tax exemptions; creating s. 196.102, F.S.; providing definitions; providing an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain first responders under specified conditions; providing an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain surviving spouses of first responders who have died; specifying the documentation required to receive the exemption; providing a criminal penalty for knowingly or willingly giving false information for a certain purpose; granting rulemaking authority; specifying a deadline for applying for the exemption; authorizing property appraisers, under certain circumstances, to grant exemptions for untimely filed applications; providing procedures and requirements for petitioning value adjustment boards regarding denied exemptions; providing retroactive applicability; providing construction; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Rouson—

CS for SB 772—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assistive technology devices; amending s. 1003.575, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the accessibility and use of assistive technology devices by persons with disabilities; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Baxley—

CS for SB 776—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the unlawful acquisition of utility services; amending s. 812.14, F.S.; revising the elements that constitute theft of utilities; clarifying that the presence of certain devices and alterations on the property of, and the actual pos-

session by, a person constitutes prima facie evidence of a violation; clarifying that certain evidence of controlled substance manufacture in a leased dwelling constitutes prima facie evidence of a violation by an owner, lessor, sublessor, or a person acting on behalf of such persons; clarifying that specified circumstances create prima facie evidence of theft of utility services for the purpose of facilitating the manufacture of a controlled substance; revising such circumstances; specifying the types of damages that may be recovered in as civil damages or restitution in a criminal case for damaging property of a utility or for the theft of electricity services; specifying the methods and bases used to determine and assess damages in a civil action or restitution in a criminal case for damaging property of a utility or for the theft of electricity services; making technical changes; amending s. 812.014, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Stargel—

CS for SB 780—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoption benefits; amending s. 409.1664, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “qualifying adoptive employee” to include persons employed by charter schools and the Florida Virtual School for the purpose of extending adoption benefits to those employees; authorizing such employees of charter schools and the Florida Virtual School to apply retroactively for the adoption benefit in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Young—

CS for SB 832—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drones; creating s. 330.41, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; providing that, except as provided in federal regulations, authorizations, or exemptions, the authority to regulate the operation of unmanned aircraft systems is vested in the state; prohibiting a political subdivision from enacting or enforcing certain ordinances or resolutions relating to unmanned aircraft systems; providing that the authority of local government to enact or enforce local ordinances relating to nuisances, voyeurism, harassment, reckless endangerment, property damage, or other illegal acts arising from the use of unmanned aircraft systems is not limited, subject to certain requirements; requiring persons seeking to restrict or limit the operation of drones in close proximity to certain infrastructure or facilities to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully operating a drone over or allowing a drone to make contact with or come within a certain distance of certain critical infrastructure facilities; providing that such a violation is a misdemeanor punishable under specified provisions of ch. 775; providing an exemption from specified prohibited acts; providing construction; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; providing that the use of a drone by a communications service provider or contractor is not prohibited under certain provisions of ch. 934; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Artiles and Galvano—

CS for SB 842—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; creating s. 343.545, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, in conjunction with the operation of a certain commuter rail service, to have the power to assume specified indemnification and insurance obligations, subject to certain requirements; amending s. 343.58, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to transfer specified amounts annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund to the authority; requiring that the transfer be made through quarterly payments commencing at the start of each fiscal year; amending s. 341.302, F.S.; authorizing the department to agree to assume certain indemnification and insurance obligations under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Bean—

CS for SB 890—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation; amending s. 413.615, F.S.; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions governing

the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Simmons—

CS for SB 896—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the direct-support organization for the Florida Prepaid College Board; amending s. 1009.983, F.S.; extending the repeal date of the direct-support organization for the Florida Prepaid College Board; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Rouson—

CS for SB 924—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children's initiatives; amending s. 409.147, F.S.; creating the Tampa Sulphur Springs Neighborhood of Promise Success Zone within the City of Tampa in Hillsborough County and the Overtown Children and Youth Coalition within the City of Miami in Miami-Dade County; providing for the projects to be managed by corporations not for profit that are not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any department of the state; providing legislative intent; requiring the corporations to be subject to state public records and public meeting requirements and to requirements for the procurement of commodities and contractual services; providing that the success zone and the coalition are designed to encompass areas large enough to include certain components but small enough to allow programs and services to reach participants; providing implementation of the coalition and the success zone; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Mayfield—

CS for SB 982—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the Indian River Lagoon system; requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Stewart and Torres—

CS for SB 1022—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an American Eagle license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for a special license plate to be issued to a recipient of the Bronze Star; requiring the likeness of the Prisoner of War Medal to appear on the Ex-POW license plate; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Artilles—

CS for SB 1040—A bill to be entitled An act relating to malt beverages; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; authorizing a distributor of malt beverages to give or sell specified glassware to vendors licensed to sell malt beverages for on-premises consumption; providing an annual limit on such glassware that may be given by a distributor to a vendor; prohibiting a vendor from selling single-service glassware or returning it to a distributor for cash or credit under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Gainer—

CS for SB 1092—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sheriffs providing child protective investigative services; amending s. 39.3065, F.S.; requiring the Walton County Sheriff to have the responsibility to provide all child protective investigations in Walton County beginning with a specified fiscal year; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senator Lee—

CS for SB 1136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cottage food operations; amending s. 500.80, F.S.; increasing the annual gross sales limitation for exempting cottage food operations from certain food and building permitting requirements; authorizing cottage food products to be advertised, sold, and paid for over the Internet; requiring such products to be delivered in person directly to the consumer or to a specific event venue; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Stewart—

CS for SB 1232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; establishing an annual use fee for the Orlando United license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Orlando United license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Young—

