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**Beginning the Forty-ninth Regular Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Florida Constitution as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, and the 119th Regular Session since Statehood in 1845, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the 7th of March, A.D., 2017, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for convening the Legislature.**

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Negron at 9:30 a.m. A quorum present—39:

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

Excused: Senator Hukill

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Director Pam Olsen, International House of Prayer, Tallahassee:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to you this morning with thanksgiving for this beautiful day in the great State of Florida. We are thankful for the motto, "In God We Trust," being boldly declared on the wall of this great chamber. May it not be just the motto of our state and nation, but a reality in each of our hearts today and every day.

May the leaders of our state and nation trust in you for wisdom to lead. You are the giver of life and liberty. We are thankful we still have freedom to stand and pray in our State Capitol. May we always have this freedom.

We seek your face today asking you to guide the business of our state. We ask you, first of all, to bless and lead our nation's new President, members of Congress, Supreme Court Justices, and all our members of the military. Our nation is deeply divided, and our leaders need great wisdom in this urgent hour of history.

Lord, we ask you to touch Governor Scott, President Negron, and Speaker Corcoran as this session starts. They need wisdom, direction, and understanding. They need the wisdom of Solomon as they navigate through the business of our state. May each walk in humility and do what is right before your eyes for the people of Florida. Touch our first ladies, Ann Scott, Rebecca Negron, and Anne Corcoran. Bless them all greatly.

Keep your hand on all of the legislators, both in this Senate and in the House of Representatives, the Florida Supreme Court Justices, their families and their staff. Keep marriages strong. Touch the spouses and children of leaders who are away from home, who are here doing the people's business. Give them great grace and strength.

We all need your love and guidance. My prayer is that you break down the walls that divide us, cause everyone to set aside partisan politics, and cause all of our leaders to walk in humility, kindness, and love as they ponder the bills that will be before them. I pray only bills pass that are good for the people of Florida—from the pre-born to the elderly—and bills that are right in your eyes.

Lord, Florida is a forerunner state to this nation. May our leaders realize the responsibility they have and be on bended knee before you, seeking your face, and realizing your word says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding."

God, this past year was very difficult in our state with terrorist attacks, two tornadoes, the Zika virus, and other challenges across our state. Touch those that lost loved ones, those that are still recovering from these disasters, and heal hurting hearts. We ask you, O Mighty God, to protect Florida this year. Keep your hand upon us all. Bless the great State of Florida and our great nation.

Lord, as I close this prayer, I ask you once again to lead today in a mighty way and throughout this session. Lord, I know I'm asking for a miracle here, but may the session end on time. Give the leaders a sense of humor and joy for this journey.

We thank you and praise you. I ask this according to my Christian faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## COLOR GUARD

At the direction of the President, the Sergeant at Arms opened the doors of the chamber and a Color Guard of the Florida National Guard marched into the chamber bearing flags of the United States of America and the State of Florida.

The Color Guard included the following member from the 144th Transportation Company: Staff Sergeant Curtis Miller; the following member from the 779th Engineer Battalion: Sergeant Dion Dehaney; and the following members from the 869th Engineer Company: Specialist Damian Holmes, Staff Sergeant Tiffany Mitchell, and Sergeant of the Guard Chaddrick Faison.

## PLEDGE

Students from the Senate's University Listening Tour, Carlos Diaz from Florida International University; Chris Crist from the University of South Florida; William Whitmire from Florida State University; and Asya Owens from Florida State University, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The President introduced students from Tallahassee Community College: Andrew Falls; Mackenzie Roche; Zack Silver; and Clay Upthegrove, who sang *The Star Spangled Banner*.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced the following guests: Governor Rick Scott; Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, former Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, former Congressman; Attorney General Pam Bondi; and Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, former Senate President.

The President recognized the following Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Justice Ricky Polston, Justice C. Alan Lawson, Justice Charles T. Canady, Justice Barbara J. Pariente, and Justice R. Fred Lewis.

The President announced the Senate was honored by the presence of former Senate President Jim Scott.

The President introduced his wife, the first lady of the Florida Senate, Rebecca Negron, and welcomed all the other Senate spouses who were present in the chamber.

## DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Christienne Alexander of Tallahassee, whom he sponsored, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Alexander graduated in the inaugural class of the FSU College of Medicine and is currently a full-time faculty member at Florida State University. Dr. Alexander specializes in family medicine.

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On motion by Senator Benacquisto, by unanimous consent—

**SCR 1528**—A concurrent resolution providing that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott has expressed a desire to address the Legislature in Joint Session, NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:*

That the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 11:00 a.m. this day, March 7, 2017, for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

—was taken up out of order and read the first time by title. On motion by Senator Benacquisto, **SCR 1528** was read the second time in full,

unanimously adopted, and, by two-thirds vote, immediately certified to the House.

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On motion by Senator Benacquisto, by unanimous consent—

**SCR 1530**—A concurrent resolution providing for adjourning and reconvening of each house of the Legislature and providing for adjournment sine die during the 2017 Regular Session.

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:*

That, pursuant to Section 3(e) of Article III of the State Constitution, each house of the Legislature may, without further consent from the other house, determine its respective dates and times for adjourning and reconvening during the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, beginning Tuesday, March 7, 2017, and ending Friday, May 5, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shall adjourn sine die at the earlier of Friday, May 5, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. or upon concurrent motions to adjourn sine die.

—was taken up out of order and read the first time by title. On motion by Senator Benacquisto, **SCR 1530** was read the second time in full, unanimously adopted, and, by two-thirds vote, immediately certified to the House.

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On motion by Senator Benacquisto, by unanimous consent—

**SCR 1762**—A concurrent resolution amending Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature for the 2016-2018 term relating to budget conference committee rules.

WHEREAS, each chamber may adopt rules or policies to govern its process for including appropriations projects in its version of the general appropriations bill, and

WHEREAS, these joint rules acknowledge each chamber's authority to establish a transparent budgetary process, and

WHEREAS, such process should include some level of data collection, including direct responses of the entities involved with the appropriations projects, public testimony, and public dissemination of relevant information, NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:*

That Joint Rule 2 of the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature is amended to read:

### JOINT RULE TWO

#### GENERAL APROPRIATIONS REVIEW PERIOD AND BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RULES

##### 2.1—General Appropriations and Related Bills; Review Periods

(1) A general appropriations bill shall be subject to a 72-hour public review period before a vote is taken on final passage of the bill in the form that will be presented to the Governor.

(2) If a bill is returned to the house in which the bill originated and the originating house does not concur in all the amendments or adds additional amendments, no further action shall be taken on the bill by the nonoriginating house, and a conference committee shall be established by operation of this rule to consider the bill.

(3) If a bill is referred to a conference committee by operation of this rule, a 72-hour public review period shall be provided prior to a vote being taken on the conference committee report by either house.

(4) A copy of the bill, a copy of the bill with amendments adopted by the nonoriginating house, or the conference committee report shall be furnished to each member of the Legislature, the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and each member of the Cabinet. Copies for the Governor, Chief Justice, and members of the Cabinet shall be

furnished to the official's office in the Capitol or Supreme Court Building.

(5)(a) Copies required to be furnished under subsection (4) shall be furnished to members of the Legislature as follows:

1. A printed copy may be placed on each member's desk in the appropriate chamber; or

2. An electronic copy may be furnished to each member. The Legislature hereby deems and determines that a copy shall have been furnished to the members of the Legislature when an electronic copy is made available to every member of the Legislature. An electronic copy is deemed to have been made available when it is accessible via the Internet or other information network consisting of systems ordinarily serving the members of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

(b) An official other than a member of the Legislature who is to be furnished a copy of a general appropriations bill under subsection (4) may officially request that an electronic copy of the bill be furnished in lieu of a printed copy, and, if practicable, the copy may be furnished to the official in the manner requested.

(6) The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for furnishing copies under this rule for Senate bills, House bills as amended by the Senate, and conference committee reports on Senate bills. The Clerk of the House shall be responsible for furnishing copies under this rule for House bills, Senate bills as amended by the House, and conference committee reports on House bills.

(7) The 72-hour public review period shall begin to run upon completion of the furnishing of copies required to be furnished under subsection (4). The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, as appropriate, shall be informed of the completion time, and such time shall be announced on the floor prior to vote on final passage in each house and shall be entered in the journal of each house. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be included in the computation under this rule.

(8) An implementing or conforming bill recommended by a conference committee shall be subject to a 24-hour public review period before a vote is taken on the conference committee report by either house, if the conference committee submits its report after the furnishing of a general appropriations bill to which the 72-hour public review period applies.

(9) With respect to each bill that may be affected, a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may not raise a point of order under this rule after a vote is taken on the bill. Except as may be required by the Florida Constitution, noncompliance with any requirement of this rule may be waived by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting in each house.

## 2.2—General Appropriations and Related Bills; Definitions

As used in Joint Rule Two, the term:

(1) "Conforming bill" means a bill that amends the Florida Statutes to conform to a general appropriations bill.

(2) "General appropriations bill" means a bill that provides for the salaries of public officers and other current expenses of the state and contains no subject other than appropriations. A bill that contains appropriations that are incidental and necessary solely to implement a substantive law is not included within this term. For the purposes of Joint Rule Two and Section 19(d) of Article III of the Florida Constitution, the Legislature hereby determines that, after a general appropriations bill has been enacted and establishes governing law for a particular fiscal year, a bill considered in any subsequent session that makes net reductions in such enacted appropriations or that makes supplemental appropriations shall not be deemed to be a general appropriations bill unless such bill provides for the salaries of public officers and other current expenses of the state for a subsequent fiscal year.

(3) "Implementing bill" means a bill, effective for one fiscal year, implementing a general appropriations bill.

(4)(a) "Appropriations project" means a specific appropriation, proviso, or item on a conference committee spreadsheet agreed to by House and Senate conferees providing funding for:

1. A local government, private entity, or privately-operated program, wherein the specific appropriation, proviso, or item on a conference committee spreadsheet specifically names the local government, private entity, or privately-operated program or the appropriation, proviso, or item is written in such a manner as to describe a particular local government, private entity, or privately-operated program;

2. A specific transportation facility that was not part of the Department of Transportation's 5-year work program submitted pursuant to s. 339.135, Florida Statutes;

3. An education fixed capital outlay project that was not submitted pursuant to s. 1013.60 or s. 1013.64, Florida Statutes, unless funds for the specific project were appropriated by the Legislature in a prior year and additional funds are needed to complete the project as originally proposed;

4. A specified program, research initiative, institute, center, or similar entity at a specific state college or university, unless recommended by the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education in their Legislative Budget Request; or

5. A local water project.

(b) The term does not include an appropriation that:

1. Is specifically authorized by statute;

2. Is part of a statewide distribution to local governments; or

3. Was recommended by a commission, council, or other similar entity created in statute to make annual funding recommendations, provided that such appropriation does not exceed the amount of funding recommended by the commission, council, or other similar entity.

## 2.3—Budget Conference Committee Rules

(1) For an appropriations project to be included in a conference committee report:

(a) The appropriations project must be included in a bill or an amendment placed into a budget conference; and

(b) Information required by subsections (2) and (3) relating to the appropriations project must have been in writing and published online prior to the passage by that chamber of the bill or amendment which was placed into a budget conference.

(2) The information collected must include:

(a) A descriptive title of the appropriations project.

(b) The date of the submission.

(c) The name of the submitting member.

(d) The most recent year in which the appropriations project received state funding, if applicable.

(e) Whether the most recent funding for the project had been vetoed.

(f) The amount of the nonrecurring request.

(g) The amount of funding received in the prior year on a recurring or nonrecurring basis.

(h) In what agency the project is best placed and whether the agency has been contacted.

(i) The name of the organization or entity receiving the funds as well as a point of contact for the organization or entity.

(j) The name of the registered lobbyist of the entity requesting the appropriations project.

(k) Whether the organization to receive the funds is a for-profit entity, a not-for-profit entity, a local entity, a state university or college, or other type of organization.

(l) The specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested.

(m) The activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds.

(n) Specific descriptions of how the funds will be expended, including a description and the amounts to be expended on: administrative costs, itemized to include the salary of the executive director or project head, other salaries and benefits, expenses, and consultants, contractors, or studies; operational costs, itemized to include salaries and benefits, expenses, and consultants, contractors, or studies; and fixed capital outlay, itemized to include land purchase, planning, engineering, construction, and renovation.

(o) The owner of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding, and the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

(p) A description of the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project, if applicable.

(q) A description of the target population to be served and the number of individuals to be served by the appropriations project.

(r) A description of the specific benefit or outcome, including the methodology by which this outcome will be measured.

(s) The amount and percentage of federal, local, and state funds, excluding the funds requested for the appropriations project, or other matching funds available for the appropriations project.

(t) How much additional nonrecurring funding is anticipated to be requested in future years by amount per year.

(u) The suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract.

(3) With respect to an appropriations project that is also a local water project, the information collected must also include:

(a) Whether alternative state funding such as the Waste Water Revolving Loan, Drinking Water Revolving Loan, Small Community Waste Water Drinking grant, or other funding has been requested.

(b) Whether the project is for a financially disadvantaged community, as defined in chapter 62-552, Florida Administrative Code; a financially disadvantaged municipality; a rural area of critical economic concern; or a rural area of opportunity, as defined in s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes.

(c) Whether the construction status is shovel-ready.

(d) The percentage of construction completed and the estimated completion date.

(4) Each chamber must collect the required information described in subsections (2) and (3) in the form and manner prescribed by that chamber.

(5) The portion of an appropriations project which was funded with recurring funds in the most recently enacted general appropriations act is exempt from subsections (1), (2) and (3).

(6) An appropriations project may only be funded with nonrecurring funds, except that the portion of an appropriations project which was funded with recurring funds as provided in subsection (5) may be continued with or without additional nonrecurring funds.

(7) The nonrecurring funding of an appropriations project in the conference committee report may be less than, equal to, or greater than the funding for the appropriations project as originally committed to the conference committee.

(8) An appropriations project that was not included in either chamber's bill in accordance with subsections (1), (2) and (3) may not be included in a conference report.

(9)(a) To be included in a conference committee report, all appropriations projects, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), must be clearly identified in the bill or amendment that will be considered by a conference committee and in any conference report.

(b) An appropriations project funded with recurring funds in the most recently enacted general appropriation act that is not appropriated any additional funds is exempt from the provisions of paragraph (a).

(10) The conference committee must allow for public testimony regarding appropriations projects at each noticed meeting.

(11) Notwithstanding subsections (1),(2) and (3), and only for the 2017 regular, extended, and special session, the required information may be collected by either chamber. Information collected pursuant to House Rule 5.14 or the Senate local funding initiative request form prior to the adoption of this Joint Rule meets the requirements of this Joint Rule. Information collected subsequent to the adoption of this Joint Rule must meet the requirements of subsections (2) and (3).

(12) Nothing in this rule shall limit either chamber's ability to apply a stricter standard to its own bills prior to the commencement of conference proceedings. This Joint Rule applies to all conference committee reports related to the General Appropriations Act and supersedes either chamber's rules that are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Joint Rule.

—was taken up out of order and read the first time by title. On motion by Senator Benacquisto, **SCR 1762** was read the second time by title, unanimously adopted, and, by two-thirds vote, immediately certified to the House.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENATOR HUKILL

After a brief update on Senator Hukill's recovery, the full Senate stood with the President in recognition of Senator Hukill's continuing efforts in serving her constituents during this challenging time.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized Senator Book and congratulated her on the recent birth of her twins, Kennedy Grace and Hudson Lee, who were present in the chamber.

The President announced the presence of former Senators Steven Geller; Carey Baker, Lake County Property Appraiser; Charlie Dean; Nancy Detert; Dave Aronberg, Palm Beach County State Attorney; Curt Kiser; Ron Silver; Van Poole; Ellyn Bogdanoff; and Joseph Abruzzo, member of the Florida House of Representatives.

## ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT JOE NEGRON

I'd like to give an update on some of the issues that I've talked about. I will start again with higher education. I just want to let you know about the progress that we've made since I first started talking about these issues. Senator Galvano will present a bill tomorrow for your consideration—Senate Bill 2, the Excellence in Higher Education Act. I have a couple of things to say about it, but I thought I would tell you a little bit more about students that we met. Many of you returning Senators joined us as we got on a bus and we started at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. We worked our way around the entire state in a four-day period, in a systematic way. We visited all 12 of our universities. I want to introduce four students to you that show the transformative power of higher education and what it can do to give people opportunities that they never would have even dreamed of without the opportunity to attend college or a university after high school.

I want to start with Carlos Diaz. Carlos Diaz went to Miami-Dade College and then transferred to Florida International University. This was one of the most rewarding, organic moments of the tour. We were at

the Florida International University Law School in Miami. I was walking with Dean Acosta—who incidentally has been nominated to be the Secretary of Labor—and other Senators to a meeting place. I said, “I am a library person. I want to go visit the law library.” So we walked into the law library and Carlos was in the library where all the good law students are. Dean Acosta pointed him out to me and said, “This is Carlos.” So I’ve gotten to know him a little bit. Let me tell you some things about Carlos. Carlos came from Cuba in 2004 when he was 14 years old. He then started working. He’s sold phones at Costco and has done all different kinds of jobs to put himself through Miami-Dade College and then go to FIU. He met Dean Acosta and expressed an interest in possibly going to law school. Dean Acosta, instead of dismissing that, said, “I think you should learn more, and let’s talk about it.” So he applied to and was admitted to FIU Law School. Let me just brag on FIU Law School for just a moment. FIU Law School has the lowest acceptance rate of any law school in Florida. It has the number one employment opportunities according to *U.S. News and World Report*, and for the last three cycles of taking the Florida Bar, its students finished number one. A lot of things are happening at the law school, that’s why I wanted to go visit. When Carlos, despite having to come to a new country when he was 14 years old, got to FIU Law School, he unbelievably became the managing editor of the law review. He’s published four articles in the law review, which is four more than I published in the law review at the school I went to. He’s just an amazing student with an incredible work ethic, and now he is a first-year associate at Greenberg Traurig in Miami. Carlos, thank you so much for what you have done, and thank you for what you have accomplished and will accomplish in the future.

Next, I’d like to introduce Asya Owens. Asya is a junior. She is majoring in business management. She is at Florida State University and she earned a Bright Futures Scholarship. She serves as an orientation leader. One of the things we found out on the university tour is the importance of orientation, the importance of advising, the importance of making students feel they have a home, and they are comfortable in the responsibilities they are undertaking as a student. Asya has taken that on as one of her contributions at Florida State. She has raised money for the FSU Medical School for their outreach programs in Gadsden County and Liberty County. I know these are projects that Senator Montford is very familiar with. Asya, congratulations on your academic career, and thank you for what you are doing at Florida State to help other students to graduate in four years and be able to excel in their chosen field. Thank you so much, Asya.

Will Whitmire we met at Florida State. Will is a junior, majoring in political science and editing, writing, and media. He is from North Lauderdale, Florida. I was joking with him earlier today that there are several of us in here, most of whom are lawyers, who have political science degrees which we thought were really cool at the time. Then we learned that the job options for that major were not extraordinary. That’s why we all decided we were going to law school. But here’s a student who figured it out. He’s interested in political science. He’s interested in government. Then he rolls out the editing, writing, and media major as well which makes your parents very happy, by the way, that you’ve augmented your political science degree. He’s Vice President of Public Relations for the Garnet and Gold Key, which many of you know is a prestigious honor at Florida State. He is also a first generation college student. He works at FSU’s Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) Program which is also designed to help students be able to handle their academic responsibilities and complete their course work on time. Will, thank you for what you brought to us, with being a first generation college student, and the ideas that you suggested on the tour of how we can support students to get them completed with their university education. Thank you for what you have done.

Finally, from the University of South Florida, we have Chris Crist. Chris is a senior, majoring in computer science at USF. He will graduate in May. Many of you will remember when—Senator Latvala was there—we met him, we met at a student innovation incubator at USF Connect. One of the things that you learn when you visit all of the universities is how they are all different, how they all have their own center of excellence, and how each university has its own tradition, its own feel, and its own nuance. One of the things I noticed about the University of South Florida was the entrepreneurial spirit in the students and how many students are actually starting businesses while they are still in college. This was unheard of back when I went to college. Chris is also a veteran of our United States Navy. Like many

students, he started out at Hillsborough Community College then went to USF. He is President of CC’s Gourmet Products, LLC, a gourmet snack food company that specializes in salsa. Many of us can attest to the fact that his product is very good which is why it is being sold at over 30 locations in the area, and his revenues are growing because he makes an outstanding product. We all enjoyed our opportunity to take advantage of your product while we were there. He has been very involved in helping other students. He already started a business and is making sales, but he is helping other students who have to overcome obstacles and maybe aren’t quite as skilled as he was at coming up with products. He is also doing queso, and he is expanding, getting more and more things going. He’s got the mind of a successful business person. Thank you for what you have accomplished in business and, equally importantly, the fact that you are taking time to teach other students to have the same opportunities that you have. Thank you for your service to our country. Thank you, Chris.

Just a quick reminder on the two guiding principles in higher education. Principle one is that we will have in Florida national elite destination universities that people from all over the country will want to come to and that our students here in Florida will have the opportunity to attend universities that are thought of in the same caliber and in the same league as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Virginia, and the University of Michigan. That’s guiding principle number one. Guiding principle number two is that every student in Florida—regardless of their financial situation or what family they came from—will have the opportunity to attend the university to which he or she is accepted. That doesn’t mean a free education. What that means is that we will create an environment, financially and through other supports, so that a student may have to work. I worked my way through college and law school. Their families should contribute as they are able, but there will never be a financial impediment to a student being able to attend a university and able to graduate on time. Senator Galvano will explain the bill tomorrow. I just want to mention a couple of things that I’m particularly proud of and I think deserve your attention. One is Bright Futures with the academic scholar level being restored to 100 percent of tuition plus a \$300 stipend for books. We have expanded the Benacquisto Scholar Program to not only be competing for students in Florida that are National Merit Scholars, but I want us to compete for National Merit Scholars around the country. A lot of our students, before we started this program, were going out of state. We are now getting students that are staying at our universities in Florida. I would like to compete for National Merit Scholars around the country, just as other states are doing, here in Florida. We also have a new Farmworker Student Scholarship Program, that was the idea of Senator Flores, to give even more opportunities to young men and women who many people may look at and say, “Well, I don’t know if they should go to college or if they could attend college.” Maybe it’s someone who is living in a car; maybe it’s someone who is in migrant housing; or maybe it’s someone who doesn’t even have a place to live. Maybe it’s a family that’s scraping by on \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, working different jobs in different parts of the country. This scholarship program says, “We believe you have opportunities as well; you can succeed.” We want to encourage all students who are qualified and will work hard to be able to get to our universities. That is why we significantly, in addition to expanding merit-based scholarships, also give a tremendous boost to our need-based programs to make sure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Issue number two: Let’s stop Lake Okeechobee discharges. Many of you saw what happened, not only in Southeast Florida but in Southwest Florida, last summer, which was a follow-up to previous ecological disasters that have befallen those communities. Most of you know about the algae bloom crisis that came to Southeast Florida and also, in a more muted way, to Southwest Florida. That led to our Governor declaring a state of emergency—which most of you know happens when we have a tornado, and when we have an earthquake. It’s very rarely done when it’s something that is manmade, something that is the result of human activities. The losses that occurred to those communities and, frankly, to the entire State of Florida have been written about in the national section of the *New York Times*, and you have pictures of poisonous guacamole-thick algae blooms that are destroying the waterways. It’s the first time in my life and I am a native Floridian. I was born in West Palm Beach. I’ve lived in two counties, except for going away to college, my entire life. This is the first time in my life to see such damage to our estuary. I’ve seen damage to the rivers and streams. I’d never seen the oceans where the beaches have signs saying, “These are

polluted. These are dangerous.” You cannot swim in the ocean right now because of what is occurring as a result of these discharges. At Martin Memorial Medical Center, which is our main hospital in Martin County, if you went to the emergency room during this time, one of the questions on the questionnaire, so a doctor could determine the nature of your illness, was: “Have you come into contact with the water in our community?” It’s toxic and it causes medical problems. We made a lot of progress last year. We passed Legacy Florida, and many of you were part of that. There’s an important sentence in Legacy Florida that is part of our law now. It isn’t an idea, it’s not a suggestion, it’s not a proposal. It’s a law of the State of Florida. One sentence says, “Priority shall be given to projects that reduce the need for discharges east and west of Lake Okeechobee.”

Now Senator Bradley has filed Senate Bill 10, and that bill is moving through the process. He has done an excellent job, as you would expect a skilled lawyer to do, in making a persuasive case for action now as opposed to 10 years or 20 years or 30 years from now. One of the things I noticed in watching the hearing was while there was some genuine disagreement among women and men of goodwill on the best way to proceed, every person who testified in front of Senator Bradley’s committee acknowledged that we need to have additional southern storage. The only questions are, “When do we need to have it?” and “Where do we need to have it?” I look forward to that debate as we move forward this session, but there is a scientific consensus going all the way back to CERP and CEPP that we need to have some additional water storage south of Lake Okeechobee if we are ever going to have a permanent way to release, reduce, and ultimately eliminate these discharges. If you think about it, it makes sense. You have a giant lake in the middle of the state. It’s one of the largest lakes in the United States. In the 40s and 50s—I don’t quibble with decisions that were made then—it was decided that we were going to develop areas south of the lake. We have 30,000 or more of our fellow citizens who live in Clewiston, Pahokee, Belle Glade, and South Bay. I was born in West Palm Beach. I went to those places as a young person. After redistricting, I now represent Pahokee. I have an enormous respect for our agricultural community in Florida and for their tradition and their importance to our state. They are our citizens. They are the caretakers of the land. I know that they want to be part of the solution as well because of the danger of flooding from Lake Okeechobee. The issue is that water usages naturally flow south. We have Davie, and we have Weston. We have millions of people who now live in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. No one is saying that this needs to be tinkered with or modified, but you can’t have a situation where, in 2017, the solution continues to be that when the lake rises, we will just flood and send hundreds of billions of gallons of polluted water into communities, destroying waterways, destroying oyster beds, destroying seagrasses. No one, including the Army Corps of Engineers, has a right to pollute the community of another part of Florida. I believe that there is a consensus that has developed that we need to have additional storage south of the lake as an essential component. We can do other things. We can look at northern storage to keep water from coming into the lake. The Governor has proposed, and I support, septic to sewer conversions which will also help. In the end, we are going to have to have a place for the water to go. Otherwise, the Army Corps of Engineers will continue its practice of simply opening the floodgates and destroying communities east and west. I’m confident that we can work with the agricultural community in a way that accomplishes this goal and does not harm anyone’s business or anyone’s right to make a living. Senator Bradley filed an amendment early this morning which we will let work through the process, making this a comprehensive water resource issue around the state. One of the things that we learned during the last cycle is that water quality and water availability is an issue all over Florida, in every community. We need to fully look at every part of Florida and make sure we are being good stewards of the environment.

One final point I want to make on this issue is Amendment 1. Amendment 1 is also not up for discussion. Amendment 1 is part of the Florida Constitution. I would remind all of us, myself included, that Amendment 1 passed with a higher percentage of votes than many of us received in our elections who are sitting here today. We need to implement it as it was written. It is a Land Acquisition Trust Fund amendment. It not only authorizes, it anticipates, that there will be bonding for environmentally sensitive land acquisition. I think the Legislature owes it to the millions of Floridians who voted for that amendment to fully implement Amendment 1 in the way that the voters intended.

Issue number three: I talked about not criminalizing adolescence. I don’t talk about myself very much. Number one: I’m not very interesting. Number two: I kind of prefer to keep my life away from this process to myself. I kind of let my guard down by telling you the water balloon throwing story and the story about putting the Reagan signs on the Bush property on Jupiter Island. Those stories got out into the media stream, and we got a call in the President’s Office saying, “We’d like to know if President Negron is available to do a video for a conference that we are doing on juvenile justice to talk about his troubled past.” It seemed like a good idea at the time. I didn’t know that equated to a troubled past. Fortunately, I was able to avoid some of the law enforcement situations that could have resulted in that. Senator Bracy, as our Criminal Justice Chair, has really taken this issue to heart. There are several concepts that are moving forward, including increased use of juvenile citations, alternative dispute resolutions when we have situations where young people use bad judgment—which, by the way, every person in this room has used bad judgment at some point as a young person, or have children, or both as in my case. We used to have parents and communities that would sort of referee these things. Now, we are too quick to call a school resource officer, to call 911, to use law enforcement in a way that is intended for more serious crimes. Of course, we will not ever tolerate serious wrongdoing by young people, including violence against people. There is a balance here but at the same time, let’s have some room for young people to make mistakes but be accountable. There should be consequences for everyone but not in a way that stigmatizes them so that they can’t get into college, they can’t get into the military, they have problems getting certain kinds of jobs. I appreciate the work that everyone has put forward to make sure that we have a juvenile justice system that is restorative and redemptive, rather than punitive, for crimes that are generally mistakes in judgment. Senator Bracy, thank you for the work that your committee is doing in this area.

Lastly, I talked about embracing the constitution. I realize that means different things to different people, and I respect that. I want to talk for just a couple of minutes before I conclude here about some specific things that we are doing, because it’s one thing to have guiding principles and ideas, but, at some point, they have to be written into concrete proposals that we can all look at and say we made measurable progress. I believe that Senate Bill 280 that Senator Bracy will present this week on the death penalty falls into this category. We must make sure that our state has an enforceable death penalty process that affords constitutional protections to everyone in the process that respects the victims and victims’ families. He will come forward with legislation on the death penalty requiring a unanimous verdict, and I think it is important that we are following the constitution in that area. Senator Bradley has Senate Bill 128 on burden of proof. I know there are different points of view on this particular proposal, and I respect that. I stand firm that the State of Florida and a prosecutor have the burden of proof at each and every stage of every proceeding in that case to prove your guilt beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt. He will go forth with that proposal this week as well.

Another bill that is early in the committee process, Senate Bill 436 by Senator Baxley on religious freedom in our schools, is very important. Students of any faith or no faith have a right—this is free speech. Religion is not one area of life that can’t be discussed, it can’t be talked about, it can’t be commented on. Students have a right by themselves. I don’t want the government to impose religion. I don’t trust the government to write prayers. I don’t want the government to do that. I want teachers to teach, but I think that everyone involved in our public schools has every right to make their political opinions known, their opinions on what the food is like in the cafeteria. If students are given an opportunity to share what is important to them and someone wants to say, “What is important to me is the Miami Dolphins” or “What’s important to me is growing up and getting a job” or “What’s important to me is I don’t particularly like our current President,” someone ought to be able to say, “What is important to me is my faith, and I’m a Muslim and here is why” or “I’m of the Jewish faith and let me tell you about what my family believes and what we stand for” or “I’m Baptist or whatever faith” or “I’m Catholic, let’s talk about our current pope and what he is doing.” I think that students have that right, and to act as if religion is the one area of life that cannot be talked about and if people give up their right to express themselves in the public square, I think it’s important that we make a statement as a Senate that we support no coercion. No one ever should be required to do anything that they don’t want to do voluntarily. But, let’s not go to the other extreme where we

are taking away people's right to free speech, people's right to practice their faith in a way that they believe is appropriate. I'm looking forward to that bill moving forward in the process.

I wanted to make a couple of comments about the Constitutional Revision Commission. I'm very pleased with the nominees and the Commissioners that have been appointed by the Governor, by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and by Speaker Corcoran. With regard to the Senate appointees, these are women and men of good judgment. These are people who, in their lives, have shown the ability to process information and learn things and to take actions in their particular communities that have resulted in our state being a better state. I think they are all committed to protecting our constitutional rights. One of the most important rights to me is the supremacy of the individual. Yes, we have a government, and we are part of the government. But just because we are part of the government doesn't mean we should give up our wariness and skepticism of government and, particularly, it's inclination, unchecked, to run over individuals. So I think that this commission will look at many different proposals and then send some issues and ideas to the voters for their consideration.

Finally, as I conclude, I just want to remind each of us now, with our state growing, that we each represent about a half a million citizens of the State of Florida. That's a big responsibility and a tremendous honor. We are from very diverse communities, and we all had different life experiences to get here. As I was thinking this morning, the last thought I want to leave you with, we've been at this, a lot of us, for several years, and getting ready for this session for several months. We've been filing bills, we've been going to delegation meetings, we've been writing amendments, we've been meeting with constituents back home. If this was a 6.2 mile run, we feel like we have probably done about half of it getting here. But what I want to suggest to you for your consideration today is, while we've been doing that, our constituents have been taking their kids to school and dropping them off, trying to win little league games, keeping the businesses open, helping fill out college applications, overcoming illnesses that befall the human condition, and doing all the things that our constituents do every day. I just want to leave you with that. Let's start today. I really think there's a special part of opening day, that this is really when a lot of our constituents are going to get engaged now. I think we have to bring a renewed energy and commitment to the process, a renewed optimism. It's the first day of session. Anything is still possible. Let's look at it as an opportunity to interact with our constituents even more, to be open to new ideas, new solutions, new issues that need to be addressed. Tens of thousands of people are going to descend on the Capitol in the next few weeks. The good news is our budget process is open. They are going to come to us with ideas, with grievances, and with issues that they want us to address. I am asking all of us, myself included, that we share in that renewed energy and commitment and that we are open to engage them, to listen to their ideas, to listen to the ideas of our colleagues, and that we look at today—day one—going forward. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to update you on some of the priorities that I have. I look forward to working with all of you as bills move forward and as the budget process goes forward. Thank you very much.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized former Senator Stephen Wise, who was present in the gallery.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTED

On motion by Senator Flores that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the 2017 Session, the President appointed Senator Passidomo, Chair; and Senators Broxson, Perry, Campbell, and Thurston. The committee was excused.

### COMMITTEE RECEIVED

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Representative Albritton, Chair; and Representatives Avila, Altman, Latvala, Peters, DuBose, Moskowitz, McGhee, and Richardson was received and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was convened

and ready to proceed to the business of the session. The committee then withdrew from the chamber.