CS for SB 1348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public accountancy; amending s. 473.302, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 473.3101, F.S.; providing an exemption to the requirement for licensure of certain firms without an office in the state; amending s. 473.316, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 473.323, F.S.; providing that suspension or revocation of the right to practice before the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board is grounds for the imposition of penalties as provided by law; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Latvala—

CS for SB 1392—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug screening for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families applicants amending s. 414.0652, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to perform a drug test on an applicant for TANF benefits with a prior drug-related felony conviction and who the department reasonably suspects is engaging in the illegal use of a controlled substance; deleting a provision stating which individuals are subject to specified requirements; deleting department duties to require specified individuals to comply with the drug-testing requirements; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Simmons—

CS for SB 1458—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the blind services direct-support organization; amending s. 413.0111, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions relating to the blind services direct-support organization; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senators Bean and Baxley—

CS for SB 1592—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small food retailers; creating s. 595.430, F.S.; establishing the Healthy Food Assistance Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing a purpose; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an independent study evaluating the program's policy impact; providing for future repeal and legislative review; creating s. 595.431, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 595.432, F.S.; requiring the department to develop guidelines and administer the program; providing department duties and responsibilities; providing for funding; creating s. 595.433, F.S.; providing duties and responsibilities of program administrators; exempting program administrators from provisions relating to state procurement of certain property and services; repealing s. 500.81, F.S., relating to the Healthy Food Financing Initiative; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Bracy—

CS for SB 1604—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Corrections; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; exempting specified positions from the career service system; amending s. 943.04, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to issue an investigative demand seeking the production of an inmate's protected health information, medical records, or mental health records under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for the investigative demand; amending s. 944.151, F.S.; revising legislative intent; revising membership requirements for the safety and security review committee appointed by the Department of Corrections; specifying the duties of the committee; requiring the department to direct appropriate staff to complete specified duties of the department; revising scheduling requirements for inspections of state and private correctional institutions and facilities; revising the list of institutions that must be given priority for inspection; revising the list of institutions that must be given priority for certain security audits; revising minimum audit and evaluation requirements; requiring the department to direct appropriate staff to review staffing policies and practices as needed; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 944.17, F.S.; authorizing the department to receive specified documents electronically at its discretion; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; revising the conditions on which an inmate may be granted a one-time award of 60 additional days of incentive gain-time by the department; clarifying when gain-time can be earned; amending s. 944.597, F.S.; revising provisions relating to training of transport company's employees before transporting prisoners; amending s. 945.36, F.S.; exempting employees of a contracted community correctional center from certain health testing regulations for the limited purpose of administering urine screen drug tests on inmates and releasees; amending s. 958.11, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing the department to assign 18-year-old youthful offenders to the 19-24 age group facility under certain circumstances; deleting a condition that all female youth offenders are allowed to continue to be housed together only until certain institutions are established or adapted for separation by age and custody classifications; authorizing inmates who are 17 years of age or under to be placed at an adult facility for specified purposes, subject to certain conditions; authorizing the department to retain certain youthful offenders until 25 years of age in a facility designated for 18- to 22-year-old youth offenders under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Latvala, Galvano, and Rouson—

CS for SB 1672—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; creating the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee to replace the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee; providing that the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee is created within the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority; amending s. 343.90, F.S.; revising the short title to "Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Act"; amending s. 343.91, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "authority" to mean the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority and to include only Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties and any other contiguous county that is party to an agreement of participation; revising the definition of the term "commuter rail"; amending s. 343.92, F.S.; creating the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority, instead of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority;

decreasing voting membership on the governing board of the authority; requiring the members to be appointed within a specified period; revising appointment and term requirements of such membership; revising requirements for filling vacancies on the board; requiring the Governor to appoint an initial chair of the board from one of the three members appointed by the Governor; requiring the board to elect a chair from among certain members at the end of the initial chair's term; providing that seven members of the board constitute a quorum; providing that the vote of seven members is necessary for any action to be taken by the authority; requiring the board to evaluate the abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of specified committees beginning on a specified date; requiring the board to submit its recommendations for abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of the committees to the Legislature before a specified time; deleting requirements related to the establishment of a Transit Management Committee, a Citizens Advisory Committee, and technical advisory committees; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 343.922, F.S.; revising the express purposes of the authority to include planning, implementing, and operating mobility improvements and expansions of certain multimodal transportation options, producing a certain regional transit development plan, and serving as the recipient of certain federal funds under certain circumstances; directing the authority to provide to the Legislature a plan to produce the regional transit development plan by a specified date; providing requirements for the regional transit development plan; requiring the authority to develop and adopt a regional transit development plan instead of a transportation master plan; deleting obsolete provisions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 343.94, 343.947, 343.95, 343.975, and 343.976, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The President announced the following appointments: Senator Flores to the Committee on Education; Senator Latvala to the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; Senator Benacquisto to the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Galvano to the Committee on Transportation. These appointments were effective March 21, 2017, and expire June 30, 2017.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of March 21 was corrected and approved.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Baxley—SB 1060; Bean—SB 1210; Bracy—SB 1214; Braynon—SB 666; Broxson—SB 436, SB 1110; Campbell—SB 112, SB 162, SB 1244, SB 1674, SB 7004, SB 7008; Gibson—CS for SB 812, SB 954; Mayfield—SR 574, SB 7000; Perry—SB 934, SB 1088, SB 1712; Powell—SB 954; Rouson—SB 1002, SB 1244; Steube—SB 168; Torres—SB 158, SB 1166

Senator Book was recorded as introducer of SB 1214.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Benacquisto, the Senate adjourned at 11:42 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29 or upon call of the President.

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