### COMMITTEE DISCHARGED

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives returned to the Senate chamber and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

### MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Benacquisto, the Senate adjourned at 10:41 a.m. and, pursuant to **SCR 1528**, will meet in joint session at 11:00 a.m. this day for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor and conducting other Senate business.

(See remainder of Senate business following the joint session.)

### JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to **SCR 1528**, the Senate formed in processional order and marched as a body to the chamber of the House of Representatives where they were received in due form. The joint session was called to order by The Honorable Richard Corcoran, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, and Justices of the Supreme Court were received and seated.

The Speaker invited The Honorable Joe Negron, President of the Senate, to the rostrum, and requested that the President preside over the joint session.

### THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

The President declared a quorum of the joint session present.

Monica Gonzalez, daughter of Representative Gonzalez, delivered the prayer.

Senate President Pro Tempore Anitere Flores and House Speaker Pro Tempore Jeanette Nuñez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

On motion by Representative José Diaz that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was assembled to receive his message, the President appointed Senator Powell, Co-chair; and Senators Artiles, Baxley, Steube, and Stewart. On behalf of the Speaker, the President appointed Representative Cummings, Co-chair; and Representatives Baez, Fine, Harrison, La Rosa, and Renner. The committee withdrew from the chamber.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized the following guests: first lady of the House of Representatives, Anne Corcoran; and first lady of the Senate, Rebecca Negron.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor subsequently returned to the chamber escorting His Excellency, The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, who was escorted to the rostrum.

The President recognized first lady, Ann Scott, who was present in the gallery.

The President presented the Governor to the joint assembly.

### ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Good morning, President Negron, Speaker Corcoran, and members of the Florida Legislature. Welcome Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera. I would also like to welcome: Attorney General Pam Bondi, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, Chief Financial Officer

Jeff Atwater—thank you for your many years of service to the state. CFO, I have really enjoyed working with you and getting to know you and your family. Chief Justice Labarga and members of the Florida Supreme Court. In December, I had the great honor to appoint the newest member of the Supreme Court, Justice Alan Lawson.

I would like to recognize my amazing wife, Ann. I am so proud of the mother and grandmother she is and I love watching how passionate she is about visiting Florida schools and reading to students. I love you, Ann!

Over the coming weeks, we will have many debates over bills and policies, but what unites us will always be stronger than what divides us—and what unites us is the resiliency of our great state. After every challenge, every heartbreak, and every tragedy, Florida comes back stronger and better any time we are knocked down.

Since I last stood here to address you, Florida has endured many heartbreaks. I have prayed for families around our state who have been impacted by tragedy, and my own heart has been broken for their losses. Our state has been rocked by the gruesome terrorist attack at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. We endured two hurricanes, fought against the rapid spread of the Zika virus, and were devastated by the deadly Ft. Lauderdale Airport shooting.

While heartbreaking, these tragedies have given me a new perspective. I am now more convinced than ever that the future of our state is even greater than our past accomplishments and that we must be even more resolved to build a society where any child, no matter where they are from, has the opportunity to live their dreams.

And, if there is one thing you remember from this speech today, I hope it is this: Florida is a state full of fighters, and I will never stop fighting for our families. Floridians are strong. Floridians are selfless. Floridians are fighters.

I've had the opportunity to meet so many great Floridians during my time as Governor. But, I've been forever changed by all of the incredible people I have met this past year during some of our state's most challenging times. Nothing could have prepared me for the horror we saw on June 12, 2016, when a terrorist inspired by ISIS stormed into Pulse and senselessly killed 49 innocent people. This was a terrorist attack and 49 brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, friends, and spouses were murdered.

The days I spent in Orlando following the shooting will always be with me. I talked to many parents who lost their children. I remember sitting with one mom who recounted her son's final 48 hours on earth and how he died a hero because he was trying to save a friend's life. I met with an injured victim whose TV was turned off in his hospital room. His family needed to wait to tell him that his partner had been killed and did not want him to find out from the news, I went to wakes and funerals to mourn with families as they said their final good-byes. The hardest thing I have ever had to do as Governor is try to find the words to console a parent who lost their child, and I truly cannot imagine the grief of losing a child.

Amid the horror and terror of that night, we also saw what bravery and heroism looks like. We saw so many first responders rush to the scene. First responders like SWAT team member Officer Michael Napolitano with the Orlando Police Department. Officer Napolitano, please stand.

Without fear or hesitation, Officer Napolitano and his fellow SWAT members confronted the terrorist, and during the stand-off, his Kevlar helmet stopped a bullet which saved his life. Officer Napolitano, we are proud to call you a Floridian. Thank you for your courage to serve in the face of evil, and thank you for fighting for Florida families.

I would like to also welcome Orlando Police Chief John Mina and Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings. Both helped respond to the terrorist attack at Pulse. Chief Mina and Sheriff Demings, you and your team of brave law enforcement officers have kept families safe and secure. On behalf of all Florida families, please tell your officers and deputies that we are proud of them and job well done!

In order to keep fighting to support public safety in our state, we have to ensure Florida's law enforcement officers have the resources they need to curb senseless violence and crime. That is why I have re-

commended nearly \$6 million for counterterrorism efforts this year. I wake up every day fighting for Florida because I want to make it a better place for my grandchildren. In fact, Ann and I just found out that our daughter Allison and her husband Pierre will be welcoming twins later this year! This will make Ann and me proud grandparents to six wonderful grandchildren! When I started this job, Ann and I didn't have any grandkids. Now, we will have six. Certainly, my daughters were listening when I said, "Let's get to work!"

We have worked so hard to grow jobs, and together we have been able to implement policies that have turned our economy around for our future generations. But, we cannot stop now! Florida's businesses have created over 1.26 million private-sector jobs since I was elected, including more than 237,000 new jobs last year alone. And, our job growth rate is growing more than twice as fast as the national rate.

Our economy is booming and I am glad that America elected my friend, Donald Trump, a businessman, outsider like myself, as President who is focused on growing the national economy. Florida is on the verge of becoming the job creation capital of the world! And, the fight for jobs continues, and that means we have to keep cutting taxes! Together, we have cut taxes 55 times, saving families \$6.5 billion dollars... but we must do more! This year, I am fighting to cut taxes by \$618 million to cut costs for small businesses, students, veterans, teachers, and families.

Our "Fighting for Florida's Future" tax cut package will boost our economy and encourage businesses of all sizes to create jobs and build opportunities for generations of Floridians. Let's remember, when jobs are created, it helps the poorest, most disadvantaged families who need a job the most. Families just like mine when I was growing up.

One of the taxes we are fighting to cut is the commercial lease tax, which unfairly targets small businesses. Small businesses like Hot Pandeyuca in Miami. David Alfandary opened his small business that specializes in making traditional Colombian baked goods when he first arrived in Miami from Colombia in 1998. The factory started with only three employees and has grown to employ 30 people. However, all three of his locations have a commercial lease. David has said that he is very proud to grow his business in Florida, and if we cut this unfair tax, he could grow his business even more.

Florida is now the only state in the nation to tax commercial leases. Our "Fighting for Florida's Future" tax cut package will begin to repeal this unfair tax to help small businesses like Hot Pandeyuca. David, you are a great example of the many people living the American Dream right here in Florida. Thank you for fighting to create jobs for future generations.

Even more important than continuing to cut taxes in our state is that we prevent unfair tax increases in the future so our progress is not undone. My goal before I leave office is that we work together on a solution to make it harder for any future legislature—even one not as conservative as we have here today—to raise taxes.

This year, we also have the privilege to fight for those who have served our country. I am proud to be a Navy veteran and I know that many of you in the Florida Legislature and in the audience also proudly served our nation. Will every veteran and active service member here please stand? Thank you for choosing to serve our nation.

I want to make sure that Florida is the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation and our budget proposes \$102 million to support active military, veterans, and their families. And, I am proposing a three-day sales tax holiday for our veterans and active service members.

I would like to introduce you to one of Florida's brave veterans who would benefit from this sales tax holiday—Master Sergeant George Vera from Tampa. Master Sergeant Vera joined the Army in 1995. Two years ago, suicide bombers invaded his base and detonated an IED. During the explosion, he fought to pull his fellow soldiers away from harm, but unfortunately suffered severe injuries after being shot in the back. Master Sergeant Vera endured a spinal cord injury and is paralyzed. He also suffered a brain injury and lost some of his vital organs. In 2015, he was awarded the Purple Heart for his heroic actions. Master Sergeant Vera, thank you for your service to our great state. You are an inspiration.



I am excited to announce that Master Sergeant Vera, his wife, Angela, and their daughter, Isabella, will soon receive a mortgage free home from Building Homes for Heroes. Since I have taken office, I am proud that we have been able to invest more than \$4 million dollars into Building Homes for Heroes, and I am proposing \$1 million for this important program this year.

We have to do more than just cut taxes to ensure we have a strong economy for the future. We cannot be shortsighted and think we are immune from another national recession in years ahead. We have to keep diversifying our economy and investing in programs that actually help businesses grow jobs here in Florida.

Let me be very direct about this subject. I've been on the other side. I've run small and large businesses. I've been the person who looks at locations, looks at states and compares them, and decides where to expand, where to grow business, where to create jobs. I know exactly how businesses operate, because I've done it. For our state to simply say—we are not going to compete with other states, we are not going to make it easier to incentivize job creators to grow in Florida—that's just a big mistake for our state and for our families. Incentivizing businesses to grow and create more and better jobs is not welfare. And let's be very clear here—EFI does not provide any funding until jobs are created and capital is invested.

I know what it's like to be poor. I have lived in poverty. I watched my parents struggle to put food on the table. When most kids were playing Little League or riding bikes, I was working. I had no other choice but to start working when I turned seven. I went from delivering papers to opening a small business so my mom could have a job, to running the nation's largest health care company that employed hundreds of thousands of individuals. I've had to worry about making payroll and I've signed the front of paychecks.

It's easy to throw out catch phrases like “picking winners and losers” and “corporate welfare.” By the way, I don't like either of those things. I doubt anyone in this chamber does. But that's not what we are doing. We are competing with 49 other states and hundreds of countries for jobs. When we bring new jobs to Florida, there are only winners. When we help existing Florida companies grow, there are only winners. When we can help an idea become a business that employs people, there are only winners.

I will admit that it is probably more difficult for people who have never gone hungry, or gone through foreclosure, or seen their family car repossessed to understand this. If you never lived through these experiences, it may be harder to understand the urgency here. I will just leave it like this: I am fighting for our state's job programs because I am fighting for the families just like mine growing up.

Enterprise Florida has been responsible for over 900 projects since I have been Governor, including helping businesses like Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, and Hertz add thousands of high-wage jobs in Florida. And, we can easily show a great return on the investment of families' tax dollars because jobs are being created by more companies moving to our state. When we announced Hertz was moving their corporate headquarters to Florida from New Jersey in 2013 and adding 700 new high-wage jobs, it was the first major relocation by a Fortune 500 company while I have been Governor.

I would like to introduce you to Nick Cid, a Florida native who got a job at Hertz because Enterprise Florida helped relocate the company to our great state. Nick, we are glad you and your family are able to live your dreams in Florida! I want to thank many of you here today who joined me at the Hertz announcement in Southwest Florida including Senator Benacquisto, Leader Rodrigues, Representative Caldwell, Representative Eagle, and Representative Fitzhagen.

And soon after Hertz moved to Bonita Springs, Herc Rentals decided to move their headquarters to Florida from New Jersey. Herc Rentals has already created over 300 jobs for families in Florida. This is how growing an economy works. You build an environment for companies to be successful and others will join.

I want to be very clear in acknowledging that both Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida have made mistakes along with their many successes over the years. And I do not fault anyone for pointing out those mistakes. Any time we can eliminate government waste we should do it.

But, just like we would do in the business world, we have made changes at both agencies so the organizations can be more efficient and transparent. Any CEO or business owner will tell you that mistakes are made sometimes. But, you don't just give up and shut down, and take your ball and go home. You figure out what the problem is and fix it. Let's remember, we are talking about people's jobs and their ability to provide for their family.

Tourism is one of our state's top sources of revenue, and if that declines, we will set our state on a course for either tax increases or cuts in services. These are the facts. Getting rid of Visit Florida and ending advertising for tourism doesn't make any sense in the real world. Successful companies know how to market themselves and they don't stop advertising when business is good. Coca-Cola and Chick-fil-A didn't stop running ads when they reached the top of their industry. Think about it for a minute. Do we really have to argue about how important tourism is to our economy? And do we really need a debate about whether marketing and advertising works?

Visit Florida has been responsible for recruiting record numbers of visitors—including a record of nearly 113 million last year! Will Florida still have tourists if we stop advertising? Sure. But we will have less. And that means less jobs, less tax revenues, and less of everything. When it comes to jobs, I'm for more, not less. Every 76 tourists support one Florida job, and tourism helps thousands of small businesses that rely on visitors. One of these small businesses is Sage Paddle Company started by Sage Offutt. Sage, please stand.

Sage is 14 years old and started her business when she was just 11 after moving to Navarre Beach. Like so many Floridians, Sage loves our beaches and began paddle boarding. But, she quickly saw a need. There were not many places that rented and delivered the boards in her area. So, like any young entrepreneur, she purchased six boards and opened up her business! Today, she has a fleet of 50 boards and 12 kayaks. Sage, young entrepreneurs like you are the future of our state and we will fight for Visit Florida so we can keep helping small businesses like yours.

I have told you why we can't stop now in our fight for jobs—but we also can't stop our fight to improve our education system. I am proud that this year we are able to once again invest historic amounts of funding in K-12 education, state colleges, and universities in our budget. We are also fighting to keep higher education affordable by holding the line on tuition for the fourth year in a row, freezing all fees at our state colleges and universities, and capping tuition at our state colleges.

We are also continuing to make historic strides to protect Florida's lands and ensure that the future of our state's pristine environment is beautiful for generations to come. Our budget invests nearly \$4 billion in our environment, with record funding once again for our springs and funding for the new Indian River Lagoon and Caloosahatchee Clean-Up Initiative.

We are making important investments in public safety, our transportation infrastructure, and investing in our state's ability to combat the Zika virus. We are also making investments in our state's response to disasters. In the past year, we have experienced two hurricanes—something we haven't experienced in over a decade. This year, I am proposing a nine-day disaster preparedness sales tax holiday so we can make it easier and more affordable for families to prepare before next hurricane season.

And we are making important investments to help people with unique abilities, including \$3.3 million in new funding to provide employment services to more than 2,500 individuals with disabilities who are ready to work. There are so many wonderful Florida employers that provide great jobs to people with unique abilities—including HABCO Manufacturing in Boca Raton. HABCO employs 200 Floridians, which include 150 employees with unique abilities. One of HABCO's leaders is with us today—Linda Cooke. Linda worked to turn HABCO into a multi-million-dollar manufacturing facility so people with unique abilities had the opportunity to get job training and a great career. Linda, thank you for your commitment to helping so many in your community.

The great news is Florida has all the resources we need to make these important investments along with cutting taxes. Since 2011, our state's economy has grown by 22 percent and our available revenues exceed current expenses by \$2.8 billion. Think about that. We have \$2.8 billion

available while still providing \$5 billion in reserves. We have the funds to fight for Florida's future while controlling spending to ensure we get the best return on the investment of our citizen's hard-earned tax money.

Let me leave you with this idea—we've made a lot of progress here in Florida, but we cannot be happy just staying put. Let's paint the picture of what we want Florida to look like in the future, and let's make that future happen. Together, let's picture Florida as the model for success in the most prosperous country in the world. Together, let's picture a Florida where instead of the old, closed government economy in Washington, we have a new, innovative, and open economy. Together, let's picture a Florida where instead of an old, closed education system, we have a new and open system where we provide choices and opportunities to every kid regardless of income or zip code. And together, let's picture a Florida where every single person who wants to work has an opportunity to get a great job. We are getting closer to painting this picture; let's keep fighting to make it a reality.

Thank you. God bless our great state.

## DISSOLUTION OF JOINT SESSION

Following the Governor's address, the previously appointed committee escorted the Governor from the rostrum and from the House Chamber, followed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Cabinet.

### SPEAKER CORCORAN PRESIDING

On motion by Senator Benacquisto, the joint session was dissolved at 12:05 p.m., and the Senators were escorted from the House Chamber by the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

## SENATE RULES

### RULE ONE

#### OFFICERS, SENATORS, EMPLOYEES, AND ETHICS

##### PART ONE—SENATE OFFICERS

##### 1.1—Election of the President, President Pro Tempore, President Designate, President Pro Tempore Designate, Minority Leader, and Minority Leader Pro Tempore; designation of Majority Leader

(1) A President and a President Pro Tempore shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at the organization session. They shall take an oath to support the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office.

See Rule 5.6—Election by ballot.

See FLA. CONST. art. II, s. 5 Public officers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 2 Members; officers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 3(a) Sessions of the legislature.

(2) The Majority Party may, by caucus called by the President, elect a President Designate and a President Pro Tempore Designate whose names shall be certified to the Secretary. The President may designate a Majority Leader whose name shall be certified to the Secretary.

(3) The Minority Party may, by caucus, elect a Minority Leader and a Minority Leader Pro Tempore whose names shall be certified to the Secretary at the organization session.

(4) All elected officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever shall occur first.

##### 1.2—The President calls the Senate to order

The President shall call the Senate to order at the hour provided by these Rules or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting. A quorum being present, the President shall direct the Senate to proceed

with the Daily Order of Business. The President may informally recess the Senate for periods of time not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

##### 1.3—The President's control of Chamber, corridors, and rooms

The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the Chamber, corridors, passages, and rooms of the Senate whether in the Capitol or elsewhere. If there is a disturbance, the President may order the area cleared.

##### 1.4—The President's authority and signature; questions of order; travel

(1) The President shall sign all acts, joint resolutions, resolutions, and memorials. No writ, warrant, subpoena, contract binding the Senate, authorization for payment, or other papers shall issue without the signature of the President. The President may delegate signing authority for the authorization of payments. The President shall approve vouchers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

(2) The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator.

See Rule 8.2—Presiding officer's power of recognition.

See Rule 8.9—Appeals.

See Rule 8.10—Appeals debatable.

See Rule 11.1—Interpretation of Rules.

(3) As necessary, the President is authorized to incur travel and per diem expenses for the next session of the Legislature. The President shall assign duties and sign requisitions pertaining to legislative expenses incurred in transacting Senate business as authorized. The President shall have responsibility for Senate property and may delegate specific duties or authority pertaining thereto.

(4) The President may authorize or retain counsel to initiate, defend, intervene in, or otherwise participate in any suit on behalf of the Senate, a Senate committee, a Senator (whether in the legal capacity of Senator or taxpayer), a former Senator, or a Senate officer or employee when such suit is determined by the President to be of significant interest to the Senate and when it is determined by the President that the interests of the Senate would not otherwise be adequately represented. Expenses incurred for legal services in such proceedings may be paid upon approval of the President.

##### 1.5—The President's appointment of committees

(1) The President appoints members to all standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees. The President also appoints the Senate members of conference committees, joint committees, and joint select committees.

See Rule 2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees; select subcommittees.

See Rule 2.19—Conference committee in deliberation; reports.

See Rule 2.20—Appointment of chair and vice chair.

See Rule 2.26—Vice chair's duties.

(2) Any member removed from a committee without his or her consent shall have the right to appeal such removal to the Rules Committee. Findings or recommendations from the Rules Committee regarding an appeal may be reported to the President.

##### 1.6—The President's vote

The President or temporary presiding Senator shall not be required to vote in legislative proceedings, except on final passage of a measure. In all yeas and nays, the President's name shall be called last.

See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

##### 1.7—The President's absence from the chair; duties of President Pro Tempore

(1) The President may name any Senator to perform the duties of the chair during a sitting.

(2) If for any reason the President is absent and fails to name a Senator, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the chair.

(3) If the President resigns, he or she may, prior to resignation, designate a member of his or her party to assume the duties of the chair until a permanent successor is elected.

(4) In the event the chair is vacated permanently, nothing herein shall preclude the Senate from electing a presiding officer. If the chair is vacated permanently during a session of the Legislature, a new presiding officer must be elected within seven (7) days of the vacancy. If the chair is vacated permanently while the Legislature is not in session, the President's designee shall, by proclamation, convene the Senate independently no later than thirty (30) days after the vacancy for the sole purpose of electing a new presiding officer. The election shall be the Senate's first order of business. In the event that a designation is not made pursuant to subsection (3) of this Rule, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the designee in convening the Senate to elect a new presiding officer.

### 1.8—Election of the Senate Secretary

(1) The Senate shall elect a Secretary to serve at its pleasure. A staff of assistants shall be employed to regularly transact such business as required by law, by Senate Rules, or as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall take an oath to support the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office.

See FLA. CONST. art. II, s. 5(b) Public officers.  
See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 2 Members; officers.

(2) The Secretary shall be under the supervision of the President, who may assign additional duties to the Secretary. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Secretary, the President may appoint someone to perform the duties of the office until the Senate, by its vote, fills the vacancy.

(3) The Secretary shall be the Senate enrolling and engrossing clerk and may designate staff to assist with the duties of the office.

### 1.9—Duties of the Secretary at organization session

If the President and the President Pro Tempore of the preceding session are absent or are no longer members, the Secretary shall, at the organization session of the Legislature, call the Senate to order. Pending the election of a President or a President Pro Tempore, the Secretary shall preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any Senator. The duties prescribed by this section may be delegated by the Secretary to any Senator or to the immediate past President or immediate past President Pro Tempore.

### 1.10—Duties of the Secretary generally; keeps Journal

(1) The Secretary shall keep a correct daily Journal of Senate proceedings. The Journal shall be numbered serially from the first (1st) day of each session of the Legislature and shall be made available by the Secretary for the information of the Legislature and the public.

(2) The Secretary shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, and transmitting of bills, resolutions, and memorials.

(3) The Secretary shall keep under seal a separate Journal of the proceedings of the executive sessions of the Senate.

(4) The Secretary shall not permit any official records or papers belonging to the Senate to be removed from the custody of the Secretary other than in the regular course of business and with proper receipt.

### 1.11—The Secretary prepares daily calendar

- (1) The Secretary shall prepare a daily calendar that shall set forth:
- The order of business;
  - The committee report on each bill, i.e., whether favorable, favorable with committee amendments, or favorable with committee substitute;

- The status of each bill, i.e., whether on second (2nd) reading, third (3rd) reading, or unfinished business;
- Notices of committee meetings; and
- Notices of meetings required pursuant to Rule 1.45.

(2) The Secretary shall publish the daily calendar for the information of the Legislature and the public.

See Rule 1.45—Notice required for certain meetings.

### 1.12—The Secretary reads papers; calls roll; records votes

The Secretary shall have read to the Senate all papers ordered to be read; note responses of Senators when the roll is called to determine the presence of a quorum; call the roll verbally or by electronic roll call and record the votes when a question is taken by yeas and nays; and assist, under the direction of the President, in taking the count when any Senate vote is taken by a show of hands or otherwise.

See Rule 5.1—Taking the yeas and nays; objection to voting conflicts.

### 1.13—The Secretary attests to warrants, subpoenas, and the passage of all measures

The Secretary shall attest to all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate and shall attest to the passage of all bills, resolutions, and memorials.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

### 1.14—The Secretary prepares forms

The Secretary shall prepare all forms used by the Senate.

### 1.15—The Secretary examines legal form of bills for introduction

Before issuing a bill number, the Secretary shall examine measures on their tender for introduction and shall determine whether they meet the requirements of law and of these Rules. The Secretary shall direct the attention of the introducer to apparent defects, but the introducer shall be exclusively responsible for the constitutional and legal correctness of the bill.

See Rule 3.1—Form of bills.

See Rule 3.7—Bill filing deadline during regular session; bill filing between regular sessions; exceptions.

### 1.16—The Secretary supervises information technology operations; indexes bills

The Secretary shall supervise Senate information technology operations and maintain a numerical index of bills and a cumulative index by introducers.

### 1.17—The Secretary transmits bills to the House of Representatives

Unless otherwise directed by the President, the Secretary shall transmit all bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and appropriate memorials to the House of Representatives without delay. Each measure shall be accompanied by a message stating the title to the measure being transmitted and requesting the concurrence of the House.

See Rule 6.8—Reconsideration; Secretary to hold for period.

### 1.18—The Secretary receives and delivers for reading messages from the House of Representatives; summaries of House amendments to Senate bills

(1) The Secretary shall receive all messages from the House of Representatives and shall be responsible for their security. The Secretary shall have them available for reading to the Senate during the appropriate order of business.

(2) All messages reflecting House amendments to Senate bills shall be reviewed by the appropriate committees for research and summary.

Special notice of the summaries shall be made available to each Senator.

(3) The President shall be informed by the Chair of the Rules Committee when a House amendment to a Senate bill substantially changes or materially alters the bill as passed by the Senate. The President may refer such bill and House amendments to an appropriate committee or committees for hearing and further report to the Senate. Upon such reference by the President, committee or committees of reference shall meet on a date and at a time set by the President and shall make a report to the Senate recommending action on the relevant House amendments. The report may be received when the message is reached under Messages from the House of Representatives.

## **PART TWO—SENATORS**

### **1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts**

(1) Unless excused for just cause or necessarily prevented, every Senator shall be within the Senate Chamber during its sittings and in attendance at all assigned committee meetings.

(2) A Senator who is in the Chamber or in a committee meeting shall vote on each question, except as provided in Rule 1.6.

(3) However, a Senator shall abstain from voting if, in the Senator's judgment, a vote on a question would constitute a conflict of interest as defined in Rule 1.39. A Senator who abstains from voting shall file the disclosure required by Rule 1.39.

*See* Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

*See* Rule 2.27—Members' attendance, voting; proxy and poll votes prohibited.

*See* Rule 2.28—Taking the vote.

### **1.21—Excused absence**

The President may excuse a Senator from attending a sitting of the Senate or any meetings of Senate committees for any stated period. An excused absence from a sitting of the Senate shall be noted in the Journal.

### **1.22—Senate papers left with Secretary**

A Senator necessarily absent from a sitting of the Senate or meeting of its committees and having in his or her possession official papers relating to Senate business shall leave such papers with the Secretary before leaving the Capitol.

### **1.23—Senators deemed present unless excused**

A Senator who answers the quorum roll call at the opening of a sitting or who enters after such roll call and announces his or her presence to the Senate shall thereafter be considered present unless excused by the President.

*See* Rule 4.2—Quorum.

### **1.24—Contested seat**

If a Senate seat is contested, notice stating the grounds of such contest shall be delivered by the contestant to the Senate Secretary prior to the day of the organization session of the Legislature; and the contest shall be determined by majority vote as soon as reasonably possible. The President shall appoint a Credentials Committee to be composed of not more than ten (10) members who shall consider the question and report their recommendations to the President, who shall inform the Senate. If a Credentials Committee submits its final report and recommendations to the President when the Legislature is not in session, the President may convene the Senate independently for the sole purpose of deciding a seating contest.

*See* Rule 1.7—The President's absence from the chair; duties of President Pro Tempore.

### **1.25—Facilities for Senators**

Each Senator shall be entitled to facilities and expenses that are necessary and expedient to the fulfillment of the duties of the office, the location and sufficiency of which shall be determined by the President.

### **1.26—Nonlegislative activities; approval of the President**

No Senator shall accept appointments to nonlegislative committees, commissions, or task forces without prior approval of the President if travel and per diem expenses are to be taken from Senate funds.

## **PART THREE—SENATE EMPLOYEES**

### **1.28—Dismissal of employees; employment of a spouse or immediate relative**

(1) The President shall resolve disputes involving the competency or decorum of a Senate employee, and may terminate the services of an employee. At the President's discretion, the issue may be referred to the Rules Committee for its recommendation. The pay of an employee so terminated shall stop on the termination date.

(2) A Senator's spouse or immediate relatives may serve in any authorized position. However, they shall not receive compensation for services performed, except as a participant in the Florida Senate Page Program.

### **1.29—Employees forbidden to lobby**

No employee of the Senate shall directly or indirectly interest or concern himself or herself with the passage or consideration of any matter whatsoever. Violation of this Rule by an employee shall be grounds for summary dismissal. This Rule shall not preclude the performance of duties that may be properly delegated to a Senator's legislative assistant.

### **1.30—Duties and hours**

Employees shall perform the duties assigned to them by the President and required of them by Rule and policy of the Senate. When the Senate is in session, employees shall remain on duty as required. When the Senate is not in session, permanent staff of the Senate shall observe the hours of employment set by the President. Part-time employees and Senators' district staff shall observe hours that are prescribed by their respective department head or Senator.

### **1.31—Absence without permission**

If employees are absent without prior permission, except for just cause, their employment shall be terminated or their compensation forfeited for the period of absence as determined by the President.

### **1.32—Employee political activity**

The political activity of Senate employees shall be regulated pursuant to Senate Administrative Policies and Procedures promulgated by the President.

## **PART FOUR—LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

### **1.35—Legislative conduct**

Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

### **1.36—Improper influence**

A Senator shall not accept anything that will improperly influence his or her official act, decision, or vote.

### **1.361—Solicitation or acceptance of contributions; registration and disclosure requirements**

(1) During any regular legislative session, extended session, or special session, a Senator may not directly or indirectly solicit, cause to be solicited, or accept any contribution on behalf of either the Senator's

own campaign, any organization described under section 527 or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, any political committee, any committee of continuous existence, any political party, or the campaign of any candidate for the Senate; however, a Senator may contribute to his or her own campaign.

(2) Any fundraising activity otherwise prohibited during an extended or special session by subsection (1) shall not be considered a violation of this Rule and may take place provided that it can be shown that the event was already scheduled prior to the issuance of the proclamation, resolution, or other communiqué extending the session or convening a special session.

(3) Any Senator who directly or indirectly solicits, causes to be solicited, or accepts any contribution on behalf of any organization described under section 527 or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, any political committee, or any committee of continuous existence must immediately disclose such activity to, and register with, the Rules Committee. However, no registration is required as a result of a Senator's solicitation or acceptance of contributions on behalf of his or her own campaign, a campaign for any other office, or a political party. When required by law, the Senator shall promptly create a public website that contains a mission statement for such organization, the names of the Senators associated with that organization, and disclosure of contributions received by and expenditures made by the organization.

(4) Upon a determination that a Senator has violated this Rule, the President may refer the question of disciplinary action to the Rules Committee for a recommendation. Upon receipt of the Rules Committee recommendation, the President shall decide upon appropriate action.

### 1.37—Conflicting employment

A Senator shall not allow his or her personal employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.

### 1.38—Undue influence

A Senator shall not use his or her influence as a Senator in any issue that involves substantial conflict between his or her personal interest and his or her duties in the public interest.

### 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon

(1) Abstention on matters of special private gain or loss.—A Senator may not vote on any matter that the Senator knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of the Senator. The Senator must disclose the nature of the interest in the matter from which the Senator is required to abstain.

(2) Disclosure on matters of special private gain or loss to family or principals.—When voting on any matter that the Senator knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of:

- (a) 1. Any principal by whom the Senator or the Senator's spouse, parent, or child is retained or employed;
2. Any parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which the Senator is retained or employed; or
3. An immediate family member or business associate of the Senator,

the Senator must disclose the nature of the interest of such person in the outcome of the vote.

- (b) For the purpose of this Rule, the term:
  1. "Immediate family member" means any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.
  2. "Business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the Senator as a partner, joint venturer, corporate shareholder where the shares of such corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange, or co-owner of any property.

(3) Methods of disclosure.—If the vote is taken on the floor, disclosure under this Rule or under any related law shall be accomplished by filing with the Secretary a memorandum the substance of which shall be printed in the Journal. If the vote is taken in a committee or subcommittee, the memorandum shall be filed with the committee or subcommittee administrative assistant, who shall file such memorandum in the committee or subcommittee files and with the Secretary. A Senator shall make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum pursuant to this Rule prior to the vote. If it is not possible to file the memorandum prior to the vote, then the memorandum must be filed immediately but not more than fifteen (15) days after the vote. The Secretary shall also make all memoranda filed pursuant to this Rule available online.

(4) Exception.—Notwithstanding this Rule, a Senator may vote on the General Appropriations Act or related implementing legislation without providing any disclosure. However, a Senator must follow the provisions of this Rule when specific appropriations or amendments are considered for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act or related implementing legislation.

See Rule 1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts.

### 1.40—Ethics training

Prior to the opening day of a regular session in odd-numbered years, all Senators shall complete a course of at least four (4) hours in length which addresses the requirements of law under the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, open meetings, public records, and any other subject approved by the President.

### 1.41—Senate employees and conflicts

Senate employees shall conduct themselves consistent with the intent of these Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics.

### 1.42—Advisory opinions

Questions from Senators relating to the interpretation and enforcement of Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Senate General Counsel and shall emanate therefrom. A Senator may submit a factual situation to the Senate General Counsel with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Senate General Counsel shall enter an opinion responding to each inquiry on which a Senator may reasonably rely. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without the Senator's consent.

### 1.43—Violations; investigations, penalties

(1) Any person may file a sworn complaint with the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, alleging a violation by a Senator of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics. The complaint shall be based on personal knowledge, shall state detailed facts, shall specify the actions of the named Senator which form the basis for the complaint, shall attach all documentation on which the complaint is based, and shall identify the specific Rule alleged by the complainant to have been violated by the Senator.

- (a) Upon a determination by the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, that the complaint fails to state facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed.
- (b) Upon a determination by the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, that the complaint states facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be referred to a special master. The special master shall conduct an investigation, shall give reasonable notice to the Senator who is alleged to have violated the Rules and shall grant the Senator an opportunity to be heard unless the investigation fails to reveal facts supporting a finding of probable cause. A special master's report and recommendation is advisory only and shall be presented to the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, as soon as practicable after the close of the investigation. If the special master's report and recommendation conclude that the facts do not support a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed by the Rules Chair, or the President when the

complaint is against the Rules Chair. If the complaint is not dismissed, the Rules Committee shall consider the special master's report and recommendation, shall grant the Senator an opportunity to be heard, and shall develop its own recommendation. If the complaint is against the Rules Chair, the chair is excused and the vice chair shall conduct the deliberation. If the Rules Committee votes to dismiss the complaint, the Rules Chair or vice chair shall dismiss the complaint. Otherwise, the special master's report and recommendation and the recommendation of the Rules Committee shall be presented to the President. The President shall present the committee's recommendation, along with the special master's report and recommendation, to the Senate for final action.

(2) Separately from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law, a Senator determined to have violated the requirements of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics may be censured, reprimanded, or expelled. Such determination and disciplinary action shall be taken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, on recommendation of the Rules Committee.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(d) Quorum and procedure.

## PART FIVE—PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS

### 1.44—Open meetings

(1) All meetings at which legislative business is discussed between more than two (2) members of the Legislature shall be open to the public except:

- (a) At the sole discretion of the President, after consultation with appropriate law enforcement, public health, emergency management, or security authorities, those portions of meetings of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee concerning measures to address security, espionage, sabotage, attack, and other acts of terrorism.
- (b) Discussions on the floor while the Senate is sitting and discussions among Senators in a committee room during committee meetings shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Rule.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) All meetings shall be subject to appropriate order and decorum at the discretion of the person conducting the meeting.

(3) For purposes of this Rule, "legislative business" is defined as issues pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or Senate subcommittee.

### 1.45—Notice required for certain meetings

(1) A written notice of the following meetings at which legislative business is to be discussed shall be filed with the Secretary. While the Legislature is not in regular or special session and during the first fifty (50) days of a regular session, the notice shall be filed at least four (4) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. After the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session and during a special session, the notice shall be filed at least two (2) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting:

- (a) Meetings of the President (or a Senator designated to represent the President) with the Governor or with the Speaker (or a Representative designated to represent the Speaker);
- (b) Meetings of a majority of the Senators who constitute the membership of any Senate committee or subcommittee; and
- (c) Meetings called by the President or the President's designee of a majority of the chairs of the Senate's standing committees.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) Notices of meetings required by Rule 1.45(1) shall be filed by or at the direction of the person at whose call the meeting is convened; shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting; shall contain a brief description of the general subject matter scheduled to be discussed. In the case of a meeting required to be noticed pursuant to this Rule, if the

meeting is to take place at or after 10:00 p.m., then the notice must be delivered to the Secretary by 5:00 p.m. Notices of such meetings shall appear in the daily calendar.

(3) In the event the times required for notice under Rule 1.45(1) are not sufficient to permit publication in a daily or interim calendar, the Secretary shall publish on the Senate website and post on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda. The Secretary shall make a diligent effort to give actual notice to members of the media of all noncalendared meeting notices.

(4) Political caucuses shall be open to the public in accordance with Rule 1.44 and noticed in accordance with this Rule when legislative business then pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or a Senate subcommittee are discussed. Political caucuses held for the sole purpose of designating a President, a President Pro Tempore, a Minority Leader, or a Minority Leader Pro Tempore need not be open or noticed.

### 1.46—Constitutional requirements concerning open meetings

(1) All legislative committee and subcommittee meetings and joint conference committee meetings shall be open and noticed to the public.

(2) All prearranged gatherings between more than two (2) members of the Legislature, or between the Governor, the President, or the Speaker, the purpose of which is to agree upon formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding pending legislation or amendments shall be reasonably open to the public.

(3) In the event of conflict between this Rule and any other Senate Rule, the Rule providing greater notice or public access shall prevail.

See Rule 2.13—Open meetings.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

### 1.47—Reapportionment information

All Senators shall have equal access to the Senate electronic redistricting system, census data, and all other information promulgated by, maintained by, or available to any Senate standing committee or subcommittee appointed for the analysis of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

### 1.48—Legislative records; maintenance, control, destruction, disposal, fee for copies, and disposition

(1) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, may be inspected by any person desiring to do so at reasonable times, under reasonable conditions, and under supervision of the person who has custody of the records, or that person's designee.

See FLA. CONST. art. I, s. 24(a) Access to public records and meetings.

(2) The following standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee public records, not exempted from public disclosure, shall be retained electronically by each staff director until transferred by the Secretary to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division: copies of bills, amendments, vote sheets, bill analyses, and fiscal notes; meeting files including agendas and appearance cards; files relating to assigned projects; final staff reports submitted to subcommittees or committees; final reports submitted by subcommittees or committees; correspondence sent or received; and audio recordings of committee meetings. At the time of transfer, the actual correspondence to be sent to the Department of State shall consist only of correspondence which relates to other committee public records required by this Rule to be transferred. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(3) Except for records specifically required by law or Senate Rule to be filed or retained, district office records and constituents' records may be retained by the district office until those records become obsolete, at which point they may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(4) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, created or received by the President, President Pro Tempore, or Secretary shall be retained by that officer as specifically required by law or Senate Rule

until transferred to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(5) The Secretary shall, with the approval of the President, establish a reasonable fee for copies of public legislative records not exempted from public disclosure. Such fees shall be based upon the actual cost of duplication of the record and shall include the material and supplies used to duplicate the record but not the labor cost or overhead cost associated with such duplication. If the nature or volume of records requested to be inspected or copied is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by employees of the Senate, a special service charge in addition to the actual cost of duplication may be imposed. Such special service charge shall be reasonable and based on the cost incurred for the extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of employees providing the service that is actually incurred by the Senate or attributable to the Senate for the clerical and supervisory assistance required.

(6) Once the retention period for a public record, not exempted from public disclosure, has expired, the public record may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed. A public record need not be retained if it is published or retained by another legislative office. Only one (1) copy of a public record need be retained; additional copies of that record may be destroyed at any time. In the case of mass mailings, only one (1) sample copy of the mailing, or an abstract, need be retained.

(7) For the purpose of this Rule, a Senator's district office shall include the offices each Senator retains for the transaction of official legislative business in his or her respective district and the assigned offices located in the Senate Office Building or the Capitol in Tallahassee.

(8) The following public records are exempt from inspection and copying:

- (a) Records, or information contained therein, held by the legislative branch of government which, if held by an agency as defined in section 119.011, *Florida Statutes*, or any other unit of government, would be confidential or exempt from the provisions of section 119.07(1), *Florida Statutes*, or otherwise exempt from public disclosure, and records or information of the same type held by the Legislature.
- (b) A formal complaint about a member or officer of the Legislature or about a lobbyist and the records relating to the complaint, until the complaint is dismissed, a determination as to probable cause has been made, a determination that there are sufficient grounds for review has been made and no probable cause panel is to be appointed, or the respondent has requested in writing that the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives make public the complaint or other records relating to the complaint, whichever occurs first.
- (c) A legislatively produced draft, and a legislative request for a draft, of a bill, resolution, memorial, or legislative rule, and an amendment thereto, which is not provided to any person other than the member or members who requested the draft, an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (d) A draft of a report, bill analysis, fiscal note, report prepared by a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature or the Senate and materials in support thereof until the draft is provided to a person other than an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (e) A draft, and a request for a draft, of a reapportionment plan or redistricting plan and an amendment thereto. Any supporting documents associated with such plan or amendment until a bill implementing the plan, or the amendment, is filed.
- (f) Records prepared for or used in executive sessions of the Senate until ten (10) years after the date on which the executive session was held.
- (g) Portions of records of former legislative investigating committees whose records are sealed or confidential as of June 30, 1993, which may reveal the identity of any witness, any

person who was a subject of the inquiry, or any person referred to in testimony, documents, or evidence retained in the committees' records; however, this exemption does not apply to a member of the committee, its staff, or any public official who was not a subject of the inquiry.

- (h) Requests by members for an advisory opinion concerning the application of the rules of either house pertaining to ethics, unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information. All advisory opinions shall be open to inspection except that the identity of the member shall not be disclosed in the opinion unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information.
- (i) Portions of correspondence held by the legislative branch which, if disclosed, would reveal: information otherwise exempt from disclosure by law; an individual's medical treatment, history, or condition; the identity or location of an individual if there is a substantial likelihood that releasing such information would jeopardize the health or safety of that individual; or information regarding physical abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, or abuse of the elderly.

(9) Any Senate record created prior to July 1, 1993, which was so designated by the President on June 30, 1993, shall remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993. Records held by joint committees, commissions or offices of the Legislature, that were jointly determined by the presiding officers of both houses to remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993, remain exempt.

(10) For purposes of this Rule, "public record" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by the legislative branch.

(11) All records, research, information, remarks, and staff work products, made or received during or in preparation for a closed meeting of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee, shall be confidential and exempt from inspection and copying for a period of thirty (30) days after the closed meeting, at which time they will automatically become legislative public records open to inspection and copying, unless the confidentiality and the prohibition against inspection and copying has, within the thirty (30) day period, been extended by the President. Unless the above-listed confidential and exempt items have been earlier released by operation of this Rule, they shall automatically become available for public inspection and copying five (5) years after the date of the closed meeting, unless this confidentiality and exemption is further extended by the President for subsequent five-year (5) periods.

#### 1.49—Violations of Rules on open meetings and notice

Violations of Rules 1.44 and 1.45 constitute violations of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics and shall be subject to the procedures and penalties prescribed in Rule 1.43.

See Rule 1.43—Violations; investigations, penalties.

### RULE TWO

#### COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOTING, MOTIONS, DECORUM, AND DEBATE

#### PART ONE—COMMITTEES—ORGANIZATION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

##### 2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees; select subcommittees

(1) The following standing committees with standing subcommittees are created:

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Appropriations
  1. Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
  2. Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources
  3. Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
  4. Subcommittee on General Government
  5. Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

6. Subcommittee on Higher Education
7. Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education
8. Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

- (c) Banking and Insurance
- (d) Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- (e) Commerce and Tourism
- (f) Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities
- (g) Community Affairs
- (h) Criminal Justice
- (i) Education
- (j) Environmental Preservation and Conservation
- (k) Ethics and Elections
- (l) Governmental Oversight and Accountability
- (m) Health Policy
- (n) Judiciary
- (o) Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- (p) Reapportionment
- (q) Regulated Industries
- (r) Rules
- (s) Transportation

(2) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees, when created and designated by Senate Rule, shall exist and operate both during and between sessions.

See Rule 1.5—The President's appointment of committees.

(3) No standing committee shall consist of fewer than five (5) members.

(4) A select subcommittee may be appointed by a standing committee or the chair thereof, with prior approval of the President.

- (a) A select subcommittee may study or investigate a specific issue falling within the jurisdiction of the standing committee or hear a bill referred to it.
- (b) The President and the Secretary shall be promptly notified of the appointment of a select subcommittee, its assignment, and the time allowed for the assignment, and shall be notified on completion of the assignment.
- (c) Select subcommittees shall be governed by the Rules regulating standing subcommittees, except that a select subcommittee shall exist only for the time necessary to complete its assignment or thirty (30) days, whichever is less, unless extended by the President.
- (d) The advisory report by a select subcommittee whether favorable or unfavorable shall be reviewed by the standing committee and accepted, amended, or rejected by majority vote of those committee members present.

## 2.2—Powers and responsibilities of committees

(1) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees are authorized:

- (a) To maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each subject area;
- (b) To invite public officials, employees, and private individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to submit information;
- (c) To request reports from departments performing functions reasonably related to the committees' jurisdictions; and
- (d) To complete the interim work assigned by the President.

(2) In order to carry out its duties, each standing committee or standing subcommittee has the reasonable right and authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operation, and physical plant of any public agency in this state.

(3) In order to carry out the committee's duties, the chair of each standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee may request the President to issue subpoenas, subpoenas *duces tecum*, and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee. The President may issue said process at the request of the committee chair. Any member of a standing committee,

standing subcommittee, or select committee may administer all oaths and affirmations, in the manner prescribed by law, to witnesses who appear before such committees to testify in any matter requiring evidence.

## 2.4—Committee staffing

A committee shall be staffed with personnel, subject to guidelines and criteria authorized by the President. The staff shall also be subject to the pay and classification code of the Senate. The President may authorize joint utilization of personnel with the House of Representatives and may authorize the Senate to share in the cost.

## 2.6—Committee meeting notices; regular session and interim; day fifty (50) rule

(1) Senate committees shall submit a notice of meetings (including site visits and public hearings) as provided herein. Reference to committee meeting notices in these Rules shall include all standing committees, standing subcommittees, select committees, select subcommittees, and such other committees or subcommittees as may be created by the Senate.

(2) Committee meeting notices shall include the date, time, amendment deadline, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, subject, and number of each bill to be taken up and other subjects to be considered.

(3) Notice of committee meetings shall be published in the daily calendar. No committee shall consider any bill during the first fifty (50) days of a regular session until proper notice has been published in three (3) weekday calendars, including the calendar published on the day of such committee meeting.

(4) If a weekend meeting is scheduled, notice of such meeting shall appear in three (3) daily calendars, including those published on the weekend days on which the meeting is held. However, a calendar published on a weekend shall not be included in the calculation of publication days for meetings taking place on Monday through Friday.

(5) Calendars published on the Friday and Monday immediately preceding the opening day of a regular session may be included in the calculation of the three-day (3) notice requirement for meetings held on the first (1st) and second (2nd) days of a regular session.

(6) After day fifty (50) of a regular session, meetings of standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees scheduled in accordance with Rule 2.10 may be held following an announcement by the chair of the committee or subcommittee or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair while the Senate is sitting. Notice shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda four (4) hours in advance of the meeting. A committee meeting announced during a sitting may occur four (4) hours after notice of the meeting has been published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda. Such notices may be posted in advance of the oral announcement during the sitting.

(7) When the Legislature is not in session, committee meeting notices shall be filed with the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall make the notice available to the membership and the public.

See Rule 2.9—Committee meetings; committee meetings after the fiftieth (50th) day.

## 2.7—Bills recommitted for failure to provide proper notice

(1) A bill reported by a standing committee without proper notice shall be recommitted to the committee reporting the same on the point of order being made within two (2) sittings after such report is printed in the Journal, or the President may recommit such bill at any time. Once recommitted, the bill is available for consideration by the committee as if it had never been reported.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) A bill reported by a standing subcommittee to the standing committee to which it was referred by the President without proper



notice shall be recommitted to the subcommittee reporting same on the point of order made during the standing committee meeting at which the bill was reported by the subcommittee. Once recommitted, the bill is available for consideration by the subcommittee as if it had never been reported.

## 2.8—Filing and publication of meeting notices

For publication in the daily calendar, notice of committee meetings shall be delivered to the Secretary's office in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding its intended publication. If such day is a Friday, delivery shall be by 2:30 p.m.

## 2.9—Committee meetings; committee meetings after fiftieth (50th) day

(1) Each standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee shall consider the public business assigned to it as expeditiously as possible and proper.

(2) Unless approved by the President, no committee shall meet after the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session except the Rules Committee.

## 2.10—Committee meeting schedules; time limits on meetings

(1) The President shall provide a schedule of days, hours, and places for the meeting of committees for the regular session and during the interim, and deliver a copy of same to each Senator. However, no committee shall meet before 7:00 a.m. or meet or continue to meet after 6:00 p.m.

(2) Each committee or subcommittee, standing or select, shall meet in the place and within the time assigned for its use by the President. Notice of such assignment shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda.

(3) No committee except the Rules Committee shall meet while the Senate is sitting without the consent of the majority of the Senate present.

## 2.11—Presentation of bills before committees

(1) The introducer of a bill shall attend the meeting of the committee or subcommittee before which such bill is noticed as provided in these Rules. Only the introducer or the first- or second-named co-introducer may present a bill before a committee or subcommittee.

(2) Senate committee professional staff shall be limited to presenting committee bills at meetings of their assigned committees of reference.

## 2.12—Order of consideration of bills; exception

Bills shall be considered in the order appearing in the notice required by these Rules, except that the chair may, in the chair's sole discretion, consider a bill out of its order to accommodate the presence of a Senator or Representative who is the introducer thereof.

## 2.13—Open meetings

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all committee meetings shall be open to the public, subject always to the powers and authority of the chair to maintain order and decorum.

See Rule 1.44—Open meetings.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

## 2.15—Standing committee reports; committee substitutes

(1) If reporting a matter referred to it, a standing committee shall report the matter either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment,
- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
- (d) Unfavorably.

The vote of the members present of a standing committee or subcommittee on final passage of any measure shall be recorded. Upon the request of any two (2) members of a committee or subcommittee, the vote on any other matter or motion properly before the committee shall be recorded. After such report has been received by the Secretary, no matter so reported shall be recommitted to a committee except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present at a sitting or except as provided in Rule 2.7, Rule 4.7(2), or Rule 4.8(4).

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(2) Such reports shall also reflect:

- (a) The date, time, and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
- (b) The vote of each member present of the committee on final passage of each bill.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

The Secretary shall enter in the Journal the recommended action of the committee on each bill reported, but shall not include that portion of the report relating to the date, time, and place of the meeting or the vote of each member on final passage of a measure. Reports of committees shall be preserved pursuant to law.

(3) In reporting a Senate measure, a standing committee may draft a new measure embracing the same or related subject matter to be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure. If one or more amendments are adopted, a measure shall, without motion, be reported as a committee substitute unless the committee by majority vote decides otherwise.

- (a) The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure referred to the committee and returned to the Secretary in the same manner as a favorable report.
- (b) No other standing committee of reference shall consider the original measure but shall direct its attention to the substitute measure.
- (c) A committee receiving a committee substitute from a prior committee of reference may also report a committee substitute and shall not be precluded from doing so with the substance of the bill as originally introduced.
- (d) When reported, the substitute shall be read a first (1st) time by title, the original proposition shall be automatically tabled, and the substitute considered in lieu thereof without motion. The substitute shall carry the identifying number of the original and shall be returned to the Secretary in the same number of copies required for first (1st) introduction of a similar measure.
- (e) The names of the introducer and each co-introducer of the original measure shall be shown by the committee administrative assistant on the committee substitute unless an introducer or co-introducer requests that it be omitted.
- (f) A Senate committee may not recommend a Senate committee substitute for a House bill.

(4) All standing committee reports shall be filed with the Secretary's office as soon as practicable, but not later than 4:30 p.m. on the next day that is not a weekend or state holiday, except a committee drafting and recommending a committee substitute shall file such committee report no later than 4:30 p.m. on the second (2nd) such weekday. These reports must be accompanied by the original bill. Each report by a committee must set forth the identifying number of the bill. If amendments are proposed by the committee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Committee amendments shall be identified by barcode in the report. All bills reported unfavorably shall be laid on the table.

## 2.16—Standing subcommittee reports

(1) If reporting a matter referred to it, a standing subcommittee must report the matter directly to the standing committee to which the matter was referred by the President. The standing committee shall promptly certify a copy to the Secretary. The standing subcommittee shall report a matter either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment,

- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
  - (d) Unfavorably.
- (2) Such reports shall also reflect:
- (a) The date, time, and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
  - (b) The vote of each member of the subcommittee on final passage of each bill.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(3) In reporting a bill to the standing committee of reference, a standing subcommittee may draft a new measure, embracing the same or related subject matter, to be returned to the standing committee with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure referred to the standing subcommittee and returned to the standing committee of reference in the same manner as a favorable report.

(4) All standing subcommittee reports shall be promptly transmitted to the standing committee of reference. Each report by a standing subcommittee must set forth the identifying number of the measure. If amendments are proposed by the standing subcommittee, the words “with amendments” shall follow the identifying number. Standing subcommittee amendments shall accompany the report.

(5) All bills reported unfavorably by a subcommittee shall be laid on the table by roll call vote when the standing committee of reference considers the standing subcommittee’s report unless, on motion by any member adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those standing committee members present, the same report shall be rejected. When a subcommittee report is rejected by a standing committee, the bill shall receive a hearing *de novo* and witnesses shall be permitted to testify.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(6) When a bill with a favorable report by a standing subcommittee is considered by the standing committee to which it was referred by the President, no additional testimony shall be permitted except by a majority vote of those standing committee members present before a vote on final passage; however, debate by members of the standing committee shall be allowed prior to such vote.

## 2.17—Quorum requirement

(1) A standing committee, standing subcommittee, or select committee is assembled only when a quorum constituting a majority of the members of that committee is present in person.

(2) A committee member may question the presence of a quorum at any time.

(3) No committee business of any type shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum. Any matter reported in violation of this Rule shall be recommitted by the President when it is called to the President’s attention by a Senator.

## 2.19—Conference committee in deliberation; reports

(1) All meetings of Senate conferees with House conferees at which the business of the conference committee is discussed shall be open to the public subject to proper order and decorum. A meeting of the Senate and House conferees is a meeting of the two (2) groups; therefore, the rules governing each respective house apply. Meetings between a majority of the members of a conference committee may be held following a notice being filed with the Secretary by or at the direction of the person calling the meeting, at least one (1) hour in advance of the meeting. The notice shall indicate the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, the date, the time, and the place of the meeting. Conference committees may meet at any time with proper notice.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) A conference committee, other than a conference committee on a general or special appropriations bill and its related legislation, shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate

and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(3) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. Such amendments shall accompany the conference committee report. In any event, the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either house. Conference committee reports must be approved and signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of each house. All final actions taken in a conference committee shall be by motion.

(4) Each conference committee report shall contain a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(5) When the President appoints a conference committee, a notice of the following meetings to discuss matters relating to the conference, stating the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, and the date, time, and place for the meeting, shall be filed with the Secretary by or at the direction of the person at whose call the meeting is convened, not less than one (1) hour preceding the time for the meeting:

- (a) Meetings between the President (or a Senator designated to represent the President), the Governor, and the Speaker (or a Representative designated to represent the Speaker);
- (b) Meetings between a majority of the members of any subcommittee of the conference committee;
- (c) Meetings between the President or any Senator designated to represent the President and a conferee from the House of Representatives, or any meeting between a conferee from the Senate with the Speaker or any Representative designated to represent the Speaker; and
- (d) Meetings of a majority of the Senate conferees; and when the bill that is the subject of the conference committee deals primarily with the general appropriations act or revenue matters, any meeting of three (3) or more conferees on the part of the Senate.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(6) Notice of meetings, as scheduled, between the chair of the Senate’s conferees with the chair of the House’s conferees, or between respective Senate and House committee chairs with each other, shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda. In the case of the appropriations conference, said notice shall also be posted outside the door of the offices of the appropriations committees.

(7) All meetings for which notice is required pursuant to this Rule shall be held in the Capitol Complex, but shall not be held in the Chamber of either house while it is sitting.

(8) When conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, any action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall not preclude further action on the measure as the Senate may determine.

(9) After Senate conferees have been appointed for seven (7) calendar days and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said conferees. This motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess and questions of privilege. Further, during the last six (6) calendar days allowed under the *State Constitution* for any regular session, it shall be a privileged motion to move to discharge, appoint, or instruct Senate conferees after the Senate conferees have been appointed thirty-six (36) hours without having made a report.

## PART TWO—COMMITTEES—OFFICERS

### 2.20—Appointment of chair and vice chair

A chair and a vice chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the President and shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall also appoint a chair for each standing

subcommittee and select committee authorized by these Rules and may designate a vice chair, both of whom shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President.

### 2.21—Call to order

The chair or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair, shall call the committee to order at the hour provided by these Rules. A quorum being present, the committee shall proceed with consideration of its agenda.

### 2.22—Chair's control

The chair shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the committee room. If there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the committee room, the chair may require participants in the disturbance to clear the room.

### 2.23—Chair's authority; appeals

(1) The chair shall approve all notices, subpoenas, or reports required or permitted by these Rules.

(2) The chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator, and the appeal shall be certified by the chair to the Senate for a decision by the President during its next sitting following such certification. If not in session, the President may make a ruling by letter. Rulings shall be entered in the Journal, shall constitute binding precedent on all committees of the Senate, and shall be subject to appeal as any other question; however, rulings by letter are subject to appeal at the first or second sitting of the next regular session.

(3) The proper method of taking exception to a ruling of the chair is by appeal. An appeal of a decision of the chair must be made promptly before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the chair. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

(4) An appeal of a decision of the chair on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

(5) The chair may, or on the vote of a majority of the committee members present shall, certify a question of parliamentary procedure to the President as contemplated by the Rule without a formal appeal. Such certified question shall be disposed of by the President as if it had been on appeal.

(6) Final action on an appeal or the certification of a procedural question pursuant to this Rule shall not constitute an automatic stay to further legislative action on the measure under consideration.

### 2.24—Chair, vice chair; vote

The chair and vice chair shall vote on all matters before such committee. The name of the chair shall be called last.

*See* Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

### 2.25—Temporary alternate to chair

The chair may name any member of the committee to perform the duties of the chair if such substitution shall not extend beyond such meeting. If for any reason the chair is absent and fails to name a member, the vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair during the chair's absence.

### 2.26—Vice chair's duties

On the death, incapacitation, or resignation of the chair, the vice chair shall perform the duties of the office until the President appoints a successor. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall act as chair.

## PART THREE—COMMITTEES—MEMBERS

### 2.27—Members' attendance, voting; proxy and poll votes prohibited

(1) Unless excused or necessarily prevented, every member of a committee shall be in attendance during each of its meetings.

(2) The chair may excuse any member for just cause from attendance at meetings of his or her committee for any stated period. This excused absence shall be noted on the committee's records.

(3) Failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings, unless excused from attendance in the Senate on those days as provided in these Rules or by the chair of the committee, shall be reported to the President who may take appropriate action.

(4) No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy nor shall a vote be conducted by poll.

(5) A majority of all the committee members present shall agree by their votes on the disposition of any matter considered by the committee.

*See* Rule 11.4—Majority action.

## PART FOUR—COMMITTEES—VOTING

### 2.28—Taking the vote

(1) The chair shall declare the result of all votes and shall cause same to be entered on the records of the committee, but if any member questions the declared result of a voice vote, then by a show of hands by two (2) members the chair shall count the yeas and nays. When the committee is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

*See* Rule 1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts.

*See* FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(2) A member may request to:

- (a) Vote, or
- (b) Change his or her vote

before the results of a roll call are announced.

(3) After the result of a vote has been announced, a member with unanimous consent of those committee members present may record a vote or change his or her vote. If the vote alters the final action of the committee, no vote or change of vote shall be permitted unless the matter has been reconsidered by the committee. On request of a member prior to consideration of other business, the chair shall order a verification of a vote.

(4) After a committee meeting, an absent Senator may file with the committee an indication of how he or she would have voted if present. Such filing is for information only and shall have no effect upon the committee's meeting report.

### 2.29—Pair voting prohibited

No pair voting shall be permitted in a committee.

### 2.30—Casting vote for another

No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator, nor shall any person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Senator who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper. Also, any person not a Senator who shall vote in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the committee for the remainder of the session.

### 2.31—Explanation of vote; deferring a vote prohibited

No member shall be permitted to defer or explain his or her vote during a roll call, but may submit his or her explanation in writing and file it with the chair. This explanation shall be kept as part of the committee record and a copy filed with the Secretary.

**PART FIVE—COMMITTEES—MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE****2.32—Motions; how made, withdrawn**

(1) Every procedural motion may be made orally. On request of the chair, a member shall submit his or her motion in writing.

(2) After a motion has been stated or read by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the committee without a second, and shall be disposed of by vote of the committee members present.

(3) The mover may withdraw a motion at any time before the same has been amended, or before a vote shall have commenced. The mover of a motion to reconsider may withdraw that motion only with the unanimous consent of those committee members present.

**2.33—Motions; precedence**

(1) When a question is under debate, the chair shall receive no motion except:

- (a) To adjourn
- (b) To take a recess
- (c) To reconsider instant passage of a main question  
*See Rule 2.35—Reconsideration generally.*
- (d) To reconsider  
*See Rule 2.35—Reconsideration generally.*
- (e) To limit debate  
*See Rule 2.50—Limitation on debate.*
- (f) To temporarily postpone  
*See Rule 6.11—Temporarily postpone.*
- (g) To commit to a select subcommittee
- (h) To amend  
*See Rule 2.39—Amendments, proposed committee substitutes, and proposed committee bills; form, notice, manner of consideration; germanity.*

which shall have precedence in the descending order given.

(2) The chair shall present all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion is of a higher precedence or a substitute of equal precedence.

(3) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute may be pending and the substitute shall be in the same order of precedence. If a substitute fails, another substitute of equal degree may be offered.

**2.34—Division of question**

A member may move for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it, which shall be decided by a majority vote. A motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to delete, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to delete and insert.

*See Rule 6.3—Division of question.*

**2.35—Reconsideration generally**

(1) When a question has been decided by a committee, any member voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question.

(2) If a question has been decided by voice vote, any member may move for reconsideration, but such motion shall be out of order after the committee has moved on to other business.

*See Rule 2.38—Reconsideration; collateral matters.*

(3) If the committee shall refuse to reconsider or, upon reconsideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except upon unanimous consent of those committee members present.

(4) A motion to reconsider final passage of a measure or the confirmation of an executive appointment may be made prior to or pending a motion to adjourn. It shall not be taken up or voted on when made but shall be a special and continuing order of business for the succeeding

committee meeting, and, unless considered during such meeting, shall be considered abandoned.

*See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.*

(5) At the next succeeding meeting, the reconsideration of such motion may be made by any member prior to a motion to adjourn.

(6) During the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and taken up during the meeting at which the original vote was taken.

(7) A motion to reconsider instant may be offered by a member voting on the prevailing side at the original meeting and shall be of a higher precedence than a motion to reconsider.

- (a) If the motion to reconsider instant is agreed to by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, it shall supersede a motion to reconsider and place the main question again before the committee for further consideration, amendment, and debate.
- (b) If a motion to reconsider instant is not agreed to, a motion to reconsider, if offered or pending as provided in subsection (4) of this Rule, shall be a special and continuing item on the committee agenda for the next meeting.

**2.36—Reconsideration; vote required**

The affirmative votes of a majority of the committee members present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

**2.37—Reconsideration; debate allowed**

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question proposed for reconsideration is debatable. When debate on a motion to reconsider is in order, no Senator shall speak thereon more than once nor longer than five (5) minutes.

**2.38—Reconsideration; collateral matters**

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the committee has passed to other business.

**PART SIX—COMMITTEES—AMENDMENTS****2.39—Amendments, proposed committee substitutes, and proposed committee bills; form, notice, manner of consideration; germanity**

(1) No amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure, or no proposed committee bill on any committee agenda shall be considered by that committee unless the amendment, proposed committee substitute, or proposed committee bill was prepared in proper form and filed with the committee administrative assistant at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the noticed meeting time. For the purpose of this Rule, office hours are the weekdays of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Copies of such amendment, proposed committee substitute, or proposed committee bill shall be made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting to the members of the committee and to the public.

- (a) After distribution of all timely filed amendments, amendments to amendments or substitute amendments may be filed to any measure to which an amendment was timely filed. Such amendments must be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
- (b) After distribution of all timely filed proposed committee substitutes and proposed committee bills, amendments, amendments to amendments, or substitute amendments to any proposed committee substitute or proposed committee bill must be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
- (c) Amendments to late-filed amendments, proposed committee substitutes, or proposed committee bills shall be considered timely filed if filed at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.

- (d) After day fifty (50) of a regular session, an amendment, proposed committee bill, or proposed committee substitute to any measure prepared prior to a committee meeting at which it is offered shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
- (e) The consideration of any amendment, proposed committee bill, or proposed committee substitute not timely filed in accordance with this rule, including any filed during a committee meeting in which it is to be offered, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present, if any member requests that such a vote be taken. These time requirements do not apply to a committee's recommendation during a meeting to make a committee substitute which is merely a combination of the noticed bill and amendment.

(2) Amendments shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Secretary.

- (a) An amendment shall be considered only after its sponsor, who is a member of the committee or the introducer of the pending bill, gains recognition from the chair to move its adoption. The first- or second-named co-introducer may move and explain an amendment sponsored by the introducer.
- (b) An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the chair and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending.

(3) No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of an amendment.

#### **2.40—Sequence of amendments to amendments**

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up.
- (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
- (c) The substitute then is voted on.

(2) If a substitute amendment is adopted, it supersedes the main amendment and shall be treated as an amendment to the bill itself.

(3) The following third (3rd) degree amendments are out of order:

- (a) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the amendment.
- (b) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the substitute.
- (c) An amendment to an amendment to the amendment.
- (d) An amendment to an amendment to the substitute amendment.

See Rule 7.3—Sequence of amendments to amendments.

#### **2.41—Deleting everything after enacting clause**

A proposal to delete everything after the enacting clause of a bill, or the resolving clause of a resolution, and insert new language of the same or related subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

#### **2.42—Amendment by section**

The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The chair, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the entire bill shall be open for amendment.

#### **2.43—Senate amendments to House bills**

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill.

#### **2.44—Amendments by previous committees**

Amendments recommended by all committees of reference shall accompany a bill when filed with the Secretary. No committee shall remove an amendment by another committee but may recommend an amendment to an amendment, or a substitute for an amendment, by another committee. Any accompanying amendment shall be included in a subsequent committee substitute unless altered or negated by committee action. Amendments adopted by a committee to be incorporated in a committee substitute need not be filed with the Secretary as part of the reports required in Rules 2.15 and 2.16.

### **PART SEVEN—COMMITTEES—DECORUM AND DEBATE**

#### **2.45—Decorum and debate**

When a member desires to speak or present a matter to the committee, the member shall address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madam Chair" and, on being recognized, may address the committee and shall confine any remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personality. A member shall not address or refer to another member by his or her first name. A member shall use the appellation of "Senator" or such appellation and the surname of the member referred to or addressed.

#### **2.46—Chair's power to recognize**

When two (2) or more members request to speak at once, the chair shall recognize the member who is to speak first.

#### **2.47—Interruptions; when allowed**

(1) No member shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the member who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the chair concerning a point of order (provided the appeal is made immediately following the decision);
- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The chair shall strictly enforce this Rule.

#### **2.48—Speaking rights**

(1) When a member is speaking and another member interrupts to request recognition, the chair may permit the person rising to state why he or she desires recognition. If the question the member desires to raise is entitled to precedence, the member originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The member is then entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The member making a debatable motion or the introducer of a bill, whether or not a member of the committee, shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

**2.49—Time allowed for debate**

No Senator shall speak longer than ten (10) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those committee members present.

**2.50—Limitation on debate**

When a matter is under debate by the committee, a member may move to limit debate, and the motion shall be decided without debate. The introducer of the pending matter on which debate would be limited shall have five (5) minutes to discuss the motion, and the introducer may divide such time with, or waive it in favor of, another member. If the question is decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present, the debate shall be limited accordingly. The time allotted by such limitation shall be apportioned by the chair. Once limited, debate may be extended beyond the original debate time limit by a majority vote of the committee members present.

See Rule 8.6—Limitation on debate.

**2.51—Priority of business; debate thereon**

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be acted on and shall be decided without debate.

**RULE THREE****BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS****3.1—Form of bills**

(1) All bills shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*, and the enacting clause, “Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:.” The title of each bill shall be prefaced by the words, “A bill to be entitled An act.” Standard rules of capitalization shall apply.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

(2) The original must be approved by the introducer and backed in a folder-jacket. On these jackets shall be inscribed the name and district number of the introducer and any co-introducers or the introducing committee and its chair, and enough of the title for identification.

See Rule 2.11—Presentation of bills before committees.

See Rule 11.6—General; definitions.

(3) Bills that propose to amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes* (as described in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*) or the *Laws of Florida* shall contain the full text of the section, subsection, or paragraph to be amended. Joint resolutions that propose to amend the *State Constitution* shall contain the full text of the section to be amended.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

(4) In general bills and joint resolutions that propose to create or amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes*, *Laws of Florida*, or the *State Constitution*, new words shall be inserted underlined, and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens, except that the text of the General Appropriations Act shall not be underlined.

(5) When the change in language is so general that the use of these procedures would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the amendment, it shall not be necessary to use the coded indicators of words added or deleted but, in lieu thereof, a notation similar to the following shall be inserted immediately preceding the text of the provision being amended: “Substantial rewording of section. See s. [number], F.S., for present text.” When such notation is used, the notation as well as the substantially reworded text shall be underlined.

(6) The words to be deleted and the above-described indicators of such words and of new material are for information and guidance and shall not be considered to constitute a part of the bill under consideration.

(7) Section catchlines of existing text shall not be typed with underlining.

**3.2—Bills for introduction**

A bill may not be introduced until properly filed with the Secretary.

See Rule 1.15—The Secretary examines legal form of bills for introduction.

See Rule 3.7—Bill filing deadline during regular session; bill filing between regular sessions; exceptions.

See Rule 13.4—Delivery for introduction.

**3.3—Form of local bills**

As required by Article III, Section 10 of the *State Constitution*, all local bills must either embody provision for ratifying referenda (stated in the title as well as in the text of the bill) or be accompanied by an affidavit of proper advertisement. A form of affidavit may be found in section 11.03, *Florida Statutes*. All local bills that require publication shall, when introduced, have proof of publication securely attached to the original copy of the bill and the words “Proof of Publication Attached” clearly typed or stamped on the Senate side of the bill jacket or cover, or the same shall be rejected by the Secretary.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 10 Special laws.

**3.4—Form of joint resolutions**

Joint resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, “Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:.” Each joint resolution shall be prefaced by the words: “A joint resolution.”

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

**3.5—Form of memorials**

Memorials shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, “Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:.”

**3.6—Form of resolutions; Senate and concurrent**

(1) Senate resolutions and all concurrent resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. Senate resolutions shall contain the resolving clause: “Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:.” Concurrent resolutions shall contain the resolving clause: “Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:.”

(2) Only the Secretary shall prepare copies of Senate resolutions that are to be furnished to any person after the resolution’s adoption.

**3.7—Bill filing deadline during regular session; bill filing between regular sessions; exceptions**

(1) All bills shall be filed for introduction with the Secretary no later than 12:00 noon of the first (1st) day of the regular session except:

- (a) general appropriations bills,
- (b) appropriations implementing bills,
- (c) appropriations conforming bills,
- (d) local bills,
- (e) Senate resolutions,
- (f) concurrent resolutions pertaining to a legislative joint session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor’s veto,
- (g) committee bills,
- (h) trust fund bills, and
- (i) public-record exemptions that are linked to timely filed general bills.

(2) Claim bills shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4.81(2).

(3) A motion to waive this Rule shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and its advisory recommendation as to the

existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a bill notwithstanding this Rule and a recommendation shall be reported back to the Senate. The Secretary shall number each bill to provide identity and control until a permanent number can be affixed.

See Rule 1.15—The Secretary examines legal form of bills for introduction.

(4) Between regular sessions of the Legislature, bills may be filed by delivery to the Secretary.

### 3.8—Filed bills; consideration between regular sessions

(1) A filed bill complying with these Rules shall, in anticipation of the next regular session, be serially numbered in accordance with the permanent system required by these Rules.

(2) The Secretary shall provide each such numbered bill to the President for reference to a committee or committees pursuant to these Rules. The Secretary shall promptly forward each referenced bill to the first (1st) or only committee of reference. The Secretary shall make all filed bills available to each Senator, including the referencing data for each bill, and a calendar of all committee hearings, including the bills noticed for hearing by each.

(3) Each bill considered by a committee and reported to the Secretary during the interim shall be introduced and read on the first (1st) day of the regular session, pursuant to the *State Constitution, Laws of Florida*, and these Rules. The Journal shall show the committee reference and the report of the committee.

(4) Prior to the introduction of a bill on the first (1st) day of the regular session, a Senator may give written notification to the Secretary to withdraw his or her bill from further consideration of the Senate.

### 3.9—Copies of bills

When filed, bills (including committee bills and committee substitute bills) shall be published by the Secretary for the information of the Senate and the public. The absence of a published copy shall not delay the progress of a measure at any stage of the legislative process. Sufficient copies of the general appropriations bill proposed to be introduced by the Appropriations Committee shall be made available to the members and, upon request, to the public, at the Office of the Secretary and at the committee's office, no less than two (2) hours prior to the time the Appropriations Committee meets to consider the proposed committee bill.

### 3.10—Identification of bills

Bills and other measures requiring legislative action shall be introduced in the order they are received by the Secretary. They shall be serially numbered with even numbers as introduced, without differentiation in number as to type. The Secretary shall mark the original copy of each measure to ensure its identification, and each page thereof, as the item introduced in order to prevent unauthorized or improper substitutions. This identification may be made by any device to accomplish the purpose of this Rule. Such device shall be in the custody of the Secretary, and its use by any person not authorized by this Rule is prohibited.

### 3.11—Companion measures; defined; substitution of House bills for Senate bills

(1) A companion measure shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measure for which it is being substituted.

(2) When a Senate bill is reached on the calendar of the Senate for consideration, either on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading, and there is also pending on the calendar of the Senate a companion measure already passed by the House, it shall be in order to move that the House companion measure be substituted and considered in lieu of the Senate measure.

(a) Before a vote is taken on a substitution motion, the mover shall explain the differences between the Senate bill and the House bill.

(b) A substitution motion may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present if the House measure is on the same reading; otherwise, the motion shall be to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and read such House measure.

(3) A House bill residing in a Senate committee that is a companion of a bill under consideration in the Senate may be withdrawn from the committees of reference without motion, unless a Senator requests a vote on such withdrawal action.

(4) At the moment the Senate passes a House companion measure, the original Senate measure shall be regarded as automatically tabled. Recommitment of a Senate bill shall automatically carry with it any House companion measure then on the calendar.

### 3.12—Introducers of bills; co-introducers; introducers no longer Senators

(1) Bills shall be approved for introduction by a Senator whose name is affixed to the original, or by any committee with the name of the committee and the name of the chair of the committee affixed to the original.

(2) A bill may be co-introduced by any Senator whose name is affixed to the original.

(3) A Senator who is not seeking or is ineligible for reelection and, therefore, will not be a Senator at the next regular session of the Legislature may not file a bill for that session. Once a Senator is no longer in office, any bill filed by that Senator for a current or future session of the Legislature shall be deemed withdrawn from further consideration of the Senate unless the bill has a co-introducer who, within seven (7) days, agrees to become the introducer of the bill.

### 3.13—Fiscal notes

(1) Upon being favorably reported by a committee, all general bills or joint resolutions affecting revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liabilities of state or local governments shall be accompanied by a fiscal note. Fiscal notes shall reflect the estimated increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures. The estimated economic impact, which calculates the present and future fiscal effects of the bill or joint resolution, must be considered. The fiscal note shall not express opinion relative to the merits of the measure, but may identify technical defects.

(2) Fiscal notes on bills affecting any state retirement system shall be prepared after consultation with an actuary who is a member of the Society of Actuaries, and the cooperation of appropriate state agencies for necessary data shall be solicited.

(3) Fiscal notes shall be regarded as memoranda of factual information and shall be made available to Senators.

(4) If a bill or joint resolution is reported favorably by a committee without a fiscal note or economic impact statement, as defined in this Rule, a Senator may at any time prior to final passage raise a point of order, and the President shall order return of the bill or joint resolution to the committee. A fiscal note prepared for a Senate bill or joint resolution shall be presumed as prepared also for its House companion for the purposes of point of order.

## RULE FOUR

### ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CALENDAR

#### 4.1—Sittings of the Senate

The Senate shall convene pursuant to a schedule provided by the President or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting. This schedule shall set forth hours to convene and adjourn and may contain a schedule for the Special Order Calendars submitted by the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader. The Senate shall not convene before 7:00 a.m. nor meet or continue to meet after 6:00 p.m. However, a sitting may be extended beyond these hours or the scheduled or previously agreed to time of adjournment by a majority vote.

See Rule 1.2—The President calls the Senate to order.

#### 4.2—Quorum

A majority of the Senate shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as it may prescribe. A Senator at any time may question the existence of a quorum.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4 Quorum and procedure.

#### 4.3—Daily Order of Business

- (1) The Daily Order of Business shall be as follows:
- (a) Roll Call
  - (b) Prayer
  - (c) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
  - (d) Reports of Committees
  - (e) Motions Relating to Committee Reference
  - (f) Messages from the Governor and Other Executive Communications
  - (g) Messages from the House of Representatives
  - (h) Matters on Reconsideration
  - (i) Consideration of Bills on Third (3rd) Reading
  - (j) Special Order Calendars
  - (k) Consideration of Bills on Second (2nd) Reading
  - (l) Correction and Approval of Journal
  - (m) Unfinished Business

(2) The Secretary shall prepare and distribute, on each session weekday, a calendar corresponding to the Daily Order of Business; and within each order of business, matters shall be considered in the order in which they appear on such daily calendar. Local bills may be omitted from the formal calendar and may be distributed to Senators by the Secretary separately. Weekend calendars may be prepared when necessary to provide notice of meetings on Saturday or Sunday.

See Rule 4.16—Consideration out of regular order.

(3) Certain messages from the House of Representatives may be withheld from the Daily Order of Business pursuant to Rule 1.18 or on order of the President. Notwithstanding Rule 4.3(1), the Senate may, at the direction of the President, take up messages from the House at any time.

See Rule 1.18—The Secretary receives and delivers for reading messages from the House of Representatives; summaries of House amendments to Senate bills.

(4) Unless read during a sitting, first (1st) reading of a bill shall be accomplished by publication of the title thereof in the Journal pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

#### 4.31—Unanimous consent required

Except by unanimous consent of those Senators present at a sitting, no bill shall be considered by the Senate if the bill or a companion measure has not been first reported favorably by at least one (1) Senate committee.

#### 4.5—Conference committee report

- (1) The report of a conference committee shall be read to the Senate after which the vote shall be:
- (a) on adoption or rejection of the conference report and, if adopted, the vote shall then be
  - (b) on final passage of the measure as amended by the conference report.

Copies of conference committee reports shall be available to the membership twelve (12) hours prior to the time such report is scheduled to be taken up on the Senate floor.

(2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected.

(3) Each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(4) Except when the Senate is voting on a proposition, reports of conference committees shall always be in order.

#### 4.6—Reference generally; reference of local bills

(1) All bills, including those that are strictly local in nature, shall be referred by the President to appropriate committees and standing subcommittees. General appropriations bills, appropriations implementing bills, trust fund bills, and appropriations conforming bills introduced by the Appropriations Committee may be placed on the calendar without reference.

(2) The sequence of the President's reference actions shall indicate which standing committee will receive the report of a standing subcommittee.

(3) Bills received by the President during a regular session and within three (3) weeks next preceding the convening of a regular session shall be referred within seven (7) days. Upon failure of the President to reference such bills within this limitation, they shall be referred to committees recommended by the introducer. In the event of extended absence of the President or the President's disability or incapacity, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duty of referring bills.

(4) When the Legislature is not in session, the President may change or correct a bill reference by notice to the Secretary and the bill introducer.

(5) The review of a bill that appears to be local in nature shall be performed by the Secretary to determine whether such measure is local in nature for reference purposes and whether it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill.

(6) A bill is local in nature for referencing purposes if it does not substantially alter a law of general application throughout the state and it either affects no more than one (1) county or relates to a special district that is located wholly within no more than two (2) counties.

(7) When the Secretary, through staff review, has determined that the bill is not local in nature for referencing purposes, the Secretary shall report such determination to the President, who shall refer such bill to an appropriate standing committee for hearing. Such report shall be made within fifteen (15) days from date of receipt by the Secretary. When the Secretary, through staff review, has determined that a bill is local in nature for referencing purposes and that it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill, the bill shall be available for the calendar on local bills notwithstanding Rule 4.3(5).

#### 4.7—Reference to more than one committee; effect

(1) When a bill receives more than one (1) reference, it shall be considered by each committee separately in the order in which the references are made. However, if any committee to which the bill is referred makes an unfavorable report on said bill, that report shall be filed with the Senate and no further consideration given by other committees except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present while sitting.

(2) If a committee reports a bill favorably with committee substitute or with any amendment which substantially amends the bill, the President may change or correct the reference of the reported bill. Notice shall be given to the Secretary and the introducer of the bill.

#### 4.8—Review and reference of bills affecting appropriations, revenue, retirement, or county or municipal spending

(1) All bills authorizing or substantially affecting appropriations or tax revenue shall be referred to the appropriate revenue or appropriations committee.

(2) All bills substantially affecting a state-funded or state-administered retirement system shall be referred to the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.



(3) A bill containing a local mandate as described in Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* shall be referred to the Community Affairs Committee.

(4) A bill that is amended to substantially affect appropriations or tax revenue, a state retirement program, or expenditures or revenues as set forth in Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* may, before being placed before the Senate for final passage, be referred by the President along with all amendments to the appropriate revenue or appropriations committee.

#### 4.81—Claim bills

(1) Claim bills are of two (2) types: excess judgment claims filed pursuant to section 768.28(5), *Florida Statutes*, and equitable claims filed without an underlying excess judgment.

(2) All claim bills shall be filed with the Secretary on or before August 1 in order to be considered by the Senate during the next regular session, except that Senators elected to the Senate during a general election or a special general election may have sixty-two (62) days from the date of that election to file a claim bill. Senators currently serving who are re-elected during a general election are not subject to the immediately preceding provision relating to sixty-two (62) days. A motion to introduce a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. A House claim bill which does not have a Senate companion claim bill timely filed under this Rule shall not be considered by the Senate. Any motion to consider a House claim bill which does not have a timely filed Senate companion bill shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. The determination by the Rules Committee shall be reported back to the Senate. Upon a determination by the committee that an emergency does exist, the motion may be considered by the Senate and must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(3) If the President determines that a *de novo* hearing is necessary to determine liability, proximate cause, and damages, a special master shall conduct such hearing pursuant to reasonable notice.

In order to carry out the special master's duties, a special master may request the President to issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum, and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence which the special master deems relevant to the evaluation of a claim. The President may issue said process at the request of the special master.

The special master shall administer an oath to all witnesses, accept relevant documentary and tangible evidence properly offered, record the proceedings, and prepare a final report containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations. The report shall be signed by the special master who shall be available, in person, to explain his or her report to the committees and to the Senate.

(4) All claim bills shall be referred by the President to one (1) or more committees for review. On receipt of the special master's report and recommendations, if any, the Secretary shall, upon the President's reference, deliver each claim bill with the report attached to the committee or committees of reference.

(5) Stipulations entered into by the parties are not binding on the special master, the Senate, or its committees.

(6) The hearing and consideration of a claim bill shall be held in abeyance until all available administrative and judicial remedies have been exhausted; except that the hearing and consideration of a claim that is still within the judicial or administrative systems may proceed where the parties have executed a written settlement agreement. This subsection does not apply to a bill which relates to a claim of wrongful incarceration.

(7) All materials provided by litigants and others in connection with claim bills shall be submitted in a digital form prescribed by the Secretary.

See Rule 3.12—Introducers of bills; co-introducers; introducers no longer Senators.

#### 4.9—Reference of resolutions

(1) Substantive resolutions shall be referred by the President to a standing committee.

(2) Resolutions that may be considered without reference to a committee include those addressing:

- (a) Senate organization,
- (b) condolence and commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance, and
- (c) concurrent resolutions pertaining to a legislative joint session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor's veto.

The resolutions listed in subsection (2) may be considered and read twice on the same day on motion and adopted at time of introduction without reference, except that resolutions of condolence or commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance may be shown as introduced, read, and adopted by publication in full in the Journal.

#### 4.10—Reference of a bill to different committee or removal from committee

(1) After the President has referred a bill, the Rules Chair may move for reference to a different committee or for removal from any committee after the introducer of the bill has filed a request with the Rules Chair signed by the chair of the affected committee, the Rules Chair, and the President. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) Notwithstanding these Rules, a Senator may, during the day of introduction of filed bills, but no later than under the Order of Business of "Motions Relating to Committee Reference" on the second (2nd) day on which the Senate sits, move for reference to a different committee or for removal from a committee. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

#### 4.11—Papers of miscellaneous nature

Papers of a miscellaneous nature addressed to the Senate may, at the discretion of the President, be read, noted in the Journal, or filed with an appropriate committee. When there is a demand to read a paper other than one on which the Senate is called to give a final vote and the same is objected to by any Senator, it shall be determined by a majority vote of those Senators present. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to spread remarks upon the Journal.

#### 4.12—Reading of bills and joint resolutions

Each bill or joint resolution shall be read on three (3) separate days before a vote on final passage unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present as provided in Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

See FLA. CONST. art. XI, s. 1 Proposal by legislature.

#### 4.13—Reading of concurrent resolutions and memorials

(1) Each concurrent resolution or memorial shall be read by title on two (2) separate days before a voice vote on adoption, unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) Concurrent resolutions pertaining to a joint legislative session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor's veto may be read a first (1st) and second (2nd) time, and adopted on the same day.

#### 4.14—Reading of Senate resolutions

Unless referred to a standing committee, on introduction, each Senate resolution shall be read two (2) times on the same day by title only before the question is put on adoption by voice vote.

#### 4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading

After its third (3rd) reading, a bill or joint resolution shall not be referred or committed (except as provided under Rule 4.8) or amended (except a corrective or title amendment) except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, nor shall the vote on passage be postponed to a day certain without the consent of a majority of those Senators present.

See Rule 6.2—Motions; precedence.

#### 4.16—Consideration out of regular order

A bill shall be considered out of regular order on the calendar on unanimous consent of those Senators present obtained in the following manner: prior to the consideration of the motion, the Senator moving for unanimous consent of those Senators present shall orally give the membership not fewer than fifteen (15) minutes notice of his or her intention to move and shall specify the number of the bill and its position on the calendar. On entertainment of the motion, the moving Senator shall be allowed one (1) minute to explain his or her purpose, and unanimous consent of those Senators present shall be given or refused without further debate.

#### 4.17—Procedure to establish Special Order Calendars and Consent Calendars

(1) Commencing fifteen (15) days prior to a regular session and continuing through any extension thereof, the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader shall together submit a Special Order Calendar determining the list of bills for consideration by the Senate. The President shall determine the order in which such bills appear on the published Special Order Calendar.

(2) A Special Order Calendar submitted for the first (1st) day, second (2nd) day, or last fourteen (14) days of a regular session shall be published in one (1) daily calendar and may be considered on the day of publication. A Special Order Calendar for any other day during a regular session shall be published in two (2) daily calendars and may be considered on the second (2nd) day of publication.

- (a) Bills that had been scheduled for a Special Order Calendar for a previous sitting may be included in the next Special Order Calendar.
- (b) A bill appearing on a Special Order Calendar may be stricken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.
- (c) A bill appearing on the calendar of bills on second (2nd) reading may be added to the end of the Special Order Calendar by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senators present.
- (d) All bills set as Special Orders for consideration at the same hour shall take precedence in the order in which they were given preference.
- (e) A Special Order Calendar may not be submitted by the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader and considered by the Senate on the same day.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present shall be required to establish a Special Order except as provided in this Rule.

(4) Notice of date, time, and place for the establishment of the Special Order Calendars shall be published in at least one (1) Senate calendar or by announcement from the floor.

(5) With the approval of the President, the Rules Chair may submit a Consent Calendar to be presented in conjunction with the Special Order Calendars.

- (a) When such a day is designated, all bills appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be considered in their order of appearance.
- (b) Amendments shall be limited to accompanying committee amendments, noncontroversial and technical amendments,

and amendments required to conform a House companion bill to the Senate bill.

- (c) When a Senator objects to consideration of a bill on a Consent Calendar, the bill shall be removed from the Consent Calendar but retain its order on the Second (2nd) Reading Calendar.
- (d) All Consent Calendar bills must have appeared in at least one (1) daily calendar.

#### 4.18—Local Bill Calendar

Local bills shall be disposed of according to the calendar of bills of a local nature and shall be considered only at such time as determined by the Rules Chair and approved by the President. Any Senator from the delegation for the local area affected by a bill on the Local Bill Calendar may object to consideration of the bill and the bill shall be removed from such calendar.

#### 4.19—Order after second (2nd) reading

(1) After a Senate bill has been read a second (2nd) time and amended and all questions relative to it have been disposed of, it shall be referred to the engrossing clerk to be immediately engrossed. It shall then be placed on the calendar of bills on third (3rd) reading to be considered during the next Senate sitting.

(2) Amendments filed with the Secretary, but not formally moved, shall not be construed as pending and shall not deter advancement of a bill to third (3rd) reading.

(3) A bill shall be available for its third (3rd) reading when it has been read a second (2nd) time on a previous day and no motion left pending.

(4) Bills calendared for second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading shall not be considered on such reading until reached in the proper order and read by title as directed by the President.

#### 4.20—Enrolling

The Secretary shall be responsible for the enrolling of Senate bills. After enrollment, all bills shall be signed by the President and the Secretary and the enrolling report shall be published in the Journal.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

#### 4.21—Veto messages

Veto messages shall be referred to the Rules Committee.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 8 Executive approval and veto.

### RULE FIVE

#### VOTING

#### 5.1—Taking the yeas and nays; objection to voting conflicts

(1) The President shall declare all votes, but, if five (5) Senators immediately question the declared result of a voice vote by a show of hands, the President shall take the vote by yeas and nays or electronic roll call. When taking yeas and nays on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used and shall have the force and effect of a roll call taken as provided in these Rules. This system may also be used to determine the presence of a quorum. When the Senate is ready to vote on a question requiring roll call and the vote is by electronic roll call, the President shall state: "The Secretary will unlock the board and Senators prepare to vote." When sufficient time has elapsed for each Senator to vote, the President shall say: "Have all Senators voted?" And, after a short pause, shall state: "The Secretary will now lock the board and record the vote." When the vote is completely recorded, the President shall announce the result to the Senate; and the Secretary shall enter the result in the Journal. When the Senate is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

(2) A point of order questioning the decision of a Senator not to abstain from voting on account of a conflict of interest may be raised after the vote has been recorded and before the result is announced.

See Rule 1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts.  
 See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.  
 See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

**5.2—Change of vote; votes after a roll call; vote verification**

(1) After the result of the vote has been announced by the President, a Senator with unanimous consent of those Senators present may change his or her vote or cast a late vote on the matter.

(2) Records of vote change and after the roll call requests shall be available at the Secretary’s desk throughout the day’s sitting.

(3) An original roll call shall not be altered, but, if no objection is raised before the close of business that day, timely filed changes of votes and votes after the roll call shall be accepted and recorded under the original roll call in the Journal.

(4) No such change of vote or vote after the roll call request shall be accepted if such vote would alter the result of the vote on final passage of the matter until the matter shall first have been returned to the desk and reconsidered.

(5) On request of a Senator before considering other business, the President shall order a verification of a vote.

**5.3—Casting vote for another**

(1) No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator unless the Senator is present in the Chamber area and requests the casting of said vote, nor shall a person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator.

(2) A Senator who shall, without such authorization, vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper.

(3) A person not a Senator who votes in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the Chamber for the remainder of the session.

**5.5—Explanation of vote**

No Senator shall be permitted to explain his or her vote during a roll call but may submit a brief explanation in writing to the Secretary, who shall enter it in the Journal.

See Rule 2.31—Explanation of vote; deferring a vote prohibited.

**5.6—Election by ballot**

In all cases of ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If, however, no one is elected on the first three (3) ballots, the names after the top two (2) in number of votes received on the third (3rd) tally shall be dropped, and the Senate shall ballot on the two (2) names remaining.

**RULE SIX**

**MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE**

**6.1—Motions; how made, withdrawn**

(1) Procedural motions may be made orally. On request of the President, a Senator shall submit his or her motion in writing. After a motion has been stated or read by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Senate and, without a second, shall be disposed of by vote of the Senate.

(2) The mover may withdraw a motion, except a motion to reconsider, as hereinafter provided, at any time before the same has been amended or before the vote shall have commenced.

**6.2—Motions; precedence**

(1) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion except:

- (a) To reconsider and leave pending a main question  
 See Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.

- (b) To adjourn
  - 1. At a time certain
  - 2. Instanter  
 See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 3(e) Sessions of the legislature.
- (c) To recess
- (d) Questions of privilege  
 See Rule 8.11—Questions of privilege.
- (e) To proceed to the consideration of executive business
- (f) To reconsider  
 See Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.
- (g) To limit debate  
 See Rule 8.6—Limitation on debate.
- (h) To temporarily postpone  
 See Rule 6.11—Temporarily postpone.
- (i) To postpone to a day certain
- (j) To commit to a standing committee  
 See Rule 4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading.
- (k) To commit to a select committee  
 See Rule 4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading.
- (l) To amend  
 See Rule 7—Amendments.
- (m) To postpone indefinitely  
 See Rule 6.9—Motion to indefinitely postpone.

which shall have precedence in the descending order given.

(2) The President shall present all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion is of a higher precedence.

(3) Motions for the previous question and to lay on the table shall not be entertained.

(4) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute shall be considered concurrently and the substitute shall be in the same order of precedence.

(5) A motion to discharge Senate conferees and to appoint or instruct said conferees as set forth in Rule 2.19 is a motion of the highest privilege and this motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess and questions of privilege.

**6.3—Division of question**

(1) A Senator may move for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it, which shall be decided by a majority vote.

(2) A motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to delete, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to delete and insert.

**6.4—Reconsideration generally**

(1) When a main question (the vote on passage of a measure, including a vote on a veto message, confirmation of executive appointments, removal or suspension from office) has been decided by the Senate, a Senator voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question on the day the matter was decided or on the next day on which the Senate sits.

- (a) If the question has been decided by voice vote, any Senator may move for reconsideration thereof.
- (b) When a majority of those Senators present vote in the affirmative on the question but the proposition is lost because it is one in which the concurrence of more than a majority of those Senators present is necessary for adoption or passage, any Senator may move for reconsideration.

(2) Such motion to reconsider may be made prior to or pending a motion to recess or adjourn.

(3) Consideration of a motion to reconsider shall be a special and continuing order of business for the Senate at its next sitting and, unless taken up under the proper order of business on that day by motion of any Senator, shall be deemed abandoned. If the Senate shall refuse to reconsider or, on reconsideration, shall confirm its first decision, no

further motion to reconsider shall be in order except on unanimous consent of those Senators present.

(4) During the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be considered when made.

#### **6.5—Reconsideration; vote required**

The affirmative votes of a majority of those Senators present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

#### **6.6—Reconsideration; debate; time limits**

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question which it is proposed to reconsider is debatable. When the question is debatable, no Senator shall speak thereon more than once or longer than five (5) minutes.

#### **6.7—Reconsideration; collateral matters and procedural motions**

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the Senate has passed to other business. Reconsideration of a procedural motion shall be considered on the same day and at the same time it is made.

#### **6.8—Reconsideration; Secretary to hold for period**

The Secretary shall hold all bills for the period after passage during which reconsideration may be moved. The adoption of a motion to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and immediately certify any bill to the House shall be construed as releasing the measure from the Secretary's possession for the period of reconsideration and shall, thereafter, preclude reconsideration. Unless otherwise directed by the President, during the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session and during any extension thereof, or during a special session, bills shall be immediately transmitted to the House. Messages relating to Senate action on House amendments or to conference committee reports shall be transmitted by the Secretary forthwith.

See Rule 1.17—The Secretary transmits bills to the House of Representatives.

See Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.

#### **6.9—Motion to indefinitely postpone**

A motion to indefinitely postpone is debatable and, if approved, shall dispose of a measure for the duration of the legislative session and all extensions thereof. A motion to postpone consideration to a time beyond the last day allowed under the *State Constitution* for the current legislative session shall be construed as a motion to indefinitely postpone. Motions to indefinitely postpone shall not be applicable to collateral matters.

#### **6.10—Committee substitute; withdrawn**

Once a bill has been reported as a committee substitute, it may be withdrawn from further consideration only by motion of the introducer and unanimous consent of the Senators present.

#### **6.11—Temporarily postpone**

(1) The motion to temporarily postpone shall be decided without debate and shall cause a measure to be set aside but retained on the desk.

(2) If a main question has been temporarily postponed after having been debated or after motions have been applied and is not brought back up during the same sitting, it shall be placed under the order of unfinished business on the Senate calendar. If a main question is temporarily postponed before debate has commenced or motions have been applied, its reading shall be considered a nullity and the bill shall retain its original position on the order of business during that sitting; otherwise, the bill reverts to the status of bills on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading, as applicable.

(3) The motion to return to consideration of a temporarily postponed main question shall be made under the proper order of business when no other matter is pending.

(4) If applied to a collateral matter, the motion to temporarily postpone shall not cause the main question to be carried with it. After having been temporarily postponed, if a collateral matter is not brought back before the Senate in the course of consideration of the adhering or main question, it shall be deemed abandoned.

### **RULE SEVEN**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

#### **7.1—General form; notice; manner of consideration; filing deadlines**

(1) No amendment to a bill on any Senate calendar shall be considered by the Senate unless the amendment was prepared in proper form and filed with the Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before it is to be offered at a sitting.

(2) Copies of such amendments shall be made reasonably available by the Secretary before the sitting, upon request, to the Senators and to the public.

(3) Consideration of all amendments not timely filed in accordance with this Rule requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, if any Senator requests that such vote be taken.

(4) Amendments shall be filed with the Secretary on forms prescribed by the Secretary but shall be considered only after sponsors gain recognition from the President to move their adoption, except that the chair of the committee (or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair or any member thereof) reporting the measure under consideration shall have preference for the presentation of committee amendments.

(5) An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the President and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed with the Secretary but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending.

(6) No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of an amendment.

(7) The following bills are out of order and shall not be admitted or considered in the form of an amendment to a bill on the calendar and under consideration by the Senate:

- (a) Bills that have received an unfavorable committee report.
- (b) Bills that have been withdrawn from further consideration by the introducer.
- (c) Bills the substance of which have not been reported favorably by all committees of reference.
- (d) Bills that have not been published in at least one (1) daily calendar under Bills on Second (2nd) Reading.

Amendments covered by this Rule shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measures described in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (d).

(8) Reviser's bills may be amended only by making deletions.

#### **7.2—Adoption**

(1) On second (2nd) reading, amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present.

(2) On third (3rd) reading, amendments and amendments to amendments, including substitute amendments and amendments to the substitute, shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(3) On third (3rd) reading, amendments to the title or corrective amendments may be decided, without debate, by a majority vote of those Senators present.

See Rule 4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading.

**7.3—Sequence of amendments to amendments**

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

- (b) Concur in the House amendment,
- (c) Refuse to concur in the House amendment and ask the House to recede, or
- (d) Request a conference committee.

(2) The adoption of any of the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

**7.9—House refusal to concur in Senate amendment**

(1) If the House shall refuse to concur in a Senate amendment to a House bill, the Senate may consider the following motions in order of their precedence:

- (a) Recede,
- (b) Insist that the House concur and request a conference committee, or
- (c) Insist that the House concur.

(2) The adoption of any of the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

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- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment may be pending.
  - (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
  - (c) The substitute then is voted on.
- (2) If a substitute amendment is adopted in place of an original main amendment, it shall be treated as an amendment to the bill itself.
- (3) The following third (3rd) degree amendments are out of order:
- (a) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the amendment.
  - (b) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the substitute.
  - (c) An amendment to an amendment to the amendment.
  - (d) An amendment to an amendment to the substitute amendment.

**7.4—Deleting everything after enacting clause**

An amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of a bill, or the resolving clause of a resolution, and inserting new language of the same or related subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane.

**7.5—Amendment by section**

Adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The President, in recognizing Senators for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the entire bill shall be open for amendment.

**7.6—Printing in Journal**

All amendments taken up by the Senate unless withdrawn shall be printed in the Journal, except that an amendment to the general appropriations bill constituting an entirely new bill shall not be printed until the filing of the conference committee report. All item amendments to the general appropriations bill shall be printed.

**7.7—Senate amendments to House bills**

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill. If a House bill is amended, this action shall be noted by the Secretary on the jacket before it is transmitted to the House.

**7.8—House amendments to Senate bills**

(1) After the reading of a House amendment to a Senate bill, the Senate may consider the following motions in order of their precedence:

- (a) Amend the House amendment,

**8.1—Decorum and debate**

(1) When a Senator desires to speak or present a matter to the Senate, the Senator shall rise at his or her seat and address himself or herself to “Mr. or Madam President” and, on being recognized, may address the Senate from his or her desk or from the well of the Senate and shall confine any remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personality.

(2) A Senator shall not address or refer to another Senator by his or her first name. A Senator shall use the appellation of “Senator” or such appellation and the district number of the Senator being addressed, or a Senator may also use such appellation and the surname of the Senator referred to or addressed.

**8.2—Presiding officer’s power of recognition**

When two (2) or more Senators rise at once, the presiding officer shall recognize the Senator who is to speak first.

**8.3—Interruptions; when allowed**

(1) No Senator shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the Senator who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the presiding officer concerning a point of order (if the appeal is made immediately following the decision);
- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The presiding officer shall strictly enforce this Rule.

**8.4—Senator speaking, rights**

(1) When a Senator is speaking and another Senator interrupts to request recognition, the presiding officer may ask the person rising to state why he or she desires the floor. If the question the Senator desires to raise is of higher precedence than the pending question, the Senator originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The Senator then is entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The Senator making a debatable motion or the introducer of a bill shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

**8.5—Limit on speaking**

No Senator shall speak longer than thirty (30) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those Senators present.

### 8.6—Limitation on debate

When a matter is under debate by the Senate, a Senator may move to limit debate, and such motion shall be decided without debate, except the introducer of the matter on which debate would be limited shall have five (5) minutes to discuss said motion. If, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, the question is decided in the affirmative, debate shall be limited accordingly. Debate may be further extended by a majority vote.

### 8.7—Points of order, parliamentary inquiry, definitions

(1) A “point of order” is the parliamentary device used to require a deliberative body to observe its own rules and to follow established parliamentary practice.

(2) A “parliamentary inquiry” is a request for information from the presiding officer:

- (a) About business pending or soon to be pending before the Senate; or
- (b) A device for obtaining a predetermination of a rule or a clarification thereof which may be presented in hypothetical form.

### 8.8—Repealed

### 8.9—Appeals

The ruling of a presiding officer may be appealed. The appeal of a decision of the presiding officer must be made promptly before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; and, if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the presiding officer. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

### 8.10—Appeals debatable

An appeal of a decision of the presiding officer on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

### 8.11—Questions of privilege

(1) Questions of privilege have two (2) forms:

- (a) Privilege of the Senate—Those affecting the rights of the Senate collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and
- (b) Privilege of a Senator—The rights, reputation, and conduct of Senators individually, in their representative capacity only.

(2) These shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess. A question of privilege affecting either house collectively takes precedence over a question of privilege affecting an individual Senator.

## RULE NINE

### LOBBYING

#### 9.1—Those required to register

All persons (except those specifically exempted) who seek to encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of legislation in the Senate or before its committees shall, before engaging in such activity, register as prescribed by law and the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature.

#### 9.2—Obligations of lobbyist

(1) A lobbyist shall supply facts, information, and opinions of principals to legislators from the point of view from which he or she openly declares. A lobbyist shall not offer or propose anything to improperly influence the official act, decision, or vote of a legislator.

(2) A lobbyist, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall uphold the honor of the legislative process by the integrity of his or her relationship with legislators.

(3) A lobbyist shall not knowingly and willfully falsify a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation or make or use any writing or document knowing the same contains any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entry.

#### 9.3—Lobbyists’ requirements

A lobbyist shall adhere to the statutory requirements for lobbyists provided by law and the Joint Rules.

#### 9.35—Contributions during sessions

During a regular legislative session, and during an extended or special session as further provided for in Rule 1.361(2), a lobbyist may not directly or indirectly contribute to a Senator’s own campaign, or to any organization that is registered, or should have been registered, with the Rules Committee pursuant to Rule 1.361(3).

#### 9.4—Advisory opinions

(1) A lobbyist, when in doubt about the applicability and interpretation of Rule Nine in a particular context, may submit in writing a statement of the facts involved to the Rules Committee and may appear in person before said committee.

(2) The Rules Committee may render advisory opinions to any lobbyist who seeks advice as to whether or not the facts in a particular case will constitute a violation of these Rules. All opinions shall delete names and be numbered, dated, and published in the Journal.

#### 9.5—Compilation of opinions

The Secretary shall compile all advisory opinions of the Rules Committee.

#### 9.6—Violations; investigations, penalties

(1) Any person may file a sworn complaint with the Rules Chair alleging a violation of the Rules regulating the conduct and ethics of lobbyists. The complaint shall be based on personal knowledge, shall state detailed facts, shall specify the actions of the named lobbyist which form the basis for the complaint, and shall identify the specific Rule alleged by the complainant to have been violated by the lobbyist. Upon a determination by the Rules Chair that the complaint states facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be referred to a special master. Upon a determination by the chair that the complaint fails to state facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed. The special master shall conduct an investigation, shall give reasonable notice to the lobbyist who is alleged to have violated the Rules, and shall grant the lobbyist an opportunity to be heard unless the investigation fails to reveal facts supporting a finding of probable cause. A special master’s report and recommendation is advisory only and shall be presented to the chair as soon as practicable after the close of the investigation. If the special master’s report and recommendation conclude that the facts do not support a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed by the Rules Chair. If the complaint is not dismissed, the Rules Committee shall consider the special master’s report and recommendation, shall grant the lobbyist an opportunity to be heard, and shall develop its own recommendation. If the Rules Committee votes to dismiss the complaint, the Rules Chair shall dismiss the complaint. Otherwise, the special master’s report and recommendation and the recommendation of the Rules Committee shall be presented to the President. The President shall present the committee’s recommendation, along with the special master’s report and recommendation, to the Senate for final action.

(2) Any person determined to have violated the requirements of Rule Nine shall be censured, reprimanded, placed on probation, or prohibited from lobbying for the duration of the session and from appearing before any Senate committee. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the Senate, on recommendation of the Rules Committee.

#### 9.7—Committees to be diligent

Committees shall be diligent to ascertain whether those who appear before them, in other than an obviously individual capacity, have conformed to the requirements of Rule Nine, the Joint Rules, and any other

applicable law, and shall report violations. No committee member shall knowingly permit an unregistered lobbyist to be heard.

### 9.8—Lobbyist expenditures and compensation

Chapter 2005-359, *Laws of Florida*, amends existing provisions of the law relating to legislative lobbying at the state level in Florida and adds new and substantial obligations, prohibitions, and requirements.

This Rule provides assistance to persons seeking to comply with the letter and spirit of the new law as it applies in the legislative context by refining the law and providing Interim Lobbying Guidelines and answers to 25 Frequently Asked Questions. It also is intended to provide guidance to the legislative committees that will participate in enforcing the new law.

Part One of the Guidelines refines and applies the new prohibition, with ten clearly stated exceptions, so that Senators and Senate employees can no longer directly or indirectly take any “expenditure” from a lobbyist or principal in either the public or private sector.

Part Two of the Guidelines refines and applies the underlying core requirement that “lobbying firms” must publicly disclose the compensation they receive for lobbying activities, and does so in a way that is narrowly tailored, furthers the state’s compelling governmental interest in regulating legislative lobbying at the state level, and employs the least intrusive means available to do so.

This Rule sets out general principles. Outcomes depend heavily on underlying fact patterns that can vary greatly from case to case. Full disclosure of the operative facts must be provided and considered before a proper and correct answer can be derived.

A Senator may request an informal advisory opinion from the Senate General Counsel regarding the application of the new law and this Rule to a specific situation, on which the legislator may reasonably rely.

The houses of the Legislature are responsible for the administration and enforcement of the legislative lobbying portions of the new law. The legislative lobbying expenditure prohibitions are not part of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. Neither the Florida Commission on Ethics nor the Florida courts have jurisdiction to interpret these internal matters of the Legislature.

#### Part One—Expenditures

##### (1) General Guidelines

###### a) The Expenditure Prohibition

The new law contains a prohibition against lobbyists and principals making direct or *indirect* lobbying expenditures for legislators and legislative employees. It provides:

[N]o lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no member or employee of the Legislature shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any *expenditure*.... (emphasis added).

The new expenditure prohibition applies only to expenditures made by lobbyists and principals. It applies whether or not the lobbyist, principal, legislator, or legislative employee is in Florida. Florida’s gift law, section 112.3148, *Florida Statutes*, continues to apply to gifts to legislators and legislative employees from others.

**Example:** A legislator may accept a subscription to a newspaper or periodical that is neither published by, nor paid for, nor provided by a lobbyist or a principal.

**Example:** A legislator may not accept a free health screening or other personal service provided on behalf of an association that is a principal.

**Example:** A legislator may, as either a member or an invited guest, participate in meetings of, and partake of the food and beverage provided by a civic organization if the organization is not a principal.

The practical effect of this law is to prohibit expenditures for attempting to obtain the goodwill of a member or employee of the Legis-

lature, and it is not designed to prohibit expenditures made in attempting to influence legislative action or non-action through oral or written communication.

###### b) Definitions

“*Expenditure*” is defined, essentially, as anything of value made by a lobbyist or principal *for the purpose of lobbying*.

“*Lobbying*,” in turn, means: (1) influencing or attempting to influence legislative action through oral or written communication (“active lobbying”); or, (2) attempting to obtain the *goodwill* of a member or employee of the Legislature (“goodwill”).

“*Goodwill expenditure*” is a gift, an entertainment, any food or beverage, lodging, travel, or any other item or service of personal benefit to a legislator or legislative employee.

Goodwill expenditures include contributions or donations from a lobbyist or a principal to a charitable organization that is, directly or indirectly, established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof.

A “*lobbyist*” is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity.

“*Personal benefit*” means a profit or gain pertaining to, directed toward, or affecting a person.

A “*principal*” means the person, firm, corporation, or other entity that has employed or retained a lobbyist. When an association has employed or retained a lobbyist, the association is the principal; *the individual members of the association are not principals merely because of their membership in the association*.

###### c) Honorarium-related Expenses

It is no longer permissible to accept from a lobbyist or principal, directly or indirectly, payment or reimbursement of expenses for travel, food, lodging, or beverage, related to speaking engagements or other honorarium-type events.

###### d) Indirect Expenditures

An indirect expenditure is an expenditure that is not made directly to a legislator or legislative employee, but is made to another with the purpose that the expenditure be used for the personal benefit of a legislator or legislative employee.

The new expenditure prohibition *expressly* prohibits any lobbyist or principal from directing prohibited lobbying expenditures through a surrogate or through any person who by his or her actions or activities is obligated to register as a lobbyist but has failed to do so. Third-party intermediaries, such as employees, members of associations and others, cannot be used to make prohibited expenditures.

Where an item or service (anything of value) is provided to a person other than a legislator or legislative employee by a lobbyist or principal and the item or service or the benefit attributable to the item or service ultimately is received by the legislator or employee, and where the item or service is provided with the intent to benefit the legislator or employee, such item or service constitutes a prohibited indirect expenditure to the legislator or employee.

Factors to be considered in determining whether a prohibited indirect expenditure has been made are set out on the following page in the joint functionality test:

#### TEST FOR DETERMINING LEGALITY OF AN INDIRECT EXPENDITURE

(1) The existence or nonexistence of communications by the lobbyist or principal indicating the lobbyist’s or principal’s intent to make or convey the item or service, or a personal benefit attributable to the item

or service, to a legislator or employee rather than to the intervening third person;

(2) The existence or nonexistence of communications by the intervening third person indicating the intent to make or convey the lobbyist's or principal's item or service, or a personal benefit attributable to the item or service, to a legislator or employee rather than to the third person;

(3) The existence or nonexistence of any relationship between the lobbyist or principal and the third person, independent of the relationship between the lobbyist or principal and a legislator or employee, that would motivate the transfer to the third person;

(4) The existence or nonexistence of any relationship between the third person and a legislator or employee that would motivate the transfer;

(5) Whether the same or similar items or services have been or are being provided to other persons having the same relationship to the lobbyist or principal as the third person;

(6) Whether, under the circumstances, the third person had full and independent decision-making authority to determine whether a legislator or employee, or another, would receive the items or services, or a personal benefit attributable to the items or services;

(7) Whether the third person was acting with the knowledge or consent of, or under the direction of, the lobbyist or principal;

(8) Whether there were payments or the intention for any payments or bookkeeping transactions between the third person and the lobbyist or principal, reimbursing the third person for the items or services;

(9) The degree of ownership or control the lobbyist or principal had over the third person; and

(10) Whether a lobbyist or principal knew, or should have known, that an item or service provided to a third party would be used to provide a personal benefit to a legislator or employee, such as for the funding of a legislative reception or an event to be attended by legislators or employees.

The following examples illustrate some of the applications of the foregoing indirect expenditure criteria:

**Example 1:** A law firm which lobbies the Legislature invites all of its attorneys to attend a weekend retreat. The attorneys are encouraged to bring their spouses or significant others at the firm's expense. Legislator C is married to an attorney in the firm and has been asked by her spouse to attend the retreat. The lodging provided to Legislator C for the retreat, food and drink, firm t-shirts, and the like would be considered a gift to her from her spouse and thus not a prohibited indirect expenditure, because the firm's invitation was extended to Legislator C's spouse by virtue of his employment with the firm.

**Example 2:** Legislator D hosts a fox hunt attended by legislators and lobbyists. Lobbyists give money to a third person, who is not a legislator or a legislative employee, to pay for the food and beverages which will be served at the fox hunt. The third party orders and prepares the food and beverages. The money provided to the third person by the lobbyists would be a prohibited indirect expenditure to Legislator D because it was given with the intent of benefiting him and his guests at the fox hunt.

**Example 3:** Legislator N and spouse have arranged to take a vacation trip together. A legislative lobbyist meets with Legislator N's spouse and offers to pay for the spouse's travel expenses. The lobbyist and Legislator N's spouse know each other only through the lobbyist's involvement with the legislator. This would constitute a prohibited indirect expenditure to Legislator N under the new law.

e) Equal or Greater Compensation

An expenditure is not prohibited when equal or greater value is given contemporaneously by the recipient to the donor.

Therefore, it is not an expenditure if:

1. The fair market value of the event, meeting, or other activity, including any food, beverage, transportation, lodging, or any other thing of value, can readily be determined, and

2. The legislator or legislative employee pays his or her pro rata share of the total fair market value to the person or organization hosting the event contemporaneously with the time of attending or participating in the event.

Thus, if a lobbyist or principal provides \$35 worth of goods or services to a legislator or legislative employee but the legislator or legislative employee *contemporaneously* provides *equal or greater consideration*, the lobbyist or principal has not provided *anything of value*, thus, there is no "expenditure."

f) Valuation

The law is silent as to the *valuation* of goods and services. *Fair market value* is the proper and applicable standard of valuation.

The retail price of an item or service is presumed to be its fair market value so long as it is reasonable in relation to the value of the item or service and the amount is not subsidized by a lobbyist or principal.

In valuing an expenditure, you may exclude the amount of additional expenses that are regularly required as a condition precedent to the donor's eligibility to make the expenditure if the amount expended for the condition precedent is primarily intended to be for a purpose other than lobbying, and is either primarily for the benefit of the donor or is paid to a charitable organization. Initiation fees and membership fees are examples of additional expenses that are regularly required as conditions precedent for eligibility to make an expenditure. Transportation expenses incurred to bring a member to an out-of-town event are not.

Entrance fees, admission fees, or tickets are normally valued on the face value or on a daily or per event basis. The portion of a ticket attributable to a charitable contribution is not included in the value. Conversely, if the ticket is subsidized by contributions of lobbyists or principals, the pro rata subsidized amount must be attributed to the face value.

A person providing transportation in a private automobile shall be considered to be making an expenditure at the then-current statutory reimbursement rate, which is currently 29 cents per mile. The value of transportation provided in other private conveyances must be calculated on its fair market value.

g) Exceptions

1. Relatives

A relative is an individual who is related to the member or employee as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, grandparent, grandchild, great grandchild, step grandparent, step great grandparent, step grandchild, or step great grandchild; any person who is engaged to be married to the member or employee or who otherwise holds himself or herself out as or is generally known as the person whom the member or employee intends to marry or with whom the member or employee intends to form a household; or any other natural person having the same legal residence as the member or employee.

This definition of "relative" is taken from former Joint Rule 1.4(4)(b), and has operated historically as an exception to the presumption that things of value given to a legislator or employee by a lobbyist or principal are intended for the purpose of engendering goodwill.

**Example:** A legislator is permitted to accept a Christmas gift from an aunt, even if she is a lobbyist. The gift is not deemed an expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying because of the family relationship between the donor and the donee.



## 2. Employment-related Compensation and Benefits

Salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses associated primarily with the recipient's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization are not prohibited expenditures so long as they are given in an amount commensurate with other similarly situated employees, officers, or directors.

These sorts of expenditures are currently also excepted from the definition of a gift in section 112.312(12)(b), *Florida Statutes*, and are a necessary exception in order for many legislators to continue their employment or continue their service on boards and continue to serve in Florida's citizen Legislature.

**Example:** A legislator who is on the board of directors of an organization that has a lobbyist is nevertheless permitted to partake of food and beverage provided to the board members by the organization at its board meetings.

## 3. Political Organizations and Entities

An expenditure does not include contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, or its federal law counterpart; campaign-related personal services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time; any other contribution or expenditure made by a chapter 106 entity such as a candidate campaign, political committee, organization making electioneering communications, political party, or committee of continuous existence; or an entity qualified under section 501(c)(4) or section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Members are cautioned that these organizations or entities may not be used as a vehicle for skirting the new lobbying expenditure law. To the extent that funds come from lobbyists or principals, one should exercise great care that the expenditures are legal and appropriate for that particular organization or entity.

## 4. Communications Expenses

The expenditure prohibitions in the new law do not reach expenditures made by a lobbyist or principal for items such as "media advertising," "publications," "communications," and "research."

Expenditures for researching, gathering, collating, organizing, providing, or disseminating information for the *exclusive* purpose of "active lobbying" (influencing or attempting to influence legislative action through oral or written communication) are necessary for Floridians to be able to "instruct their representatives."

## 5. Office and Personal Expenses of Lobbyists and Principals

"Office expenses" and personal expenses of the lobbyist or principal for "travel," "lodging," and "food and beverages" as those items were defined in former Joint Rule 1.4(4)(c) are exempt from the prohibition on lobbying expenditures. This category does not include any expenses for legislators, legislative employees, or persons whose expenses would be attributed to them.

## 6. Government to Government Expenditures

Real property or a facility owned or operated by a state or local public agency or entity that is a lobbying principal and transportation to, from, and at the location provided by that agency or entity may, with the prior approval of the respective state legislative presiding officer or his or her designee, be used without payment, by a member, committee, or staff of the Legislature for a public legislative purpose. Such purposes include publicly noticed legislative committee meetings and site visits to operations conducted by the public agency or entity. Allowable free uses also specifically include legislative district offices and sub-offices and the normally attendant utilities, parking, janitorial services, building maintenance, and telecommunications equipment and services common to a government building in which the office is located. Allowable free use does not extend to sports or entertainment venues; does not include food, beverages, or entertainment; and does not include free parking privileges at any location other than a district office or sub-office.

## 7. Free and Open Public Events

Expenditures directly associated with events that are held within the Capitol complex, out-of-doors or under temporary shelter, open to the general public, widely and publicly noticed, free to all, not ticketed, and for which equal and totally unobstructed access to the general public is provided, are not prohibited expenditures made by lobbyists or principals, or when accepted by legislators or legislative employees.

**Example:** Atlas County, Florida, is holding Atlas Day in the plaza between the Capitol and the Historic Capitol. Lunch is served to all comers. The event was widely publicized and access to the event and the food and beverage is totally unobstructed. Legislators may partake as well.

## 8. Regional and National Legislative Organizations

The prohibition does not apply to expenditures made directly or indirectly by a state, regional, or national organization that promotes the exchange of ideas between, or the professional development of, governmental officials or employees, and whose membership is primarily composed of elected or appointed public officials or staff to members of that organization or to officials or staff of the Legislature. This exception does not include extracurricular activities, entertainments, or items or services provided at conferences that are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal.

## 9. Monetary Value Impossible to Ascertain

The value of some items is *truly impossible* to quantify at the time of the expenditure. Expenditures for which a monetary value is not ascertainable at the time of the expenditure are not prohibited. Examples are: appearing on a news show or having a feature article about a legislator in a trade magazine or other medium, applause received by a legislator at an event, obtaining priority seating in a crowded restaurant or priority for obtaining services where there is an established queue, or the pro-rata portion of a host's monthly or annual membership in an exclusive supper club.

## 10. Plaques and Certificates

The prohibition does not apply to personalized wall plaques, personalized photographs, or personalized certificates that have no substantial inherent value other than recognizing the donee's public, civic, charitable, or professional service.

### h) Effect of Other Laws and Rules

To the extent that an expenditure is excluded or exempt from the new lobbying prohibition in section 11.045, *Florida Statutes*, it is still subject to the restrictions and requirements in other statutes: most notably, the gift law (section 112.3148, *Florida Statutes*) and the campaign finance law (chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*).

## (2) Frequently Asked Questions

### LEGISLATIVE EVENTS/RECEPTIONS

1. *Question: Can a county legislative delegation or delegation office sponsor an annual event in Tallahassee on public grounds or in quarters belonging to either the Senate or the House of Representatives (i.e., "Flavors of Hillsborough")?*

**ANSWER:** A county legislative delegation may host an annual event in Tallahassee provided that no free food, beverages, or other personal benefits to a legislator or legislative employee are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal, either directly or indirectly.

Legislators and legislative staff may pay an amount established and published by the delegation as the per-person cost of the event, or they may "pop in" and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the delegation may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g7. above.

2. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee go up to the 22nd floor of the Capitol and partake of free food and drink provided by an organization hosting a luncheon or event at the Capitol?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. Yes, provided the organization hosting the event is not a principal *and* none of the food and beverages are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal. Otherwise, the legislator or legislative employee could attend the event but could not partake of the free food or beverages or they can pay the fair market value of what they consume.

3. *Question: Can “legislative days” that provide food, beverages, entertainment, and other personal benefits to legislators or legislative employees during the session and are hosted by counties, cities, universities, and others that employ a lobbyist continue?*

**ANSWER:** “Legislative days” and other legislative events funded by lobbyist or principal dollars may continue *provided* no free food, drink, entertainment, or other personal benefit is provided to a legislator or legislative employee, either directly or indirectly. Any such benefit would be a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

Legislators and legislative staff may pay an amount established and published by the sponsor as the per-person cost of the event, or they may “pop in” and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the sponsor may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g7. above.

4. *Question: Can a not-for-profit organization host receptions and events for legislators that provide food, beverages, entertainment, and other personal benefits to legislators or legislative employees through contributions solicited from lobbyists or principals who sponsor the reception or event?*

**ANSWER:** The charity may host a reception or event for legislators and legislative employees *provided* that no free food, beverages, entertainment, or other personal benefit is provided to a legislator or legislative employee from the funds of lobbyists or principals.

Legislators and legislative employees may pay an amount established and published by the sponsor as the per-person cost of the event, or they may “pop in” and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the sponsor may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g7. above.

5. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal host an event with food, beverages, entertainment, or other personal benefit for legislators or legislative employees and collect from each legislator or legislative employee, a flat, per-person entrance fee based on the total cost to plan, produce, stage, and clean up after the event, divided by the number of persons reasonably expected to attend?*

**ANSWER:** Yes.

6. *Question: Each year, a few associations host legislative receptions/BBQs and invite their members as well as legislators. They usually pass out campaign funds at these events to those who support their industry. Would it now be legal to host this event if it were called a “fundraiser?” Could legislators then accept free food and beverages at the event?*

**ANSWER:** Senate Rule 1.361 precludes a senator, and House Rule 15.3 precludes a representative, from accepting a campaign contribution during a regular or special session, in addition to prohibiting them from accepting contributions on behalf of a section 527 or section 501(c)(4) organization, a political committee, a committee of continuous existence, a political party, or the campaign of any other senatorial candidate or candidate for representative, respectively. Thus, any fundraiser held during a regular or special session would violate the rules of each house.

Fundraisers not held during a regular or special session are outside the purview of the expenditure prohibitions in the new law. A goodwill lobbying expenditure does not include contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*. However, if the facts and circumstances demonstrate that calling the event a “fundraiser” is merely an artifice for lobbyists or principals to provide free gifts, food, beverages, and other items or services of personal benefit to a legislator, not associated with influencing the results of an election, then the fundraiser would violate the expenditure prohibition of the new law. Note, also, that fundraisers remain subject to the contribution

restrictions and requirements of Florida’s campaign finance law (chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*).

#### HONORARIA EXPENSES

7. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal continue to pay or reimburse a legislator’s or legislative employee’s expenses for such items as food and beverages, travel, and lodging associated with an honorarium event?*

**ANSWER:** No.

#### GIFTS TO LEGISLATORS

8. *Question: Can a school child give a legislator a painting that he or she has made?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. The prohibition against lobbying expenditures only applies to lobbyists and principals, and those acting on their behalf.

9. *Question: Can a school student whose parent is a lobbyist or principal give a scarf that was purchased by the child’s parent to a legislator as a gift?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. The lobbying expenditure prohibition applies to all gifts from lobbyists or principals to legislators, directly or indirectly. A lobbyist or principal cannot use a third-party intermediary to circumvent the lobbying expenditure prohibition. Thus, if the facts and circumstances demonstrate that the scarf is an indirect gift from the lobbyist or principal to the legislator, it would be prohibited.

10. *Question: Can a legislator accept rent-free office space and associated building services from a city, county, or community college in his or her district that employs or retains a lobbyist?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. See Paragraph (1)g6. above for explanation and limitations.

11. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative staff accept transportation services from another governmental entity?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. See Paragraph (1)g6. above for explanation and limitations.

12. *Question: Are there any value limitations on the exceptions in the new law for “floral arrangements or other celebratory items given to legislators and displayed in chambers on the opening day of a regular session?”*

**ANSWER:** Yes. All opening day flowers and floral arrangements are subject to the limitations and requirements of the gift law (section 112.3148, *Florida Statutes*). No other celebratory items will be allowed in either chamber on opening day of the regular session.

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGES/GIFTS

13. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee and his or her spouse have dinner with a lobbyist friend the legislator or legislative employee has known for 30 years at the lobbyist’s home, whether or not active lobbying occurs?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the legislator or legislative employee contemporaneously provides the lobbyist with the pro rata share of the total fair market value of the cost of the food and beverages provided to the legislator or legislative employee and his or her spouse, either in cash or barter (i.e., bottle of wine, flowers). Otherwise, the expenditure for food and beverages would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure, irrespective of the extent of the legislator’s and lobbyist’s friendship.

14. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal and legislator or legislative employee have dinner at a public restaurant?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the dinner is “Dutch treat.”

15. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal and a legislator or legislative employee have dinner “Dutch treat” at the Governor’s Club?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the legislator or legislative employee pays the total cost of all food and beverage that he or she was served or

consumed, or that was served to or consumed by a person whose expenditures are attributed to the legislator or legislative employee.

16. *Question: Can a lobbyist's business partner, employee, spouse, or child, who is not a registered lobbyist, accompany the lobbyist and legislator or legislative employee to dinner and pay for all the food and beverages if the partner, employee, spouse, or child does not actively lobby?*

**ANSWER:** No. The lobbying expenditure prohibition applies to all food and beverages provided by lobbyists or principals to legislators or legislative employees, directly or *indirectly*. A lobbyist or principal cannot utilize a third-party intermediary to channel gifts to legislators to circumvent the lobbying expenditure prohibition.

17. *Question: If someone offers a legislator or legislative employee a drink at a bar, or any other gift or personal benefit, does the legislator or legislative employee have a duty to inquire if the donor is a lobbyist or principal?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A legislator or legislative employee is liable for *knowingly* accepting an expenditure from a lobbyist or principal, or someone acting on behalf of a lobbyist or principal. "Knowingly" has many statutory definitions, including that a person: (1) has *actual knowledge* of the information; (2) acts in *deliberate ignorance* of the truth or falsity of the information; or, (3) acts in *reckless disregard* of the truth or falsity of the information. Therefore, prudence dictates that the legislator or legislative employee, at a minimum, make *reasonable inquiry* as to the source of the proposed expenditure to determine whether it is prohibited. *Reasonableness* will turn on the facts and circumstances of each individual situation.

For example, a legislator receiving an invitation to an event to be held the next week, from an organization he or she is not familiar with would likely require that the legislator, *at a minimum*, consult the online directory of legislative principals and lobbyists, and perhaps make further inquiry if facts or circumstances come to light indicating that the organization might be making the expenditure on behalf of a lobbyist or principal. Similarly, a legislator offered a drink from someone he or she doesn't know in a Tallahassee bar or restaurant generally known to be frequented by lobbyists would probably be required, *at a minimum*, to ask whether the person is a lobbyist or principal or affiliated with a lobbyist or principal. On the other hand, a Miami legislator on personal holiday with his or her spouse at Busch Gardens in Tampa, who strikes up a friendship with a couple they don't know visiting from Colorado and who subsequently offers to pay for the legislator's and spouse's dinner probably has less of a duty to inquire whether either member of the couple is a Florida lobbyist or principal.

#### CHARITIES

18. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee raise funds from lobbyists or principals for charitable causes?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the charity for which funds are sought is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof. Otherwise, such a contribution or donation would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

19. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee establish or operate a charitable foundation that relies on lobbyist or principal support?*

**ANSWER:** No. A legislator or legislative employee may establish or operate a charitable organization but none of the money contributed or donated to the charity may be from lobbyists or principals. Such a contribution or donation would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

20. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee sit on the board of a charitable organization that is not established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof? Can he or she accept free food and beverages provided by the charity and be reimbursed by the charity for expenses associated with the work of the charity (i.e., travel, lodging)?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A legislator or legislative employee may sit on the board of a charitable organization that receives donations and con-

tributions from lobbyists, and may partake of free food, beverages, and other personal benefits provided by the charity to board members in connection with their service, including reimbursement of personal expenses incurred by board members in furtherance of the charity's work. A goodwill expenditure does not include salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses associated primarily with a legislator's or legislative employee's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization. *However*, any such salary, benefit, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses cannot be from funds earmarked by lobbyists or principals to the charity for such purpose and must be received only for the legislator's or legislative employee's service as a member of the board.

21. *Question: Can a legislative caucus that is established as a non-profit group raise funds from lobbyists for its charitable causes?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. If the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, then the answer is no.

If the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, or operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, then the answer is yes.

22. *Question: Can a legislative caucus that is established as a non-profit group host its own charity golf tournament funded by lobbyist or principal "sponsors" at a private club, where the cost of sponsorship buys an opportunity to play golf with a member of the caucus, and to make a presentation to the caucus before and after the event?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, provided the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, and the legislators and legislative employees pay their own golf fees and the per-person cost for food and beverage.

#### OTHER

23. *Question: What happens when a legislator is married to, related to, or living with a lobbyist? Can the lobbyist pay for meals, lodging, etc.?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the lobbyist does not use the expenditure to actively lobby the legislator. Expenditures by "relatives" of a legislator for food, lodging, travel, and the like are specifically exempt from the definition of a goodwill expenditure.

24. *Question: Can a legislator be employed by a lobbyist or principal? Can a legislator go to the employer's retreat and partake of food and beverages?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A goodwill expenditure does not include salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses *associated primarily with a legislator's or legislative employee's employment*, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization.

25. *Question: Where a lobbyist or principal leaves a gift, such as a box of chocolates, in a legislator's office, what should the legislator do with the item?*

**ANSWER:** When a legislator or legislative employee receives an item that they believe violates the prohibition against accepting an expenditure from a lobbyist or principal, the item must either be sent back to the donor or delivered to the Sergeant at Arms for disposal.

### Part Two—Compensation

#### (1) General Guidelines

Chapter 2005-359, *Laws of Florida*, for the first time, requires the reporting of *compensation* received by *lobbying firms* for each calendar quarter, both in the aggregate and for each individual principal. Much of the reporting is done in dollar categories; however, if compensation from a single principal is \$50,000 or more in a calendar quarter, the lobbying firm must report the specific dollar amount of the compensation, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

A “lobbying firm” is any business entity with a lobbyist, or an individual contract lobbyist, who gets paid to lobby for a principal. It is the lobbying firm that must report, *not the individual lobbyists in the firm* (except in the case of an individual contract lobbyist, where the lobbyist also comprises the entire lobbying firm).

Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Compensation reports must be filed electronically using the online filing system of the Office of Legislative Services.

The new law requires the senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying firm to certify to the veracity and completeness of each compensation report. This requirement is designed to discourage the mischaracterization and thus omission of reportable compensation through designations such as “media fees,” “consulting services,” “professional services,” “governmental services,” and other such artifices.

For example, if a law firm were paid a lump sum for rendering multiple types of services to a client, only one of which is lobbying, then the person certifying the report is responsible for properly and reasonably allocating the portion of the total fee received for lobbying activities and for activities other than lobbying. Only the compensation received for lobbying activities is to be reported on the compensation form.

The Legislature will use random audits supplemented by the lobbyist disciplinary process to hold the person certifying the compensation report and the lobbying firm accountable for making a true, complete, properly allocated report as required by law. In addition, the certification brings every compensation report filer within the scope of potential criminal penalties in section 837.06, *Florida Statutes*, for culpable violations.

## (2) Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Question: Is an in-house, salaried lobbyist for an association, a governmental entity, or a corporation that does not derive income from principals for lobbying required to report compensation?*

**ANSWER:** No. An association, a governmental entity, a corporation or other business entity that does not derive income from principals for lobbying, and its employee lobbyists, are not a “lobbying firm” as defined in section 11.045(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*. Only “lobbying firms” must report compensation as provided in section 11.045(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

2. *Question: Does the prohibition against providing compensation to an individual or business entity that is not a lobbying firm mean that in-house lobbyists must either become a lobbying firm or cease lobbying?*

**ANSWER:** No. The provision in question merely clarifies that reportable “compensation” under the law must be provided to a “lobbying firm,” and not contracted or subcontracted through some “straw man” to circumvent compensation reporting requirements. The provision in question clarifies and emphasizes the statutory definition of “compensation” in section 11.045(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, as “anything of value provided or owed to a lobbying firm.”

## RULE TEN

### CHAMBER OF THE SENATE

#### 10.1—Persons entitled to admission

(1) No person shall be admitted to the main floor of the Senate Chamber while the Senate is sitting except present members of the Senate, all officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, and persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate. Also entitled to admission are the Governor or one (1) representative designated by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet officers, former Governors, present and former United States Senators, present and former members of the House of Representatives of the United States and of this State, Justices of the Supreme Court, former State Senators of Florida, and persons by invitation of the President.

(2) A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for members of the families of Senators.

#### 10.2—Exception

Except at the discretion of the President, no person entitled to admission shall be admitted if registered pursuant to Rule Nine. During a sitting, no person admitted under this Rule shall engage in any lobbying activity involving a measure pending before the Legislature during the legislative session.

#### 10.3—Admission of media by President

Members of the media, in performance of their duties, shall be assigned to a section specifically set aside for them, and shall not be allowed on the Senate floor while the Senate is sitting, except with the approval of the President.

#### 10.4—Attire

All persons on the main floor of the Senate Chamber and in the gallery (with the exception of visitors in that portion of the gallery set aside for the general public) shall wear appropriate business attire at all times while the Senate is sitting.

#### 10.5—Gallery

No food or beverages shall be allowed in the gallery at any time.

## RULE ELEVEN

### CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES

#### 11.1—Interpretation of Rules

It shall be the duty of the President, or the temporary presiding officer, to interpret all Rules.

#### 11.2—Waiver and suspension of Rules

(1) These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present. The motion, when made, shall be decided without debate.

(2) A motion to waive a Rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall require unanimous consent of those Senators present for approval.

#### 11.3—Changes in Rules

(1) All proposed revisions of the Senate Rules shall be first referred to the Rules Committee, which shall report as soon thereafter as practicable. Consideration of such a report shall always be in order.

(2) The Rules Committee may originate reports and resolutions dealing with the Senate Rules and the Order of Business which may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, and such power shall be exclusive, provided, however, that any report made pursuant to this Rule may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

#### 11.4—Majority action

Unless otherwise indicated by the Senate Rules or the *State Constitution*, all action by the Senate or any of its committees or subcommittees, including references to “members present” or “Senators present,” shall be by majority vote of those Senators present and voting.

See FLA. CONST. art. X, s. 12(e) Rules of construction.

#### 11.5—Uniform construction

When in the Senate Rules reference is made to “two-thirds (2/3) of those present,” “two-thirds (2/3) vote,” “two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate,” “two-thirds (2/3) of those voting,” etc., these shall all be construed to mean two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present and voting, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Senate shall be required to consider additional proposed legislation in any extended session in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the *State Constitution*.

**11.6—General; definitions**

When used in the Senate Rules, the following words shall, unless the text otherwise indicates, have the following respective meaning:

- (1) The singular always includes the plural.
- (2) Except where specifically provided or where the context indicates otherwise, the use of the word “bill,” “measure,” “question,” or “matter” means a bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, resolution, or memorial.
- (3) In addition to the definition in subsection (2), “matter” also means an amendment, an appointment, or a suspension.
- (4) “Introducer” shall mean the first-named Senator on a bill.

**11.7—Sources of procedural authority**

The latest edition of *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, *Jefferson’s Manual*, or other manuals of comparable legislative application may be consulted, but shall not be binding, when a question of parliamentary procedure is not addressed by the *State Constitution*, these Rules, Joint Rules, or prior rulings of the presidents.

**RULE TWELVE****EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, APPOINTMENTS,  
SUSPENSIONS, AND REMOVALS****PART ONE—EXECUTIVE SESSIONS****12.1—Executive session; authority**

The business of the Senate shall be transacted openly and not in executive session except under conditions pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*.

**12.2—Executive session; purpose**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may resolve itself into executive session for the sole purpose of considering appointment, removal, or suspension. No one shall be in attendance except Senators, the Secretary, and staff as approved by the President, who shall be sworn not to disclose any executive business without consent of the Senate.

**12.3—Executive session; vote required**

When the Senate agrees, by a majority of those Senators present, that specified appointments, removals, or suspensions shall be considered in executive session, such shall be calendared for formal consideration by the Senate.

**12.4—Executive session; work product confidentiality**

All information and remarks including committee work product concerning the character and qualification, together with the vote on each appointment, removal, or suspension considered in executive session shall be kept confidential except information on which the bans of confidentiality were lifted by the Senate while in executive session.

**12.5—Executive session; separate Journal**

A separate Journal shall be kept of executive proceedings of the Senate, and no information regarding same shall be made public except by order of the Senate or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

**12.6—Violation of Rule**

Violation of the above Rules as to the confidentiality of the proceedings of executive sessions shall be considered by the Senate as sufficient grounds for unseating the offending Senator.

**PART TWO—APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS, AND  
REMOVALS****12.7—Procedure; generally**

Except as otherwise herein provided, on receipt by the Senate of appointments or suspensions on which action by the Senate is required, the President shall refer each to the Ethics and Elections Committee, other appropriate committee or committees, or a special master appointed by the President. Any such committee, subcommittee, or special master shall make inquiry or investigation and hold hearings, as appropriate, and advise the President and the Senate with a recommendation and the necessity for deliberating the subject in executive session. Reports and findings of the committee, subcommittee, or special master appointed pursuant hereto are advisory only and shall be made to the President. The report of the committee, subcommittee, or special master may be privileged and confidential. The President may order the report presented to the Senate in either open or executive session, or the President may refer it to the Rules Committee for its consideration and report. When the report is presented to the Senate during an open sitting or received by the Rules Committee, the report shall lose its privileged and confidential character.

**12.8—Procedure on executive appointments**

(1) Upon receipt of a request from the Governor or other appointing official or authority for the return of the documentation of an appointment, which appointment has not been acted upon by the Senate, the Secretary, upon consultation with the President, shall return the appointment documentation and the return shall be noted in the Journal. The appointee whose appointment was returned continues in office until the end of the next ensuing regular session of the Legislature or until the Senate confirms a successor, whichever occurs first.

(2) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority’s predecessor, the appointee shall not be subject to the provisions of section 114.05(1)(e) or (f), *Florida Statutes*, during the period of withdrawal.

(3) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority requesting the return, for purposes of section 114.05(1)(e) and (f), *Florida Statutes*, the returned appointment shall be treated as if the Senate failed to consider the appointment.

**12.9—Procedure upon receipt of an executive suspension**

(1) Unless suspension proceedings are held in abeyance, the committee, subcommittee, or special master shall institute action by transmitting a notice of hearing for a prehearing conference or a hearing on the merits within three (3) months after the Secretary of the Senate receives the suspension order. The Governor and the suspended official shall be given reasonable notice in writing of any hearing or prehearing conference before the committee, subcommittee, or special master. If the Governor files an amended suspension order, the attention of the Senate, committee, subcommittee, or special master shall be directed at the amended suspension order.

(2) An executive suspension of a public official who has pending against him or her criminal charges, or an executive suspension of a public official that is challenged in a court shall be referred to the Ethics and Elections Committee, other appropriate committee, or special master; however, all inquiry or investigation or hearings thereon shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate, committee, subcommittee, or special master until the pending charges have been dismissed, or until final determination of the criminal charges at the trial court level, or until the final determination of a court challenge, if any, and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies for any of the above. The committee, subcommittee, or special master shall institute action within three (3) months after the conclusion of any pending proceedings. In a suspension case in which the criminal charge is a misdemeanor, the committee, subcommittee, or special master and the Senate may proceed if the written consent of counsel for the Governor and of the suspended official is obtained.

(3) The committee, subcommittee, or special master may provide for a prehearing conference with counsel for the Governor and the suspended official to narrow the issues involved in the suspension. At such conference, both the Governor and the suspended official shall set forth

the names and addresses of all the witnesses they intend to call, the nature of their testimony, photocopies of all documentary evidence, and a description of all physical evidence that will be relied on by the parties at the hearing. Each shall state briefly what each expects to prove by such testimony and evidence. The suspended official may file with the Secretary, no later than ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) prehearing conference, or no later than the date set by the committee, subcommittee, or special master if no prehearing conference is held, all written defenses or matters in avoidance of the charges contained in the suspension order.

(4) When it is advisable, the committee, subcommittee, or special master may request that the Governor file a bill of particulars containing a statement of further facts and circumstances supporting the suspension order. Within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Governor's bill of particulars, the suspended officer shall file a response with the committee, subcommittee, or special master. Such response shall specifically admit or deny the facts or circumstances set forth in the Governor's bill of particulars, and may further make such representation of fact and circumstances or assert such further defenses as are responsive to the bill of particulars or as may bear on the matter of the suspension.

(5) The Senate may act on the recommendations of the committee, subcommittee, or special master at any time it is sitting but shall do so no later than the end of the next regular session of the Legislature.

(6) Within sixty (60) days after the Senate has completed final action on the recommendation of the committee, subcommittee, or special master, any party to the suspension matter may request the return, at that party's expense, of any exhibit, document, or other evidence introduced by that party. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date the Senate has completed final action, the committee, subcommittee, or special master may dispose of such exhibits or other evidence.

See FLA. CONST. art. IV, s. 7(b) Suspensions; filling office during suspensions.

#### **12.10—Adjudication of guilt not required to remove suspended officer**

For the purposes of Article IV, Section 7(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may find that the suspended official has committed a felony notwithstanding that a court may have withheld adjudication of guilt upon which the suspension order is based in whole or in part.

#### **12.11—Special master; appointment**

The President may appoint and contract for the services of a special master to perform such duties and make such reports in relation to suspensions and removals as he or she shall prescribe.

#### **12.12—Special master; floor privilege**

With consent of the President, the special master may have the privilege of the Senate floor to present and explain the report and answer questions as to the law and facts involved.

#### **12.13—Issuance of subpoenas and process**

The committee, subcommittee, and special master shall each have the authority to request the issuance of subpoenas, subpoenas *duces tecum*, and other necessary process under Rule 2.2. The committee chair, subcommittee chair, and special master may each administer all oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed by law to witnesses who shall appear to testify on matters pending before the committee, subcommittee, or special master.

#### **12.14—Rule takes precedence**

In any situation where there is a direct conflict between the provisions of Rule Twelve and part V of chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*, Rule Twelve, derived from Article III, Section 4(a) of the *State Constitution*, shall take precedence.

## **RULE THIRTEEN**

### **SPECIAL SESSION**

#### **13.1—Applicability of Senate Rules**

All Senate Rules shall apply and govern during special sessions except to the extent expressly modified or specified herein.

#### **13.2—Sittings of the Senate**

(1) The Senate shall convene pursuant to a schedule provided by the President or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting.

(2) A calendar may be published before a special session convenes.

#### **13.3—Committee meetings; schedule, notice, amendment deadline**

(1) Committee meetings shall be scheduled by the President.

(a) Meetings of committees may be held after notice is published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda for two (2) hours in advance of the meeting. If possible, such notice shall appear in the daily calendar.

(b) A committee may meet less than two (2) hours after the convening of a special session if a notice is filed with the Secretary at least two (2) hours before the scheduled meeting time.

(2) The notice shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, subject, number of each bill or proposed committee bill to be considered, and the amendment deadline for the meeting as provided herein. All other provisions for publication of notice of committee meetings are suspended.

(3) Main amendments shall be filed no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled convening of a committee meeting. Amendments adhering to main amendments shall be filed not later than thirty (30) minutes thereafter.

#### **13.4—Delivery for introduction**

Bills for introduction may be delivered to the Secretary at any time.

#### **13.5—Committee reports**

(1) Standing committee reports shall be filed with the Secretary's office as soon as practicable, but not later than 4:30 p.m. on the day after the meeting that is not a weekend or state holiday, except a committee drafting and recommending a committee substitute shall file such committee report no later than 4:30 p.m. on the second (2nd) such weekday. These reports must be accompanied by the original bill. Each report by a committee must set forth the identifying number of the bill. If amendments are proposed by the committee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Committee amendments shall be identified by barcode in the report. All bills reported unfavorably shall be laid on the table.

(2) Bills referred to a standing subcommittee shall be reported to the standing committee to which the bills were referred at a time specified by the chair of the standing committee which shall not be beyond the time allowed herein.

#### **13.6—Conference committee reports**

(1) The report of a conference committee shall be read to the Senate. Upon completion of the reading and subsequent debate, the vote shall first be:

- (a) on adoption or rejection of the conference report and, if adopted, the vote shall then be
- (b) on final passage of the measure as amended by the conference report.

Copies of conference committee reports shall be available to the membership two (2) hours prior to the time such report is scheduled to be taken up on the Senate floor.

(2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected.

(3) Each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(4) Conference committees, other than a conference committee on a general or special appropriations bill and its related legislation, shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(5) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. In any event, the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either house. Conference committee reports must be approved and signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of each house. All final actions taken in a conference committee shall be by motion.

(6) When conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, any action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall not preclude further action on said measure as the Senate may determine.

(7) After Senate conferees have been appointed for thirty-six (36) hours and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said Senate conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said Senate conferees.

**13.7—Reconsideration**

A motion to reconsider shall be considered when made.

**13.8—Procedure to establish Special Order Calendars**

(1) The Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader shall meet and submit a Special Order Calendar determining the list of bills for consideration by the Senate. The President shall determine the order in which such bills appear on the published Special Order Calendar.

See Rule 4.16—Consideration out of regular order.

(2) Such Special Order Calendar shall be published in one (1) daily calendar and may be considered on the day published. The amendment deadline for bills on the Special Order Calendar shall be 5:00 p.m. or two (2) hours after the Special Order Calendar is announced, whichever occurs later.

(3) Notice of the date, time, and place for the establishment of the Special Order Calendar shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor Capitol rotunda two (2) hours in advance of the meeting. If possible, such notice shall appear in the daily calendar.

**RULE FOURTEEN**

**SEAL AND INSIGNIA**

**14.1—Seal and insignia**

(1) There shall be an official seal of the Senate. The seal shall be the size of a circle of two and one-half inches diameter having in the center thereof the current Florida state flag and the current United States flag above a disc containing the words: "In God We Trust" arched above a gavel, quill, and scroll. At the top of the field of flags shall be the word: "Seal." At the bottom shall be the date: "1838." The perimeter of the seal shall contain the words: "Senate" and "State of Florida."

(2) There shall be an official coat of arms for the Senate. The coat of arms shall contain the current Florida state flag and the current United States flag above the Great Seal of Florida. At the base of the coat of arms shall be the words: "The Florida Senate."

(3) All versions of the Senate Seal, the Senate Coat of Arms, official Senate stationery, calling cards, and facsimiles thereof may be used only in connection with official Senate business.

**INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS**

**FIRST READING**

By Senator Galvano—

**SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; providing a short title; amending s. 1001.66, F.S.; revising requirements for the performance-based metrics used to award Florida College System institutions with performance-based incentives; amending s. 1001.67, F.S.; revising the Distinguished Florida College System Institution Program excellence standards requirements; amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; revising the preeminent state research universities program graduation rate requirements and funding distributions; deleting the authority for such universities to stipulate a special course requirement for incoming students; requiring the Board of Governors to establish certain standards by a specified date; amending s. 1001.92, F.S.; requiring certain performance-based metrics to include specified graduation rates; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one "2+2" Targeted Pathway articulation agreement by a specified time; providing requirements and student eligibility for the agreements; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers for the agreements; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring school districts to notify students about certain lists and equivalencies; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; providing that certain state universities may continue to provide developmental education instruction; amending ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; requiring each state university board of trustees to implement a block tuition policy for specified undergraduate students or undergraduate-level courses by a specified time; revising the conditions for differential tuition; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; specifying Florida Academic Scholars award amounts to cover tuition, fees, textbooks, and other college-related expenses; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; revising the state-to-private match requirement for contributions to the First Generation Matching Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; renaming the Florida Resident Access Grant Program; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.; extending coverage of Benacquisto Scholarships to include tuition and fees for qualified nonresident students; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Galvano—

**SB 4**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to faculty recruitment; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring state universities to use gap analyses to identify internship opportunities in high-demand fields; creating s. 1004.6497, F.S.; establishing the World Class Faculty and Scholar Program; providing the purpose and intent of the program; authorizing investments in certain faculty retention, recruitment, and recognition activities; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used for authorized purposes and investments; creating s. 1004.6498, F.S.; establishing the State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program; providing the purpose of the program; specifying the requirements for quality improvement efforts to elevate the prominence of state university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used for authorized purposes and investments; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; revising the intent of the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; deleting the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund; authorizing the Legislature to prioritize certain funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal

year; amending s. 267.062, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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**SB 6**—Not used.

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By Senator Galvano—

**SB 8**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gaming; amending and reordering s. 24.103, F.S.; defining the term “point-of-sale terminal”; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create a program that authorizes certain persons to purchase a ticket or game at a point-of-sale terminal; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing requirements for the rules; amending s. 24.112, F.S.; authorizing the department, a retailer operating from one or more locations, or a vendor approved by the department to use a point-of-sale terminal to sell a lottery ticket or game; requiring a point-of-sale terminal to perform certain functions; specifying that the point-of-sale terminal may not reveal winning numbers; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from including or making use of video reels or mechanical reels or other video depictions of slot machine or casino game themes or titles for game play; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from being used to redeem a winning ticket; amending s. 285.710, F.S.; redefining the term “compact;” ratifying and approving a specified compact executed by the Governor and the Seminole Tribe of Florida contingent upon the adoption of a specified amendment to the compact; superseding the compact approved by the Legislature in 2010, subject to certain requirements; directing the Governor to cooperate with the Tribe in seeking approval of the amended compact from the United States Secretary of the Interior; directing the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to provide written notice of the effective date of the compact to specified persons under certain circumstances; specifying the provisions that must be included in the compact to be deemed ratified and approved; expanding the games authorized to be conducted and the counties in which such games may be offered; amending s. 285.712, F.S.; correcting a citation; creating s. 546.11, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 546.12, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 546.13, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 546.14, F.S.; creating the Office of Amusements within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring that the office be under the supervision of a senior manager who is exempt from the Career Service System and is appointed by the secretary of the department; providing duties of the office; providing for rulemaking; creating s. 546.15, F.S.; providing licensing requirements for contest operators offering fantasy contests; providing licensing application and renewal fees; requiring the office to grant or deny a license within a specified timeframe; providing that a completed application is deemed approved 120 days after receipt by the office under certain circumstances; exempting applications for a contest operator’s license from certain licensure timeframe requirements; providing requirements for the license application; providing that specified persons or entities are not eligible for licensure under certain circumstances; defining the term “convicted;” requiring a contest operator to provide evidence of a surety bond; requiring the surety bond to be kept during the term of the license and any renewal term thereafter; authorizing the office to suspend, revoke, or deny a license under certain circumstances; creating s. 546.16, F.S.; requiring a contest operator to implement specified consumer protection procedures under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to annually contract with a third party to perform an independent audit under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to submit the audit results to the office; creating s. 546.17, F.S.; requiring contest operators to keep and maintain certain records for a specified period; providing requirements; providing for rulemaking; requiring a contest operator to file a quarterly report with the office; creating s. 546.18, F.S.; providing a civil penalty; providing applicability; exempting fantasy contests from certain provisions in ch. 849, F.S.; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; amending s. 550.002, F.S.; redefining the term “full schedule of live racing or games;” amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; revising provisions for applications for pari-mutuel operating licenses; authorizing a greyhound racing permitholder to specify certain intentions on its application; authorizing a greyhound racing permitholder to receive an operating license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities at another

permitholder’s greyhound racing facility; authorizing a thoroughbred horse racing permitholder to elect not to conduct live racing under certain circumstances; authorizing a thoroughbred horse racing permitholder that elects not to conduct live racing to retain its permit and requiring the permitholder to specify its intention not to conduct live racing in future applications; authorizing such thoroughbred racing permitholder’s facility to remain an eligible facility, to continue to be eligible for a slot machine license, to be exempt from certain provisions of chs. 550 and 551, to be eligible as a guest track for intertrack wagering and interstate simulcast, and to remain eligible for a cardroom license; exempting certain harness racing permitholders, quarter horse racing permitholders, and jai alai permitholders from specified live racing or live games requirements; authorizing such permitholders to specify certain intentions on their applications; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to approve changes in racing dates for permitholders under certain circumstances; providing requirements for licensure of certain jai alai permitholders; deleting a provision for conversion of certain converted permits to jai alai permits; amending s. 550.0251, F.S.; requiring the division to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature; specifying requirements for the content of the report; amending s. 550.054, F.S.; requiring the division to revoke a pari-mutuel wagering operating permit under certain circumstances; prohibiting issuance or approval of new pari-mutuel permits after a specified date; authorizing a permitholder to apply to the division to place a permit in inactive status; revising provisions that prohibit transfer or assignment of a pari-mutuel permit; deleting provisions authorizing a jai alai permitholder to convert such permit to conduct greyhound racing; deleting a provision requiring the division to convert such permits under certain circumstances; deleting provisions for certain converted permits; amending s. 550.0555, F.S.; authorizing specified permitholders to relocate their greyhound racing permits within a specified distance under certain circumstances; deleting a provision requiring the relocation to be necessary to ensure the revenue-producing capability of the permittee without deteriorating the revenue-producing capability of any other pari-mutuel permittee within a certain distance; revising how certain distances are measured; repealing s. 550.0745, F.S., relating to the conversion of pari-mutuel permits to summer jai alai permits; amending s. 550.0951, F.S.; deleting provisions for certain credits for a greyhound racing permitholder; revising the tax on handle for live greyhound racing and intertrack wagering if the host track is a greyhound racing track; amending s. 550.09512, F.S.; providing for the revocation of certain harness horse racing permits; specifying that a revoked permit may not be reissued; amending s. 550.09514, F.S.; deleting certain provisions that prohibit tax on handle until a specified amount of tax savings have resulted; revising purse requirements of a greyhound racing permitholder that conducts live racing; amending s. 550.09515, F.S.; providing for the revocation of certain thoroughbred racing permits; specifying that a revoked permit may not be reissued; amending s. 550.1625, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a greyhound racing permitholder pay the breaks tax; repealing s. 550.1647, F.S., relating to unclaimed tickets and breaks held by greyhound racing permitholders; amending s. 550.1648, F.S.; revising requirements for a greyhound racing permitholder to provide a greyhound adoption booth at its facility; requiring sterilization of greyhounds before adoption; authorizing the fee for such sterilization to be included in the cost of adoption; defining the term “bona fide organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds;” creating s. 550.1752, F.S.; creating the permit reduction program within the division; providing a purpose for the program; providing for funding for the program up to a specified maximum amount; requiring the division to purchase pari-mutuel permits from permitholders under certain circumstances; requiring that permitholders who wish to make an offer to sell meet certain requirements; requiring the division to adopt a certain form by rule; requiring that the division establish the value of a pari-mutuel permit based on the valuation of one or more independent appraisers; authorizing the division to establish a value that is lower than the valuation of the independent appraiser; requiring the division to accept the offers that best utilize available funding; requiring the division to cancel permits that it purchases through the program; providing for expiration of the program; creating s. 550.1753, F.S.; creating the thoroughbred purse supplement program within the division; providing a purpose for the program; providing for funding for the program; requiring the division to adopt a certain form by rule; requiring the division to apportion purse supplement funds in a certain manner; requiring a thoroughbred permitholder to return any unused portion of a purse supplement fund under certain circumstances; authorizing rule-



making; providing for expiration of the program; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported within a certain timeframe on a form adopted by the division; requiring such form to be completed and signed under oath or affirmation by certain individuals; providing penalties; specifying information that must be included on the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms as public records for a specified time; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation who makes false statements on an injury form or who fails to report an injury; exempting injuries to certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring the division to adopt rules; amending s. 550.26165, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 550.3345, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; revising requirements for a permit previously converted from a quarter horse racing permit to a limited thoroughbred racing permit; amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; deleting a provision that limits the number of out-of-state races on which wagers are accepted by a greyhound racing permitholder; deleting a provision prohibiting a permitholder from conducting fewer than eight live races or games under certain circumstances; deleting a provision requiring certain permitholders to conduct a full schedule of live racing to receive certain full-card broadcasts and accept certain wagers; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; prohibiting a permitholder from leasing from certain pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to requirements for thoroughbred permitholders; amending s. 550.615, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for certain pari-mutuel facilities to qualify to receive certain broadcasts; providing that certain greyhound racing permitholders are not required to obtain certain written consent; deleting requirements that intertrack wagering be conducted between certain permitholders; deleting a provision prohibiting certain inter-track wagering in certain counties; specifying conditions under which greyhound racing permitholders may accept wagers; amending s. 550.6308, F.S.; revising the number of days of thoroughbred horse sales required for an applicant to obtain a limited intertrack wagering license; revising eligibility requirements for such licenses; revising requirements for such wagering; deleting provisions requiring a licensee to make certain payments to the daily pari-mutuel pool; amending s. 551.101, F.S.; revising the facilities that may possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming; deleting certain provisions requiring a countywide referendum to approve slot machines at certain facilities; amending s. 551.102, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; prohibiting the division from issuing a slot machine license to certain pari-mutuel permitholders; revising conditions of licensure and conditions for maintaining authority to conduct slot machine gaming; exempting a summer thoroughbred racing permitholder from certain purse requirements; providing applicability; deleting a provision prohibiting the division from issuing or renewing a license for an applicant holding a permit under ch. 550, F.S., under certain circumstances; providing an expiration for a provision requiring certain slot machine licensees to remit a certain amount for the payment of purses on live races; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 551.1042, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of a slot machine license or relocation of a slot machine facility; creating s. 551.1043, F.S.; providing legislative findings; authorizing two additional slot machine licenses to be awarded and renewed annually to persons located in specified counties; providing that no more than one license may be awarded in each of those counties; authorizing certain persons to apply for such licenses; providing that certain persons are ineligible to apply for the additional slot machine licenses; providing a license application fee; requiring the deposit of the fee in the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; requiring the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to award the license to the applicant that best meets the selection criteria; providing selection criteria; requiring the division to complete a certain evaluation by a specified date; specifying grounds for denial of an application; providing that certain protests be forwarded to the Division of Administrative Hearings; providing requirements for appeals; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to adopt certain emergency rules; authorizing the licensee of the additional slot machine license to operate a cardroom and a specified number of house banked blackjack table games at its facility under certain circumstances; providing that such licensee is subject to specified provisions of ch. 849, F.S., and exempt from specified provisions of chs. 550 and 551, F.S.; creating s. 551.1044, F.S.; authorizing blackjack table games at certain pari-mutuel facilities; specifying limits on wagers; requiring a permitholder that offers banked blackjack to pay a tax to the state; providing that such tax is subject to certain provisions of ch. 849, F.S.; amending s. 551.106, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; revising the tax rate on slot machine revenues

under certain conditions; revising the taxes to be paid to the division for deposit into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; requiring certain funds to be transferred into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and to specified entities; amending s. 551.108, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; revising the areas where a designated slot machine gaming area may be located; amending s. 551.116, F.S.; deleting a restriction on the number of hours per day that slot machine gaming areas may be open; amending s. 551.121, F.S.; authorizing the serving of complimentary or reduced-cost alcoholic beverages to persons playing slot machines; authorizing the location of an automated teller machine or similar device within designated slot machine gaming areas; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; amending legislative intent; revising definitions; deleting certain license renewal requirements; deleting provisions relating to restrictions on hours of operation; authorizing certain cardroom operators to offer certain designated player games; requiring the designated player to be licensed; prohibiting cardroom operators from serving as the designated player in a game and from having a financial interest in a designated player; authorizing a cardroom operator to collect a rake, subject to certain requirements; requiring the dealer button to be rotated under certain circumstances; prohibiting a cardroom operator from allowing a designated player to pay an opposing player under certain circumstances; providing elements of a designated player game; revising requirements for a cardroom license to be issued or renewed; requiring a certain written agreement with a thoroughbred permitholder; providing contract requirements for the agreement; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; directing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to revoke certain pari-mutuel permits; specifying that the revoked permits may not be reissued; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Appropriations.

By Senators Bradley and Flores—

**SB 10**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water resources; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; revising the requirements under which certain bonds may be issued; amending s. 215.618, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that bonds issued for acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests and resources be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund and distributed in a specified manner; creating s. 373.4598, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; requiring the South Florida Water Management District to seek proposals from willing sellers of property within the Everglades Agricultural Area for land that is suitable for the reservoir project; clarifying that all appraisal reports, offers, and counteroffers are confidential and exempt from public records requirements; requiring the district to assign the Entire Option Property Non-Exclusive Option of a specified agreement to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund under certain circumstances; requiring the district to retain the agreement's option under certain circumstances; requiring the board or the district, as applicable, to exercise the specified option by a certain date under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the Proposed Option Property Purchase Price; authorizing the disposal or exchange of certain land or interests in land for certain purposes; requiring the district to begin, seek permitting for, and construct the reservoir project under certain circumstances; requiring the district, in coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to begin the planning study for the reservoir project by a specified date under certain circumstances; requiring the district to identify specified lands under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the planning study; requiring the district, in coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to seek Congressional authorization for the reservoir project under certain circumstances; authorizing certain costs to be funded using Florida Forever bond proceeds under certain circumstances; specifying how such bond proceeds shall be deposited; authorizing the use of state funds for the reservoir project; requiring the district to seek additional sources of funding; requiring the district to seek federal credits under certain circumstances; requiring the district to request the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in the Corps' review of the regulation schedule, to consider any increase in southern outlet capacity of Lake Okeechobee; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; increasing the minimum annual funding for certain Everglades projects under specified circumstances; requiring the district and the board to notify the Divi-

sion of Law Revision and Information by a certain date of specified land acquisitions; providing a directive to the division; providing contingent appropriations; providing effective dates, one of which is contingent.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 12**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Amie Draiemann O'Brien, individually and as personal representative of the Estate of Christian Darby Stephenson, deceased, and for the relief of Hailey Morgan Stephenson and Christian Darby Stephenson II, as surviving minor children of the decedent; providing an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of Christian Darby Stephenson, which was due in part to the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 14**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Lillian Beauchamp, as the personal representative of the estate of Aaron Beauchamp, by the St. Lucie County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate the estate of Aaron Beauchamp for his wrongful death as a result of the negligence of the St. Lucie County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 16**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Charles Pandrea by the North Broward Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Charles Pandrea, husband of Janet Pandrea, for the death of Janet Pandrea as a result of the negligence of the North Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 18**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of “Survivor” and the Estate of “Victim”; providing an appropriation to compensate Survivor and the Estate of Victim for injuries and damages sustained as result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Galvano—

**SB 20**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Ramiro Compagnoni by the City of Tampa; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mr. Compagnoni for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Tampa; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 22**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Shuler Limited Partnership by the Florida Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, formerly known as the Division of Forestry, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; providing for an appropriation to compensate Shuler Limited Partnership for costs and fees and for damages sustained to 835 acres of its timber as a result of the negligence, negligence per se, and gross negligence of employees of the Florida Forest Service and their violation of s. 590.13, F.S.; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 24**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Altavious Carter by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Carter for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a bus driver of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 26**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Thomas and Karen Brandi by Haines City; providing an appropriation to compensate them for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Haines City; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 28**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of J.D.S.; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate J.D.S. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, as successor agency of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 30**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Erin Joynt by Volusia County; providing for an appropriation to compensate Erin Joynt for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Volusia County; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Gibson and Bracy—

**SB 32**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Danielle Maudsley; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Danielle Maudsley for Ms. Maudsley’s death, sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of Trooper Daniel Cole and the Florida Highway Patrol, a division of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the alleged acts; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 34**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of C.M.H.; providing an appropriation to compensate C.M.H. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; requiring certain funds to be placed into an irrevocable trust; providing a limitation on attorney and lobbying fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 36**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jennifer Wohlgemuth by the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 38**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.T.; providing an appropriation to compensate L.T. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing legislative intent regarding certain Medicaid liens; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Galvano—

**SB 40**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Sean McNamee and his parents, Todd McNamee and Jody McNamee, by the School Board of Hillsborough County; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for injuries and damages sustained by Sean McNamee as a result of the negligence of employees of the School Board of Hillsborough County; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 42**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Angela Sanford by Leon County; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Leon County; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 44**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Brian Pitts; directing the Division of Administrative Hearings to appoint an administrative law judge or special master to determine a basis for equitable relief for the purpose of compensating Mr. Pitts for the wrongful acts or omissions of the State of Florida or officials thereof; requiring a report to the Legislature; authorizing compensation to Mr. Pitts upon a determination by an administrative law judge; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Pitts for injuries and damages sustained; providing a limitation on attorney fees and costs; directing that certain court orders and judgments be declared null and void; directing that the clerk of the court for the Supreme Court and for the sixth judicial circuit remove access to specified cases; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to remove access to criminal records related to Mr. Pitts and to ensure the compliance, execution, and enforcement of specified provisions; specifying the limited circumstances under which Mr. Pitts may represent himself or others in judicial or administrative proceedings; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to investigate certain illegal acts committed by certain persons; authorizing the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives to sever portions of this act under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 46**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Mary Mifflin-Gee by the City of Miami; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 48**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Wendy Smith and Dennis Darling, Sr., parents of Devaughn Darling, deceased; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate the parents for the loss of their son, Devaughn Darling, whose death occurred while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University campus; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Gibson and Bracy—

**SB 50**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Eddie Weekley and Charlotte Williams, individually and as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Franklin Weekley, their deceased son, for the disappearance and death of their son while he was in the care of the Marianna Sunland Center, currently operated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; providing an appropriation to compensate them for the disappearance and death of Franklin Weekley, which were due to the negligence of the Department of Children and Families; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 52**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Maury Hernandez; providing an appropriation to compensate him for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of the Department of Corrections; providing legislative intent for the waiver of certain liens; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 54**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to compensate Marcus Button for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to compensate Mark and Robin Button, as parents and natural guardians of Marcus Button, for injuries and damages sustained by Marcus Button; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Bean and Baxley—

**SB 56**—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 Ducks Unlimited license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Ducks Unlimited license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 58**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adult cardiovascular services; amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; establishing additional criteria that must be included by the Agency for Health Care Administration in rules relating to adult cardiovascular services at hospitals seeking licensure for a Level I program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 60**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children obtaining driver licenses; amending s. 39.4091, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 409.1454, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising a pilot program to make it permanent; revising the applicability of the program to 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 referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 62**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pediatric cardiac care in the Children's Medical Services program; creating s. 391.224, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating the Pediatric Cardiac Care Advisory Council within the Department of Health; specifying the council membership; providing for election of the council chair and vice chair; providing for per diem and travel expenses; specifying the duties of the council; requiring the State Surgeon General to designate certain facilities as Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence; establishing prerequisites for the designation of a facility as a center of excellence; requiring that the council provide an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Surgeon General; requiring the department to develop rules relating to pediatric cardiac care and facilities in the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules relating to the council and the designation of facilities as Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence; reauthorizing specified rules relating to pediatric cardiac services and facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 64**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state park fees; creating s. 258.0142, F.S.; providing certain discounts on state park fees to specified foster and adoptive families; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks within the Department of Environmental Protection to establish certain documentation standards and create a procedure for obtaining the discounts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

**SB 66**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senators Grimsley and Latvala—

**SB 68**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tourist development tax; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; authorizing counties imposing the tourist development tax to use those tax revenues for auditoriums that

are publicly owned but operated by specified organizations under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Garcia, Artiles, and Baxley—

**SB 70**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crimes evidencing prejudice; amending s. 775.085, F.S.; requiring reclassified crimes to include actual or perceived sex, creed, or employment in specified jobs of the victims; defining the term “emergency service employee”; reenacting s. 921.0022(2), F.S., relating to the Criminal Punishment Code and the offense severity ranking chart, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 775.085, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Clemens and Rodriguez—

**SB 72**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; revising procedures governing voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that driver license or identification card applications, driver license or identification card renewal applications, and changes of address for existing driver licenses or identification cards submitted to the department serve as voter registration applications; specifying that an applicant must consent to the use of his or her signature for voter registration purposes; requiring specified applications to include a voter registration component; specifying required content for the voter registration component; providing for paper-based applications; requiring the supervisor of elections to provide a notification of registration to each applicant; providing that an applicant is registered if he or she fails to respond to the notification within a specified timeframe; requiring the supervisor to forward declinations to the statewide voter registration system; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SJR 74**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to restore the rights to vote and hold office of certain convicted felons upon completion of sentence.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Lee and Garcia—

**SJR 76**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 27 of Article XII of the State Constitution to remove a future repeal of provisions in Section 4 of Article VII which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Flores, Brandes, Rodriguez, Stewart, Steube, Farmer, Bracy, Garcia, Mayfield, Latvala, Book, Grimsley, Passidomo, Benacquisto, Torres, Bean, Campbell, and Rouson—

**SB 78**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school recess; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring each district school board to provide students in certain grades with a minimum number of minutes of free-play recess per week and with a minimum number of consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 80**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.12, F.S.; requiring a complainant to timely provide certain written notice in order to be entitled to attorney fees in certain civil actions for enforcement of ch. 119, F.S.; providing that the award of such attorney fees is within the discretion of the court; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Judiciary.

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By Senators Steube and Mayfield—

**SB 82**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education tuition and fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center waive out-of-state fees for certain students, including certain undocumented students, who meet specified requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Garcia and Flores—

**SM 84**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to review and revise the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 86**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agricultural land classification and assessment; amending s. 193.461, F.S.; providing an exception from a certain requirement for lands to be classified as agricultural for taxation purposes; requiring that land jointly used for commercial nonagricultural purposes and bona fide agricultural purposes directly related to apiculture be classified as agricultural; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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**SB 88**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 90**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy source devices; amending s. 193.624, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “renewable energy source device”; prohibiting the consideration of just value of property attributable to a renewable energy source device in determining the assessed value of any real property; deleting a provision relating to applicability as of a specified date; creating s. 196.182, F.S.; exempting a renewable energy source device from the tangible personal property tax; providing for expiration; reenacting ss. 193.155(4)(a) and 193.1554(6)(a), F.S., relating to homestead assessments and nonhomestead residential property assessments, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 193.624, F.S., in references thereto; providing that specified amendments made by the act expire on a certain date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 92**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state-owned motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Management Services to prepare a plan regarding the centralized management of state-owned motor vehicles; requiring the department to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; prescribing requirements for the plan; requiring the department to conduct certain evaluations while developing the plan; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Artiles—

**SB 94**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property insurance appraisers and property insurance appraisal umpires; amending s. 624.04, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “person”; amending s. 624.303, F.S.; exempting certificates issued to property insurance appraisal umpires from the requirement to bear a seal of the Department of Financial Services; amending s. 624.311, F.S.; providing a schedule for destruction of property insurance appraisal umpire licensing files and records; amending s. 624.317, F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate property insurance appraisal umpires for violations of the insurance code; amending s. 624.501, F.S.; authorizing specified fees for property insurance appraisal umpires; amending s. 624.523, F.S.; requiring fees associated with property insurance appraisal umpires’ appointments to be deposited into the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund; amending s. 626.015, F.S.; providing a definition; amending s. 626.016, F.S.; revising the scope of the Chief Financial Officer’s powers and duties and the department’s enforcement jurisdiction to include umpires; amending s. 626.022, F.S.; including property insurance appraisal umpire licensing in the scope of part I of ch. 626, F.S., relating to licensing procedures; amending s. 626.112, F.S.; requiring umpires to be licensed and appointed; requiring licensure as an adjuster when serving as an appraiser under certain conditions; prohibiting certain disqualified persons from acting or serving as an umpire or appraiser; amending s. 626.171, F.S.; requiring a specified application and payment of fees for an umpire license; requiring applicants for licensure as an umpire to submit fingerprints to the department; amending s. 626.207, F.S.; providing that s. 112.011, F.S., relating to disqualification from licensure or public employment does not apply to applicants for licensure as umpires; amending s. 626.2815, F.S.; requiring specified continuing education for licensure as an umpire; revising applicability; amending s. 626.451, F.S.; providing requirements relating to the appointment of an umpire; amending s. 626.461, F.S.; providing that an umpire appointment continues in effect, subject to certain conditions, until the person’s license is revoked or otherwise terminated; amending s. 626.521, F.S.; authorizing the department to obtain a credit and character report for certain umpire applicants; amending s. 626.541, F.S.; requiring an umpire to provide certain information to the department when doing business under a different business name or when information in the licensure application changes; amending s. 626.601, F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate improper conduct of any licensed umpire; amending s. 626.611, F.S.; requiring the department to refuse, suspend, or revoke an umpire’s license under certain circumstances; amending s. 626.621, F.S.; authorizing the department to refuse, suspend, or revoke an umpire’s license under certain circumstances; amending s. 626.641, F.S.; prohibiting an umpire from certain transactions, business, ownership, control, or employment during the period the umpire’s license is suspended or revoked; amending ss. 626.7845, 626.8305, and 626.8411, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 626.8443, F.S.; prohibiting a title insurance agent from certain transactions, business, ownership, control, or employment during the period the agent’s license is suspended or revoked; amending s. 626.854, F.S.; providing limitations on fees charged by a public adjuster during an appraisal; creating s. 626.8791, F.S.; establishing required notice in a contract for appraisal services; amending s. 626.9957, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating part XIV of ch. 626, F.S., relating to property insurance appraisal umpires; creating s. 626.9961, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 626.9962, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating s. 626.9963, F.S.; providing that part XIV supplements part I of ch. 626, F.S., the “Licensing Procedures Law”; creating s. 626.9964, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 626.9965, F.S.; providing qualifications for license as an umpire; prohibiting the

department from rejecting an application solely on specified grounds; creating s. 626.9966, F.S.; authorizing the department to refuse, suspend, or revoke an umpire’s license under certain circumstances; creating s. 626.9967, F.S.; providing ethical standards for property insurance appraisal umpires; creating s. 626.9968, F.S.; providing for disqualification of an umpire under certain circumstances; repealing s. 627.70151, F.S., relating to appraisal conflicts of interest; providing an appropriation and authorizing positions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 96**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eligibility for appointment as a medical or clinic director; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “medical director”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 98**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to well stimulation; creating a short title; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; defining the term “extreme well stimulation”; creating s. 377.2427, F.S.; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits authorizing extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permit holders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 100**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tobacco settlement agreements; repealing s. 569.23, F.S., relating to security requirements for tobacco settlement agreement signatories, successors, parents, and affiliates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 102**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the payment of health care claims; amending s. 627.6131, F.S.; prohibiting a health insurer from retroactively denying a claim under specified circumstances; amending s. 641.3155, F.S.; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from retroactively denying a claim under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 104**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to computer coding instruction; amending s. 1007.2616, F.S.; authorizing high schools to offer students opportunities to take specified computer coding courses beginning with a specified school year; providing that high schools will not be required to offer such courses; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify the computer coding courses that satisfy two credits of sequential foreign language instruction under certain circumstances; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities to recognize the credits as foreign language credits; requiring each student and his or her parent to sign a statement that they acknowledge and

accept that a computer coding course taken as a foreign language may not meet certain out-of-state requirements; requiring the inclusion of certain computer coding courses in the Course Code Directory; authorizing the Florida Virtual School to offer computer coding courses identified in the Course Code Directory; authorizing school districts to provide students with access to such courses under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Education to annually report certain information to the Board of Governors and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

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By Senator Flores—

**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; repealing s. 565.04, F.S., relating to package store restrictions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SJR 108**—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 30 of Article X of the State Constitution to establish public policy against certain types of well stimulation in order to protect the state's water resources, and to prohibit extreme well stimulation.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**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.

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

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By Senators Brandes and Rodriguez—

**SB 112**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to flood hazard mitigation; creating s. 252.441, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the Governor to administer a matching grant program for local governments to implement flood hazard risk reduction policies and projects; requiring the division to rank applications for the program; specifying criteria for prioritizing applications; establishing limitations on administrative costs and grant awards; requiring the division to establish a monitoring system; providing for funding of administrative costs; providing for reversion and

reallocation of unexpended funds; authorizing the division to adopt rules; requiring the division to consult with the Department of Economic Opportunity in developing ranking criteria; amending s. 380.507, F.S.; revising the powers of the Florida Communities Trust to authorize the undertaking, coordination, and funding of flood mitigation projects; authorizing the trust to acquire and dispose of real and personal property to reduce flood hazards; amending s. 380.508, F.S.; prescribing guidelines for flood mitigation projects undertaken by the trust; amending s. 380.510, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising requirements for agreements for a grant or loan for land acquisition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 114**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cosmetic product registration; amending s. 499.015, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a person who manufactures, packages, repackages, labels, or relabels a cosmetic in this state register such cosmetic biennially with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending ss. 499.003, 499.041, and 499.051, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SJR 116**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article III of the State Constitution to require the transfer of the amount of a vetoed specific appropriation originating from the General Revenue Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund, to specify that the amount transferred may not be used in calculating the Budget Stabilization Fund's principal balance limitation, and to provide for the transfer of funds for vetoed specific appropriations that are reinstated.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 118**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunction of criminal history records; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; revising the eligibility requirements for expunction of criminal history records to include instances in which a verdict of not guilty is rendered; requiring a person or entity, within a specified timeframe, to remove an expunged criminal history record under certain circumstances; authorizing a civil action for injunction under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to impose a civil penalty and award attorney fees and court costs; providing applicability; providing criminal penalties; requiring a court to order the suspension of an Internet protocol (IP) address under certain circumstances; defining the term "conviction"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Hutson and Steube—

**SB 120**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses by aliens unlawfully present in the United States; creating s. 775.0864, F.S.; requiring specified offenses to be reclassified if committed by such aliens; specifying the reclassification of these offenses; specifying the enhancement of the level of the ranking for purposes of sentencing and gain-time eligibility; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; revising references to offense reclassification provisions to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 122**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sports franchise facilities; creating s. 288.11633, F.S.; prohibiting a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land; requiring that a sale of public land for a sports franchise facility be at fair market value; defining the terms “facility” and “sports franchise”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SJR 124**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide, by general law, ad valorem tax relief on homestead property to the parent or parents of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 126**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending s. 112.3135, F.S.; authorizing an agency to promote or advance an employee who is a relative of a public official if certain conditions are met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Community Affairs.

By Senators Bradley, Simpson, Bean, and Baxley—

**SB 128**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-defense immunity; amending s. 776.032, F.S.; requiring that the burden of proof in a criminal prosecution be on the party seeking to overcome the immunity claim under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Artiles and Powell—

**SJR 130**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a clerk of the circuit court in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Artiles and Powell—

**SJR 132**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a tax collector in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Artiles and Powell—

**SJR 134**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a sheriff in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Artiles and Powell—

**SJR 136**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a property appraiser in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Artiles and Powell—

**SJR 138**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a supervisor of elections in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 140**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to openly carrying a handgun; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a compliant licensee to openly carry a handgun; revising the list of specified locations into which a licensee may not openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or firearm; reenacting s. 790.053(1), F.S., relating to the open carrying of weapons, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 142**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safe storage of loaded firearms; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; making technical changes; revising the locations and circumstances in which a loaded firearm is required to be kept or secured with a trigger lock; deleting provisions relating to conditions for committing the crime of failing to safely store, leave, or secure a loaded firearm in a specified manner; reenacting s. 409.175(5)(f), F.S., relating to rules of the Department of Children and Families requiring the adoption of a form used by child-placing agencies; providing an effective date.

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



By Senators Garcia, Campbell, and Perry—

**SB 144**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of wireless communications devices while driving; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; providing for primary enforcement of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law for drivers age 18 or younger; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 146**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to damages recoverable for the cost of medical or health care services; creating s. 768.755, F.S.; providing for the calculation of an award of damages for certain medical or health care services paid or owed by a claimant or a governmental or commercial insurance payor; providing that individual contracts between providers and licensed commercial insurers or licensed health maintenance organizations are not subject to discovery or disclosure and are not admissible into evidence in certain actions; providing that the amount of a lien or subrogation claim asserted by Medicaid, Medicare, or a payor regulated under the Florida Insurance Code for certain past medical expenses, in addition to the amount of copayments or deductibles payable by the claimant, is the maximum amount recoverable and admissible into evidence under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 148**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students remaining on school grounds during school hours; providing a short title; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing that a district school board may adopt policies for releasing students for the school lunch period; requiring schools in certain districts to obtain written parental consent before permitting students to leave school grounds during the lunch period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Steube, Baxley, Passidomo, and Artilles—

**SB 150**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for specified violations related to controlled substances which are committed in a dwelling; creating a criminal penalty for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance under certain circumstances; amending s. 893.135, F.S.; creating the criminal penalty of “trafficking in fentanyl”; requiring mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment and fines for specified quantities of fentanyl; adding a minimum specified quantity of fentanyl to the crime of trafficking in illegal drugs; creating the criminal penalty of “trafficking in synthetic drugs”; requiring mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment and fines for specified quantities of certain controlled substances; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; adding offenses relating to trafficking in LSD and synthetic drugs to the offense severity ranking chart; reenacting ss. 112.0455(8)(s), 397.451(4)(b), 435.07(2), 775.084(1)(a), 831.311(1), 893.138(3), 921.187(1)(l), F.S., relating to the Drug-Free Workplace Act, background checks of service provider personnel, exemptions from disqualification from employment, habitual felony offenders, counterfeit-resistant prescription blanks for controlled substances, abatement of a declared public nuisance, and alternatives to a state prison sentence, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.13, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 373.6055(3)(c), 397.451(6), 414.095(1), 775.087(2)(a) and (3)(a), 782.04(1)(a), (3), and (4), 893.03(3)(c), 907.041(4)(c), 921.0024(1)(b), 943.0585, and 943.059, F.S., relating to criminal history checks for certain water management

district employees and others, disqualification from receiving state funds, determining eligibility for temporary cash assistance, minimum term of imprisonment for conviction of a felony or attempting to commit a felony, murder, Schedule III controlled substances, pretrial detention and release, Criminal Punishment Code worksheet computations, court-ordered expunction of criminal history records, and court-ordered sealing of criminal history records, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.135, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 772.12(2), 810.02(3), 812.014(2)(c), 893.135(1) and (2), and 903.133, F.S., relating to the Drug Dealer Liability Act; burglary; theft; owning, leasing, renting, or possessing for trafficking in or manufacturing a controlled substance; and the prohibition of bail on appeal for certain felony convictions, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 893.13 and 893.135, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 152**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small business financial assistance; creating s. 295.231, F.S.; creating the Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to administer the program; defining terms; authorizing the corporation to accept and administer moneys appropriated for such grants; specifying grant amounts; limiting the amount that a small business may receive under the program; requiring a small business to apply to and enter into an agreement with the corporation to receive grants; prescribing minimum criteria for such agreements; requiring the corporation to notify the appropriate regional small business development center of a small business' participation; providing for termination of the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Thurston and Garcia—

**SB 154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to autism awareness training for law enforcement officers; creating s. 943.1727, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish an online continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder; specifying instruction to be included in the training component; providing that completion of the training may count toward continued employment instruction requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 156**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; providing for future repeal of ss. 627.730, 627.731, 627.7311, 627.732, 627.733, 627.734, 627.736, 627.737, 627.739, 627.7401, 627.7403, and 627.7405, F.S., which compose the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 15 and 16 of chapter 2012-197, Laws of Florida, which require the Office of Insurance Regulation to contract for a study and perform a data call relating to certain changes made to the no-fault law, and s. 627.7407, F.S., relating to application of the no-fault law; authorizing insurers to provide for termination of motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on or after a specified date as a result of the repeal of sections by this act; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; deleting a provision that provides for dismissal of a certain traffic violation under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; deleting a requirement for specified personal injury protection coverage for a motor vehicle dealer license applicant; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 320.771, F.S.; deleting a requirement for specified personal injury protection coverage for a recreational vehicle dealer li-

cense applicant; amending s. 324.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “motor vehicle”; deleting a provision relating to the limits of liability on commercial motor vehicles; amending s. 324.032, F.S.; removing certain owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles from a financial responsibility provision; amending s. 324.171, F.S.; deleting a requirement for personal injury protection coverage on a certain self-insurance certificate; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “clinic” to delete a requirement related to the reporting of certain information relating to personal injury protection coverage on an application for a certain exemption, to delete a provision authorizing denial or revocation of such an exemption on certain grounds, and to delete a provision relating to reimbursement under the no-fault law; amending s. 400.991, F.S.; revising an insurance fraud notice to conform to amendments made to s. 626.989, F.S., by the act; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; deleting certain persons or entities practicing under the no-fault law from a list of persons or entities excluded from certain patient records provisions; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; deleting certain grounds for discipline relating to actions under the no-fault law; amending s. 626.9541, F.S.; deleting a certain practice under the no-fault law from a list of unfair claim settlement practices; deleting a provision authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to order the insurer to pay restitution for such practice; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.989, F.S.; revising the actions that constitute commission of a fraudulent insurance act; amending s. 627.727, F.S.; deleting an exception from an exclusion from legal liability of an uninsured motorist coverage insurer for certain tort damages; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 627.7275, F.S.; requiring certain motor vehicle insurance policies to provide certain property damage liability and bodily injury liability coverage, rather than only such policies providing personal injury protection; revising certain coverage that insurers must make available subject to certain conditions; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 627.8405, F.S.; excluding premium financing by certain insurance agents or insurance companies from certain prohibitions; deleting a requirement for the Financial Services Commission to adopt certain rules; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 628.909, F.S.; revising applicability to remove provisions of the no-fault law under certain circumstances; amending s. 817.234, F.S.; expanding the scope of certain criminal acts related to false and fraudulent insurance claims by removing limitations to such acts under the no-fault law; revising sanctions for a licensed health care practitioner who is found guilty of insurance fraud for a certain act; amending ss. 316.646, 320.02, 320.0609, 322.251, 322.34, 324.0221, 409.901, 409.910, 627.06501, 627.0652, 627.0653, 627.4132, 627.7263, 627.728, 627.7295, 627.915, 705.184, and 713.78, F.S.; deleting references to certain requirements, benefits, and other provisions under the no-fault law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Latvala, Artiles, Campbell, and Young—

**SB 158**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighters; creating s. 112.1816, F.S.; defining the term “firefighter”; establishing a presumption as to a firefighter’s condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in the line of duty; specifying criteria a firefighter must meet to be entitled to the presumption; requiring an employing agency to provide a physical examination for a firefighter; specifying circumstances under which the presumption does not apply; providing for applicability; requiring the Legislature to review specified cancer research programs by a certain date; providing for an employer contribution rate increase to fund changes made by the act; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 160**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the minimum wage; amending s. 448.110, F.S.; revising the formula for the adjusted state minimum wage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 162**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disposable plastic bags; creating s. 403.70325, F.S.; defining the term “coastal community”; authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; providing program criteria; providing for expiration of a certain required ordinance; directing participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to the municipal governing bodies and the Department of Environmental Protection; republishing s. 403.7033, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senators Grimsley and Baxley—

**SB 164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of title for motor vehicles; amending s. 319.32, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from charging a fee for a certificate of title issued for a motor vehicle solely to remove a deceased joint owner if the other joint owner is the surviving spouse; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Steube, Brandes, and Hutson—

**SB 166**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; providing that the ownership, management, operation, or control of up to three vendor’s licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages by a certified Florida Craft Distillery is not prohibited under specified laws; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to issue permits to certified Florida Craft Distilleries to conduct certain tastings and sales; requiring such distilleries to pay entry fees and have a representative present during certain events; authorizing the transfer of wine and distilled spirits to vendors by specified wineries and distilleries under certain circumstances; requiring the division to approve certain storage areas; requiring wineries and distilleries to report all such transfers to the division and to include them in monthly excise tax payments; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; redefining the term “craft distillery”; providing license fees for craft distilleries; specifying authorized products for sale by craft distilleries; providing limitations on retail sales by craft distilleries to consumers; authorizing craft distilleries to transfer distilled spirits under certain conditions; requiring the division to approve certain storage areas; requiring distilleries to report all such transfers to the division and to include them in monthly excise tax payments; deleting certain prohibitions on the transfer of a distillery license and affiliated ownership; authorizing craft distilleries to apply for a sales room location under certain circumstances; amending s. 565.17, F.S.; authorizing craft distilleries to conduct tastings under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 168**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career development for officers and firefighters; amending s. 110.2035, F.S.; requiring state agencies to establish a career development plan for certain purposes;

specifying circumstances under which salary increases must be awarded to officers and firefighters; prescribing duties to state agencies with respect to plan implementation; specifying eligibility criteria; restricting the number of officers and firefighters who may qualify for each level; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 170**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibited places for weapons and firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the locations where a licensee is prohibited from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianship; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; requiring each examining committee member in a proceeding to determine incapacity to file his or her report with the clerk of the court within a specified timeframe after appointment; requiring the clerk of the court to serve each report on specified persons within a specified timeframe; requiring the clerk of the court to file a certificate of service of each report in the incapacity proceeding; revising the timeframe before the hearing on the petition within which specified parties must be served with all reports; authorizing the petitioner and the alleged incapacitated person to move for a continuance if service is not timely effectuated and to object to the introduction of all or any part of a report by filing and serving a written objection to admissibility on the other party within a specified timeframe; specifying that the admissibility of the report is governed by the rules of evidence; requiring that the adjudicatory hearing be conducted within a specified timeframe after the filing of the last filed report; amending s. 744.3725, F.S.; eliminating the requirement that a court must first find that a ward's spouse has consented to dissolution of marriage before the court may authorize a guardian to exercise specified rights; amending s. 744.441, F.S.; removing the cap on funeral expenses that may be paid from a ward's estate; reenacting s. 744.3215(4), F.S., relating to the rights of persons determined incapacitated, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 744.3725, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 174**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Enterprise Information Technology Services Management Act; amending s. 282.0041, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 282.0051, F.S.; revising certain powers, duties, and functions of the Agency for State Technology in collaboration with the Department of Management Services; amending s. 282.201, F.S.; authorizing certain service-level agreements entered into by the state data center to be extended for a specified duration; requiring the state data center to submit a specified report to the Executive Office of the Governor under certain circumstances; deleting a requirement within a service-level agreement to provide a certain termination notice to the Agency for State Technology; requiring the state data center to plan, design, and conduct certain testing if cost-effective; deleting obsolete provisions relating to the schedule for consolidations of agency data centers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 943.0415(2) and (3), F.S., relating to the Cybercrime Office within the Department of Law Enforcement, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 282.0041, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Passidomo, Hutson, Stewart, Garcia, Rodriguez, Benacquisto, and Campbell—

**SB 176**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a sales and use tax exemption for feminine hygiene products; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting the sale of feminine hygiene products from the sales and use tax; defining the term “feminine hygiene product”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Artiles, Brandes, Mayfield, and Campbell—

**SB 178**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic infraction detectors; repealing s. 316.003(35) and (87), F.S., relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector”; repealing ss. 316.008(8), 316.0083, and 316.00831, F.S., relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; repealing s. 316.07456, F.S., relating to transitional implementation of such detectors; repealing s. 316.0776, F.S., relating to placement and installation of traffic infraction detectors; repealing s. 318.15(3), F.S., relating to a required notification; repealing s. 321.50, F.S., relating to the authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; amending ss. 28.37, 316.003, 316.545, 316.613, 316.640, 316.650, 318.121, 318.14, 318.18, 320.03, 322.27, and 655.960, F.S., relating to distribution of proceeds, definitions, unlawful weight and loads, child restraint requirements, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, preemption of additional fees or surcharges, a procedural exception for certain traffic infractions, amount of penalties, registration and renewal of license plates, points assessed for certain violations, and the definition of the term “access area,” to conform provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic infraction detectors; amending s. 316.0083, F.S.; decreasing the penalty to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; allowing a person to elect to attend a certain course instead of paying the penalty for a first violation; providing for distribution of the penalty under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license and privilege to drive or the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker for failure to pay certain penalties under certain circumstances; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; decreasing a penalty if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; allowing a person to elect to attend a certain course instead of paying the penalty for a first violation; providing for distribution of the penalty under certain circumstances; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; providing for distribution of a specified fine imposed using a traffic infraction detector; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; prohibiting points from being imposed for the first occurrence of specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce such violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection from nonmedical changes to prescription drug formularies; creating s. 627.42393, F.S.; limiting changes to a health insurance policy pre-

scription drug formulary during a policy year; providing applicability and construction; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to provide continuity of care for certain patients with respect to prescription drug coverage; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; limiting changes to a health maintenance contract prescription drug formulary during a contract year; providing applicability and construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 184**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver licenses and identification cards; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring proof of a taxpayer identification number or other specified identification number for certain applicants for a driver license; authorizing additional specified documents that are issued by foreign governments to satisfy proof-of-identity requirements; providing that a driver license or temporary permit issued based on specified documents is valid for a specified period; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from waiving certain tests for applicants who provide proof of identity using specified foreign documents; amending s. 322.14, F.S.; requiring the department to mark licenses to indicate compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 under specified circumstances; amending ss. 322.17, 322.18, and 322.19, F.S.; prohibiting a licensee from obtaining a duplicate or replacement instruction permit or driver license, renewing a driver license, or changing his or her name or address, except in person and upon submission of specified identification documents under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 186**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary educational institutions; amending s. 1005.04, F.S.; requiring certain institutions to provide each student a specified disclosure statement; requiring the Commission for Independent Education to develop the disclosure statement; creating s. 1005.11, F.S.; requiring the commission to annually prepare an accountability report by a specified date; requiring licensed institutions to annually provide certain data to the commission by a specified date; requiring the commission to establish a common set of data definitions; authorizing administrative fines for an institution that fails to timely submit the data; requiring the commission to establish certain benchmarks by rule; amending s. 1005.21, F.S.; revising the commission membership; limiting the terms of commission members; amending s. 1005.22, F.S.; requiring the commission to approve an annual budget; providing for the review of certain complaints concerning institutions or programs which are not closed within a specified time; authorizing the commission, under certain circumstances, to prohibit the enrollment of new students, or limit the number of students in a program at a licensed institution; amending s. 1005.31, F.S.; revising the commission's evaluation standards for licensure of an institution; requiring certain institutions to post a surety bond or similar financial security for specified purposes; requiring the commission to adopt rules; requiring the commission to examine an application for licensure and take certain actions within a specified period; amending s. 1005.32, F.S.; revising the minimum criteria for an independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for a license by accreditation; deleting a provision authorizing certain institutions to apply for licensure by means of accreditation; requiring certain institutions to file a retention and completion management plan; amending s. 1005.36, F.S.; revising the criminal penalty for the unlawful closure of certain institutions; requiring the commission to create a Closed Institution Panel by a specified date; providing membership and duties of the panel; amending s. 1005.37, F.S.; requiring the commission to annually determine fees to support the Student Protection Fund; providing that fees may not be collected under certain circumstances; amending s. 1005.39, F.S.; requiring the commission to determine whether certain personnel of licensed institutions are qualified and to require certain personnel to complete continuing education and training; requiring the commission to annually verify that certain per-

sonnel have completed certain training by a specified date; authorizing the provision of continuing education by licensed institutions under certain circumstances; requiring that certain evidence be included in initial or renewal application forms provided by the commission; amending ss. 1011.81 and 1011.905, F.S.; requiring that Florida College System institution performance funding for industry certifications and State University System institution performance funding take into consideration an institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 188**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vacation rentals; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; providing that local laws, ordinances, and regulations adopted after a certain date may not restrict the use of, prohibit, or regulate vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 190**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to low-voltage electric fences; amending s. 553.793, F.S.; redefining the term “low-voltage alarm system project”; defining the term “low-voltage electric fence”; providing requirements for a low-voltage electric fence to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm system project; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Powell and Rouson—

**SB 192**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.557, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a state attorney may file an information when a child of a certain age range commits or attempts to commit specified crimes; deleting a requirement that a state attorney file an information under certain circumstances; prohibiting the transfer of a child to adult court under certain circumstances based on the child's competency; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to collect specified data under certain circumstances; requiring the department to provide an annual report to the Legislature; amending s. 985.56, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of a child to adult court under certain circumstances based on the child's competency; amending s. 985.565, F.S.; providing specified sanctions to which a juvenile may be sentenced; prohibiting a sentence from exceeding the maximum term that an adult may serve for the same offense; revising the criteria to be used in determining whether to impose juvenile or adult sanctions; requiring the adult court to enter an order including specific findings of fact and the reasons for its decision; authorizing the court to consider certain reports that may assist it; providing for the examination of the reports by certain parties; revising how a child may be sanctioned under certain circumstances; removing a provision that requires a court to impose adult sanctions under certain circumstances; requiring the court to explain the basis for imposing adult sanctions; revising when juvenile sanctions may be imposed; providing criteria for blended sanctions; amending s. 985.556, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting ss. 985.15(1) and 985.265(5), F.S., relating to filing decisions and detention transfer and release, education, and adult jails, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 985.557, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 985.514(3) and 985.56(3) and (4)(a), F.S., relating to responsibility for cost of care and fees and indictment of a juvenile, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 985.565, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 985.556(3) and (5)(a), F.S., relating to waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction and hearings, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 985.557 and 985.565, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Gibson and Stewart—

**SCR 194**—A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senators Flores, Bracy, Garcia, and Baxley—

**SB 196**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile civil citation and similar diversion programs; amending s. 985.12, F.S.; requiring the establishment of civil citation or similar diversion programs for juveniles; providing definitions; specifying program eligibility, participation, and implementation requirements; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending ss. 943.051 and 985.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Stewart and Rodriguez—

**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 make appointments to the commission within a certain time frame; allowing for provisional membership under certain circumstances; amending s. 403.805, F.S.; requiring certain proposed rules submitted to the commission to receive a certain vote total for approval or modification; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

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By Senators Passidomo and Torres—

**SB 200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the temporary respite care of a child; creating s. 409.1761, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing certain organizations to establish programs for the purpose of assisting parents and legal guardians in providing temporary respite care for a child; restricting care to specified children; providing that placement of a child in temporary respite care does not, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, constitute abuse, neglect, or abandonment or placement in foster care; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to refer children to such programs under certain circumstances; providing requirements for an organization to register with a qualified association; requiring collection and retention of specified information; providing an exemption from specified licensure requirements under certain circumstances; requiring notification of specified information to the department; providing applicability; requiring background screening of specified persons; providing exceptions; requiring parents or legal guardians to enter into a contract for care as a condition of participation in the program; providing requirements for such contracts; requiring a separate authorization for certain care; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court records; amending s. 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from liability for the inadvertent release of certain information by the clerk of court; deleting obsolete language; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 204**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to actions founded on real property improvements; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; specifying when a contract has been completed between a professional engineer, registered architect, or licensed contractor and his or her employer; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic wills; amending s. 731.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “will” to include electronic wills; amending s. 732.506, F.S.; excepting electronic wills from revocation provisions; creating s. 732.521, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 732.522, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 732.523, F.S.; providing a statement of legislative intent and purpose; creating s. 732.524, F.S.; specifying requirements that must be satisfied in the preparation and execution of electronic wills; providing the extent to which electronic wills are subject to other statutory requirements relating to execution of a will; creating s. 732.525, F.S.; providing that electronic wills may be made self-proved at the time of execution; providing requirements for self-proof of electronic wills; requiring a qualified custodian to store an electronic will in an electronic record; creating s. 732.526, F.S.; specifying the circumstances under which a person is deemed to be in the presence of another; providing requirements for certain documents to be deemed executed in this state; creating s. 732.527, F.S.; authorizing an electronic will that is properly executed in this or another state, or a certified paper original of such properly executed electronic will, to be offered for and admitted to probate in this state; providing the venue for the probate of such electronic wills or certified paper originals; providing that a certified paper original of a self-proved electronic will is presumed to be valid; creating s. 732.528, F.S.; specifying requirements for service as a qualified custodian; requiring qualified custodians to provide access to, information concerning, or the certified paper original of the electronic will only to specified persons; authorizing a qualified custodian to destroy an electronic record subject to specified conditions; providing for cessation of service of a qualified custodian; requiring that a qualified custodian who elects to cease serving in such capacity provide written notice to the testator; requiring a qualified custodian to deliver certain documents to specified persons when he or she ceases to serve in such capacity; requiring that a successor qualified custodian agree in writing to serve in that capacity for an electronic will before succeeding to office; creating s. 732.529, F.S.; providing that a certified paper original must be delivered to specified persons with an affidavit of the qualified custodian or the persons who discovered the electronic will and reduced it to paper; providing requirements for such affidavits; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senators Passidomo and Mayfield—

**SB 208**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surplus lines insurance; amending s. 626.916, F.S.; revising conditions for the export eligibility of commercial lines residential coverage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 210**—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 certain identifying and location information of current or former public guardians and the spouses and children thereof; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 212**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to animal hoarding; amending s. 828.02, F.S.; defining the term “animal hoarding”; amending s. 828.12, F.S.; prohibiting animal hoarding; providing penalties and remedies for animal hoarding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 214**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Historical Resources; amending s. 267.031, F.S.; revising provisions governing the division’s responsibilities in issuing permits for survey, excavation, and salvage activities on state-owned lands or on state-owned sovereignty submerged lands; repealing s. 267.0625, F.S., relating to the abrogation of offensive and derogatory geographic place names; repealing s. 267.115(9), F.S., relating to the division’s authorization to implement a program for administering finds of artifacts from state-owned river bottoms; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 216**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic incentive programs; amending s. 20.055, F.S.; redefining terms; amending s. 288.075, F.S.; providing that certain information disclosed in a specified manner is no longer confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and requiring such information to be published as specified; amending s. 288.076, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to contract with an independent third party to verify compliance with economic development incentive requirements; requiring the department to publish results of the independent third party review within a specified period; amending s. 288.9015, F.S.; requiring a two-thirds vote for certain contracts executed by Enterprise Florida, Inc.; amending s. 288.904, F.S.; reducing state operational funding to Enterprise Florida, Inc., under certain circumstances; amending s. 288.905, F.S.; requiring a person appointed president of the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., to be confirmed by the Senate; providing requirements for incentive payments made to employees of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thurston—

**SB 218**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cable and video service agreements; amending s. 610.108, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring a service agreement to specify in the agreement whether such agreement will be automatically renewed under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Latvala—

**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 referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 222**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recovery care services; amending s. 395.001, F.S.; providing legislative intent regarding recovery care centers; amending s. 395.002, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 395.003, F.S.; including recovery care centers as facilities licensed under ch. 395, F.S.; creating s. 395.0171, F.S.; providing admission criteria for a recovery care center; requiring emergency care, transfer, and discharge protocols; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt rules; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; authorizing the agency to establish separate standards for the care and treatment of patients in recovery care centers; providing for rule-making that includes establishing certain minimum standards for recovery care centers; amending s. 395.10973, F.S.; directing the agency to enforce special-occupancy provisions of the Florida Building Code applicable to recovery care centers; amending s. 408.802, F.S.; providing applicability of the Health Care Licensing Procedures Act to recovery care centers; amending s. 408.820, F.S.; exempting recovery care centers from specified minimum licensure requirements; amending ss. 385.211, 394.4787, 409.975, and 627.64194, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Election Code; amending s. 101.051, F.S.; specifying the manner in which a person providing assistance to an elector in casting a ballot must read the ballot’s contents; increasing penalties for unlawfully providing assistance to an elector, or soliciting to provide assistance to an elector; providing a penalty for giving anything of value in an effort to provide assistance to an elector; amending s. 101.131, F.S.; specifying requirements with respect to the layout of a polling room or early voting area; prohibiting an election official from obstructing a poll watcher under certain circumstances; adding elected officials to the list of persons prohibited from being designated as poll watchers; amending s. 102.031, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the no-solicitation zone surrounding a polling place, early voting site, or supervisor of election’s office exists; providing a penalty for unlawfully soliciting a voter; deleting an obsolete term; providing a penalty for unlawfully photographing in a polling room or early voting area; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 226**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property taxes; amending s. 95.18, F.S.; providing that a possessor of real property for 7 years must pay all delinquent taxes prior to claiming adverse possession; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 193.122, F.S.; revising the time period that certain appeals of property assessments may be made; amending ss. 193.155, 193.703, 196.011, 196.075, and 196.161, F.S.; providing criteria under which a property appraiser may waive unpaid penalties and interest for improper nonpayment or reduction payment of ad valorem taxes by certain property owners claiming a homestead exemption; amending s. 194.011, F.S.; providing that certain unit owners must opt in, rather than opt out, of a certain joint petition before the value adjustment board; providing circumstances and timeframes under which a person may file a petition late to a value adjustment board; defining the term “good cause”; amending s. 194.032, F.S.; specifying situations under which the term “good cause” does not apply in rescheduling a hearing before a value adjustment board; amending s. 194.035, F.S.; specifying the circumstances under which a special magistrate’s appraisal may not

be submitted as evidence to a value adjustment board; amending s. 194.036, F.S.; specifying how an assessment limitation must be corrected in situations where a property appraiser appeals the decision of the value adjustment board; amending s. 194.171, F.S.; specifying the timeframe under which counterclaims of certain appeals of tax assessments may be made; amending s. 196.183, F.S.; revising a provision authorizing a property appraiser to exempt certain tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation without filing an initial return; amending s. 197.3632, F.S.; providing requirements for a local government's mailed notice of certain public hearings in lieu of publishing the notice in a newspaper; amending s. 200.069, F.S.; requiring property appraisers to include only certain statements in certain mailed notices; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 228**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physician orders for life-sustaining treatment; creating s. 401.451, F.S.; establishing the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program within the Department of Health; defining terms; providing duties of the department; providing requirements for POLST forms; providing a restriction on the use of POLST forms; requiring periodic review of POLST forms; providing for the revocation of POLST forms; authorizing expedited judicial intervention under certain circumstances; specifying which document controls when directives in POLST forms conflict with other advance directives; providing limited immunity for legal representatives and specified health care providers acting in good faith in reliance on POLST forms; imposing additional requirements on POLST forms executed on behalf of minor patients under certain circumstances; requiring review of POLST forms upon the transfers of patients; prohibiting POLST forms from being required as a condition for treatment or admission to health care facilities; providing that execution of POLST forms does not affect, impair, or modify certain insurance contracts; providing for the invalidity of POLST forms executed in return for payment or other remuneration; providing construction; creating s. 408.064, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish and maintain a database of compassionate and palliative care plans by a specified date; providing duties of the agency; authorizing the agency to subscribe to or participate in a public or private clearinghouse in lieu of establishing and maintaining an independent database; amending ss. 400.142 and 400.487, F.S.; authorizing specified personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if a patient has a POLST form that contains an order not to resuscitate; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil liability to such personnel for such actions; providing that the absence of a POLST form does not preclude physicians from withholding or withdrawing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending s. 400.605, F.S.; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in consultation with the agency, to adopt by rule procedures for the implementation of POLST forms in hospice care; amending s. 400.6095, F.S.; authorizing hospice care teams to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil liability to hospice staff for such actions; providing that the absence of a POLST form does not preclude physicians from withholding or withdrawing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending s. 401.35, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to establish circumstances and procedures for honoring certain POLST forms; amending s. 401.45, F.S.; authorizing emergency medical transportation providers to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other medical interventions if presented with POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate; amending s. 429.255, F.S.; authorizing assisted living facility personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil liability to facility staff and facilities for such actions; providing that the absence of a POLST form does not preclude physicians from withholding or withdrawing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending s. 429.73, F.S.; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to adopt rules for the implementation of POLST forms in adult family-care homes; authorizing providers of such homes to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil liability to pro-

viders for such actions; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; authorizing certain licensees to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an external defibrillator if presented with orders not to resuscitate or POLST forms that contain an order not to resuscitate; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules providing for the implementation of such orders; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil liability to licensees for withholding or withdrawing cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated defibrillator or for carrying out specified orders under certain circumstances; amending s. 765.205, F.S.; requiring health care surrogates to provide written consent for POLST forms under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Artilles—

**SB 230**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonnative animals; amending s. 379.231, F.S.; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to establish a pilot program for the eradication of specific species; providing legislative findings; providing goals for the pilot program; requiring the commission to enter into specified contracts; specifying parameters for the implementation of the pilot program; requiring the commission to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an appropriation for the implementation of the pilot program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 232**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care facilities; amending s. 395.003, F.S.; requiring that, as a condition of initial licensure and license renewal, ambulatory surgical centers provide at least the same amount of services to Medicare and Medicaid patients and patients who qualify for charity care as certain other licensed providers; requiring ambulatory surgical centers to report certain data; defining a term for purposes of a subsection; requiring ambulatory surgical centers to comply with certain building and lifesafety codes in certain circumstances; amending s. 395.6025, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which statutory rural hospitals and operators of rural hospitals are not required to obtain a certificate of need for the construction of a replacement rural hospital; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Bradley, Bean, Gibson, Hutson, and Stewart—

**SB 234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Lake Region; requiring the distribution to be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 236**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sports development; repealing s. 288.11625, F.S., relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government; amending ss. 212.20, 218.64, and 288.0001, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Rader—

**SB 238**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to instructional personnel salaries; creating s. 1012.052, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the Legislature to fund the Florida Education Finance Program at a level that ensures a guaranteed minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel; specifying a statewide minimum salary for all instructional personnel for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; requiring the Department of Education to annually adjust the statewide minimum annual starting salary; providing requirements for calculating such adjustment; requiring district school boards to adjust the minimum annual starting salary determined by the department by applying the district cost differentials; providing that such adjustment may not reduce districts' minimum annual starting salaries below the statewide minimum annual starting salary; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct primary care; creating s. 624.27, F.S.; defining terms; specifying that a direct primary care agreement does not constitute insurance and is not subject to ch. 636, F.S., relating to prepaid limited health service organizations and discount medical plan organizations, or any other chapter of the Florida Insurance Code; specifying that entering into a direct primary care agreement does not constitute the business of insurance and is not subject to ch. 636, F.S., or any other chapter of the code; providing that certain certificates of authority and licenses are not required to market, sell, or offer to sell a direct primary care agreement; specifying requirements for direct primary care agreements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 242**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to presidential elections; establishing the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; defining terms; providing a method by which any state may become a member state; requiring a statewide popular election for President and Vice President of the United States; establishing a procedure for appointing presidential electors in member states; providing that the agreement becomes effective upon the occurrence of specified actions; providing for the withdrawal of a member state; specifying circumstances under which certain notification be provided to a member state; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Clemens and Powell—

**SB 244**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history records in applications for public employment and admission to public postsecondary educational institutions; creating s. 760.105, F.S.; prohibiting a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law; creating s. 1007.36, F.S.; prohibiting public postsecondary educational institutions from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an applicant seeking admission; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 246**—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.; prohibiting a court from assessing and awarding the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency if certain conditions exist; specifying circumstances under which a complainant is not required to provide certain written notice of a public records request; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senators Broxson and Passidomo—

**SB 248**—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 the personal identifying and location information of certain nonsworn investigative personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation and the names and personal identifying and location information of the spouses and children of such personnel; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Artilles—

**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 only collect tolls on high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes 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; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Book and Passidomo—

**SB 252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax exemption for personal hygiene products; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of diapers and baby wipes; defining the terms "diaper" and "baby wipe"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Stewart and Farmer—

**SB 254**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gun safety; creating s. 790.30, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting the sale or transfer of an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition magazine; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting possession of an assault weapon or large-capacity magazine; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; requiring certificates of possession for assault weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines lawfully possessed before a specified date; limiting transfers of assault weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines represented by such certificates; providing conditions for continued possession of such weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines; requiring certificates of transfer for transfers of assault weapons or large capacity magazines; providing for relinquishment of assault weapons or large capacity magazines; providing requirements for transportation of assault weapons or large capacity magazines; providing criminal penalties; specifying circumstances in which the manufacture or transportation of assault weapons or large capacity magazines is not prohibited; exempting permanently



inoperable firearms from provisions; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with an assault weapon or large capacity magazine; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Steube and Galvano—

**SB 256**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching; amending s. 1004.344, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled expiration of the center; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 258**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; authorizing a maximum bonus of \$3,000 for Advanced International Certificate of Education teachers under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 260**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to threats to kill or do bodily injury; amending s. 836.10, F.S.; prohibiting a person from making a threat to kill or do bodily injury in a writing or other record and transmitting that threat in any manner; deleting requirements that a threat be sent to a specific recipient to be prohibited; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 262**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 641.19, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 641.51, F.S.; deleting a provision that provides that health maintenance organizations are not vicariously liable for certain medical negligence except under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.3917, F.S.; authorizing specified persons to bring a civil action against a health maintenance organization for certain violations; providing for construction; specifying a health maintenance organization's liability for such violations; repealing s. 768.0981, F.S., relating to a limitation on actions against insurers, prepaid limited health service organizations, health maintenance organizations, or prepaid health clinics; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 264**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-storage; amending s. 83.806, F.S.; providing that a lien sale may be conducted on certain websites; providing that a self-storage facility owner is not required to have a license to post property for online sale; providing limits for the maximum valuation of property under certain circumstances; providing options for the disposition of motor vehicles or watercraft claimed to be subject to a lien; requiring a facility or unit owner to verify specified information before selling a motor vehicle or watercraft by public auction; requiring specified notice to lienholders and owners of motor vehicles or watercraft subject to a lien; amending s. 83.808, F.S.; authorizing an owner to impose and collect a late fee from a tenant under

certain circumstances; specifying that late fees in a specified amount are deemed reasonable and do not constitute a penalty; authorizing an owner to charge the tenant certain reasonable expenses incurred in rent collection or lien enforcement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Book—

**SB 266**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to skateboard and scooter regulations; providing a short title; creating s. 316.2066, F.S.; requiring a child under 16 years of age to wear a helmet while riding a skateboard, scooter, or other similar foot-propelled wheeled vehicle; providing helmet requirements and standards; authorizing a law enforcement officer or school crossing guard to issue a safety brochure and a verbal warning to a child under a certain age for a specified violation; authorizing the issuance of a citation by a law enforcement officer to the child and the assessment of a certain fine for a specified violation; requiring the court to dismiss the charge against the child under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person riding a skateboard, scooter, or other similar foot-propelled wheeled vehicle from attaching the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway; prohibiting a parent or guardian from authorizing or knowingly permitting a child to violate certain provisions; providing a noncriminal traffic infraction for a specified violation; prohibiting a person from knowingly renting or leasing a skateboard, scooter, or other similar foot-propelled wheeled vehicle to be ridden by a child unless specified requirements are met; providing a nonmoving violation for a specified violation; authorizing the court to waive, reduce, or suspend payment of certain fines and to impose any other conditions on the waiver, reduction, or suspension; authorizing the court to require the performance of community service or attendance at a safety seminar under certain circumstances; providing for the disposition of fines; providing for construction; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 268**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing discrimination; amending s. 760.07, F.S.; removing housing discrimination as a cause of action for certain relief and damages stemming from violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; amending s. 760.34, F.S.; revising the conditions under which an aggrieved person may commence a civil action in any appropriate court against a specified respondent to enforce specified rights; providing that the aggrieved person does not need to take specified actions before bringing a civil action; making technical changes; amending s. 760.35, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, a civil action to commence within 2 years after an alleged discriminatory housing practice; authorizing an aggrieved person to commence a civil action regardless of whether a specified complaint has been filed and regardless of the status of any such complaint; prohibiting an aggrieved person from filing a specified action in certain circumstances; providing an exception; prohibiting an aggrieved person from commencing a specified civil action if an administrative law judge has commenced a hearing on the record on the allegation; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Thurston—

**SJR 270**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article IV of the State Constitution, relating to restoration of civil rights, to authorize the Legislature to prescribe additional circumstances under which certain fines and forfeitures may be suspended or remitted, reprieves may be granted, civil rights may be restored, and punishments may be commuted.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 272**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; creating s. 193.1553, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring a property appraiser to reduce the assessed value of a residential property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster under certain conditions; providing application requirements for a property owner seeking such a reduction; requiring a property appraiser who determines a property is eligible for a reduction to submit a written statement to the tax collector and specifying the contents thereof; providing duties of the tax collector relating to a reduction in taxes; requiring the tax collector to notify the Department of Revenue and the board of county commissioners of the total reduction in taxes; providing for construction; providing retroactive applicability and procedures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thurston—

**SB 274**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; creating s. 1009.641, F.S.; creating the STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the program; providing for the funding of the program; specifying candidate eligibility and the use of program funds; authorizing the department to recover administrative costs of the program; providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 276**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a state work opportunity tax credit; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent relating to the application of certain corporate income tax credits; creating s. 220.1893, F.S.; providing an additional credit against the corporate income tax, beginning on a specified date and under certain circumstances, for businesses hiring certain persons convicted of a felony; providing requirements and limitations; requiring the Department of Revenue and the Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt rules and establish certain guidelines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**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 general election; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senators Bracy and Bradley—

**SB 280**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing for capital felonies; amending ss. 921.141 and 921.142, F.S.; requiring jury unanimity rather than a certain number of jurors for a sentencing recommendation of death; reenacting ss. 775.082(1)(a), 782.04(1)(b), and 794.011(2)(a), F.S., relating to the punishment for a conviction of a capital felony, procedures for determining a sentence of death or life imprisonment, and sexual battery, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.141, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 893.135(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), F.S., relating to the punishments for capital drug trafficking felonies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.142, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Artiles—

**SB 282**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to towing and storage fees; creating ss. 125.01047 and 166.04465, F.S.; prohibiting counties and municipalities from enacting certain ordinances or rules to impose a fee or charge on wrecker operators or vehicle storage companies; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 284**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Ronald Reagan license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Steube, Farmer, and Book—

**SB 286**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking education in schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the required health education in public schools to include information regarding the dangers and signs of human trafficking; authorizing a student to opt out of a specified portion of the health education under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senators Thurston and Campbell—

**SB 288**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Justice-2-Jesus Charitable Trust; providing an appropriation to compensate the trust for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence and inaction of state government; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 290**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal justice; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; requiring that a court sentence a defendant who is convicted of a primary offense of possession of a controlled substance committed on or after a specified date to a nonstate prison sanction under certain circumstances; defining the term “possession of a controlled substance”; authorizing a defendant to move the sentencing court to depart from a mandatory minimum prison sentence and a mandatory fine if the offense is committed on or after a specified date; authorizing the state attorney to file an objection to the motion; authorizing the sentencing court to grant the motion if the court finds that the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that specified criteria are met; defining the term “coercion”; providing applicability; creating s. 921.00215, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Sentencing Commission within the Supreme Court; providing for commission membership and terms of office; providing that commission membership does not disqualify a member from holding any other public office or from being employed by a public entity; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the Office of the State Courts Administrator to act as staff for the commission; requiring the commission to meet annually or upon the call of

the chair for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Corrections to perform specified duties upon request of the commission; requiring the commission to annually, by a specified date, make recommendations to the Governor, the justices of the Supreme Court, and the Legislature; amending s. 921.00241, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which an offender may be sentenced to a nonstate prison sanction; authorizing a nonstate prison sanction under a prison diversion program for certain offenders who commit a nonviolent felony of the second degree on or after a specified date; amending s. 921.0026, F.S.; revising the mitigating circumstances under which a departure from the lowest permissible sentence is reasonably justified; making technical changes; amending s. 948.01, F.S.; requiring a sentencing court to place certain defendants who commit an offense on or after a specified date into a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program, into residential drug treatment, or on drug offender probation; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 775.08435(1)(b) and (c), 921.002(3), and 921.00265(1), F.S., relating to the prohibition on withholding adjudication in felony cases, the Criminal Punishment Code, and recommended and departure sentences, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.0026, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 394.47892(2) and (4)(a), 397.334(3)(a) and (5), 910.035(5)(a), 921.187(1)(c), and 943.04352, F.S., relating to mental health court programs, treatment-based drug court programs, transfer for participation in a problem-solving court, offender probation with or without adjudication of guilt, and court placement of a defendant on misdemeanor probation, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 292**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle warranties; amending s. 501.975, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 501.977, F.S.; requiring licensed new car dealers to provide purchasers with a specified motor vehicle warranty notice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Transportation; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 294**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominium, cooperative, and homeowners' associations; amending ss. 718.111, 719.104, and 720.303, F.S.; requiring associations to meet specified financial reporting requirements if they fail to provide unit owners or members with requested financial information; providing that associations that fail to provide such information may not exercise a specified reporting option for a specified period; deleting exemptions for certain associations from specified reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 296**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to statements made by a criminal defendant; amending s. 90.803, F.S.; requiring that hearsay statements made during certain custodial interrogations comply with specified requirements in order to be admissible; defining terms; describing circumstances in which an oral, written, or sign-language statement made by an interrogee during a custodial interrogation is presumed inadmissible as evidence against such person unless certain requirements are met; describing circumstances in which the prosecution may rebut such presumption; describing circumstances in which law enforcement officers may have had good cause not to electronically record all or part of an interrogation; defining the term "good cause"; providing for the admissibility of certain statements of an interrogee when made in certain proceedings or when obtained by federal officers or officers from other jurisdictions; requiring the preservation of electronic recordings; providing that admissibility is not precluded for cer-

tain statements of an interrogee; amending s. 90.804, F.S.; specifying requirements that must be met for a hearsay statement against interest made during certain custodial interrogations to be admissible when the declarant is unavailable; providing a finding of important state interest; specifying the purpose of the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Rouson—

**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 and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Torres—

**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 a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Brandes, Rouson, and Young—

**SB 302**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to penalties and fees; amending s. 27.52, F.S.; adding a financial information requirement for a certain application form; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; authorizing, rather than requiring, a clerk of court to pursue collection of certain fees, charges, fines, costs, or liens under certain circumstances; requiring a clerk of court to solicit competitive bids from collection agencies or private attorneys for certain services, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting the clerk from assessing a certain surcharge; prohibiting the collection agency or private attorney from imposing certain additional fees or surcharges; amending s. 316.650, F.S.; requiring traffic citation forms to include certain language relating to payment of a penalty; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered unable to pay; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; requiring a court to inquire at the time a certain civil penalty is ordered whether the person is able to pay it; amending s. 322.055, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons convicted of certain drug offenses; deleting provisions authorizing a driver to petition the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for restoration of his or her driving privilege; amending s. 322.056, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain drug offenses; deleting a provision authorizing a court to direct the department to issue a license for certain restricted driving privileges under certain circumstances; deleting requirements relating to the revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain alcohol or tobacco offenses; repealing s. 322.057, F.S., relating to discretionary revocation or suspension of a driver license for certain persons who provide alcohol to persons under a specified age; amending s. 322.09, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting the issuance of a driver license or learner's driver license under certain

circumstances; repealing s. 322.091, F.S., relating to attendance requirements for driving privileges; amending s. 322.245, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; providing applicability; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered unable to pay; repealing s. 322.251(7), F.S., relating to notice of suspension or revocation of driving privileges, reasons for reinstatement of such driving privileges, and certain electronic access to identify a person who is the subject of an outstanding warrant or *capias* for passing worthless bank checks; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; providing that a person whose driver license or privilege to drive has been suspended may have his or her driver license or driving privilege reinstated on a restricted basis under certain circumstances; providing the period of validity of such restricted license; amending s. 322.34, F.S.; revising the underlying violations resulting in driver license or driving privilege cancellation, suspension, or revocation for which specified penalties apply; amending s. 562.11, F.S.; revising penalties for selling, giving, serving, or permitting to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under a specified age or permitting such person to consume such beverages on licensed premises; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 562.111(3), F.S., relating to withholding issuance of, or suspending or revoking, a driver license or driving privilege for possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under a specified age; amending s. 569.11, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products; authorizing, rather than requiring, the court to direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; revising penalties relating to suspending, revoking, or withholding issuance of driver licenses or driving privileges for minors under a specified age who possess firearms under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to penalties for certain offenses involving the use or possession of a firearm by a minor under a specified age; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to certain penalties for criminal mischief by a minor; repealing s. 812.0155, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license following an adjudication of guilt for theft; repealing s. 832.09, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license after warrant or *capias* is issued in worthless check cases; amending s. 877.112, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase or attempt to purchase any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device; authorizing, rather than requiring, the court to direct the department to withhold issuance of or suspend a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 938.30, F.S.; authorizing a judge to convert certain statutory financial obligations into court-ordered obligations to perform community service by reliance upon specified information under certain circumstances; amending s. 1003.27, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to procedures and penalties for nonenrollment and nonattendance cases; amending ss. 318.14, 322.05, 322.27, and 1003.01, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thurston—

**SB 304**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Dustin Reinhardt by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation and annuity to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Palm Beach County School District; providing that certain payments and the amount awarded under the act satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 306**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics; amending s. 112.3143, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term “special private gain or loss”; prohibiting a public officer from voting on a matter that would inure to any gain or loss, rather than a special private gain or loss, of the officer, or a principal, relative, or business associate of the officer; providing an exception to the abstention requirement under certain circumstances; prohibiting an appointed public officer from participating in any matter that would inure to any gain or loss, rather than a special private gain or loss, of the officer, or a principal, relative, or business associate of the officer, without certain disclosure; amending ss. 155.40, 310.151, 553.77, and 627.351, F.S.; revising terminology to conform to the deletion of the term “special private gain or loss”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

**SB 308**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 310**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Cristina Alvarez and George Patnode; providing appropriations to compensate them for the death of their son, Nicholas Patnode, a minor, due to the negligence of the Department of Health; providing for the repayment of Medicaid liens; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 312**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eyewitness identification; creating s. 92.70, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; requiring state, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agencies that conduct lineups to follow specified procedures; requiring eyewitnesses to sign an acknowledgment that they have received the instructions about the lineup procedures from the law enforcement agency; requiring lineup administrators to document the refusal of an eyewitness to acknowledge such receipt; specifying remedies for failing to adhere to the eyewitness identification procedures; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to create educational materials and provide training programs on how to conduct lineups; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 314**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jerry Cunningham by Broward County; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of Broward County; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 316**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Vonshelle Brothers, individually, and as the natural parent and legal guardian of Iyonna Hughey; providing an appropriation to compensate her and her daughter for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of the Brevard County Health Department, an agency of the

Department of Health; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the alleged negligent acts; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation, fees, and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 318**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to covenants and restrictions of property owners’ associations; creating s. 712.001, F.S.; providing a short title; amending s. 712.01, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 712.05, F.S.; revising the interests and rights protected by filing for record within a specified timeframe; authorizing a property owners’ association to preserve and protect certain covenants or restrictions from extinguishment, subject to specified requirements; providing that a failure in indexing does not affect the validity of the notice; extending the length of time certain covenants or restrictions are preserved; deleting a provision requiring a two-thirds vote by members of an incorporated homeowners’ association to file certain notices; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.06, F.S.; exempting a specified summary notice from certain notice content requirements; revising the contents required to be specified by certain notices; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; requiring a board to take up certain provisions relating to notice filings at the first board meeting; creating s. 720.3032, F.S.; providing recording requirements for an association; providing a document form for recording by an association to preserve certain covenants or restrictions; providing that failure to file one or more notices does not affect the validity or enforceability of a covenant or restriction or alter the time before extinguishment under certain circumstances; requiring a copy of the filed notice to be sent to all members; requiring the original signed notice to be recorded with the clerk of the circuit court or other recorder; amending ss. 702.09 and 702.10, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.095, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 720.403, 720.404, 720.405, and 720.407, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 320**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dogs in vehicles; creating s. 316.2003, F.S.; requiring a person transporting a dog in the open bed of a pickup truck or an open area of any vehicle or trailer to keep the dog within certain secured containers or securely tether the dog; providing that violations are punishable as noncriminal traffic infractions; providing exceptions; preempting to the state the regulation of the transportation of dogs in motor vehicles; declaring void any existing or future ordinances or rules adopted by a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity; requiring the court to declare invalid any ordinance or rule adopted by counties, municipalities, or other local governmental entities in violation of this preemption and to issue a permanent injunction against them prohibiting them from enforcing such ordinances or rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 322**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; reenacting s. 255.065(15), F.S., which provides exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity, unsolicited proposals discussed in a portion of a meeting of such an entity, and the recording of, and any records generated during, a closed meeting; expanding the exemptions to incorporate the amendment made to the definition of the term “responsible public entity” in s. 255.065, F.S., by

SB \_\_\_; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 324**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fireworks; repealing ss. 791.013 and 791.015, F.S., relating to the testing and approval of sparklers and the registration of manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers of sparklers, respectively; repealing s. 791.02, F.S., relating to the sale and use of fireworks; repealing s. 791.03, F.S., relating to the bond of licensees; amending ss. 791.01, 791.012, and 791.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 326**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alternative treatment options for veterans; creating s. 295.156, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to contract with certain individuals and entities to provide alternative treatment options for certain veterans; requiring direction and supervision by certain licensed providers; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 328**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of nursing; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; removing an obsolete qualification no longer sufficient to satisfy certain certification requirements; amending chapter 2016-139, Laws of Florida; removing an obsolete qualification no longer sufficient to satisfy certain certification requirements from an act with a future effective date; amending s. 464.013, F.S.; requiring certain continuing education courses to be approved by the Board of Nursing; removing a requirement that certain continuing education courses be offered by specified entities; amending s. 464.019, F.S.; authorizing the board to conduct certain on-site evaluations; removing a limiting criterion from the requirement to measure graduate passage rates; removing a requirement that certain nursing program graduates complete a specific preparatory course; clarifying circumstances when programs in probationary status must be terminated; providing that accredited and nonaccredited nursing education programs must disclose probationary status; requiring notification of probationary status to include certain information; prohibiting a terminated or closed program from seeking program approval for a certain time; authorizing the board to adopt certain rules; requiring accredited programs to meet program accountability requirements and requirements to provide notification of probationary status; removing requirements that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability perform certain tasks; requiring the Florida Center for Nursing to make an annual assessment of compliance by nursing programs with certain accreditation requirements; requiring the center to include its assessment in a report to the Governor and the Legislature; removing the requirement that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability perform specified duties under certain circumstances; requiring the termination of a program under certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Education; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 330**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local business taxes; amending ss. 205.032 and 205.042, F.S.; prohibiting the governing

bodies of counties and municipalities, respectively, from levying a local business tax that was not adopted before a specified date; limiting the amount of the tax; making conforming changes; amending s. 205.033, F.S.; deleting certain provisions that, for counties, limit the rate of the tax and authorize increases of the tax; revising the maximum limits of certain transfer fees; revising applicability of provisions apportioning revenues from the tax; deleting certain provisions authorizing the levying of an additional business tax; amending s. 205.043, F.S.; deleting certain provisions that, for municipalities, limit the rate of the tax and authorize increases of the tax; revising the maximum limits of certain transfer fees; amending ss. 205.0535 and 205.054, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 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.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 332**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public-private partnerships; amending s. 255.065, F.S.; defining the terms “information technology” and “state agency”; revising the definition of the term “responsible public entity”; revising legislative findings to recognize the public need of pursuing information technology projects through the establishment of public-private partnerships; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 334**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s. 55.035, F.S.; requiring a court to include interest in a final judgment in an action from which a plaintiff recovers economic or noneconomic damages; specifying the dates from which interest accrues; requiring a court to include interest on attorney fees and costs in the final judgment, if recovered; specifying the rate at which interest accrues; providing for applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Hutson and Book—

**SB 336**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to household movers; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to deny or refuse to renew the registration of a mover under certain circumstances; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from knowingly refusing or failing to disclose in writing specified criminal information under certain circumstances; amending s. 507.10, F.S.; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rader—

**SJR 338**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to delete a provision authorizing laws that regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Brandes, Galvano, Simpson, Artiles, Young, and Bracy—

**SB 340**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation network companies; creating s. 316.68, F.S.; defining terms; providing for construction; providing that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; requiring a TNC to designate and maintain an agent for service of process in this state; providing fare requirements; providing requirements for a TNC’s digital network; providing for an electronic receipt, subject to certain requirements; providing automobile insurance requirements for a TNC and a TNC driver; providing requirements for specified proof of coverage for a TNC driver under certain circumstances; providing certain disclosure requirements for a TNC driver in the event of an accident; requiring a TNC to cause its insurer to issue certain payments directly to certain parties; requiring a TNC to make specified disclosures in writing to TNC drivers under certain circumstances; authorizing specified insurers to exclude certain coverage; providing that the right to exclude coverage applies to any coverage included in an automobile insurance policy; providing applicability; providing for construction; providing that specified automobile insurers have a right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to the same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances; requiring a TNC to provide specified information upon request by certain parties during a claims coverage investigation; requiring certain insurers to disclose specified information upon request by any other insurer involved in the particular claim; providing that TNC drivers are independent contractors if specified conditions are met; providing retroactive applicability; requiring a TNC to implement a zero-tolerance policy for drug or alcohol use; providing TNC driver requirements; requiring a TNC to conduct a certain background check for a TNC driver after a specified period; prohibiting a TNC driver from accepting certain rides or soliciting or accepting street hails; requiring a TNC to adopt a policy of nondiscrimination with respect to riders and potential riders and to notify TNC drivers of such policy; requiring TNC drivers to comply with the nondiscrimination policy and certain applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination and accommodation of service animals; prohibiting a TNC from imposing additional charges for providing services to persons who have physical disabilities; requiring a TNC to maintain specified records; providing legislative intent; specifying that TNCs, TNC drivers, and TNC vehicles are governed exclusively by state law; prohibiting local governmental entities and subdivisions from taking specified actions; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 342**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 390.305, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for physician abortion reports filed with the Department of Health; providing exceptions; providing retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 344**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regional counsels; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; clarifying the procedure for the nomination and appointment of regional counsels; specifying the number of candidates that must be nominated when a current regional counsel does not apply for reappointment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fictitious names; amending s. 865.09, F.S.; defining the term “registrant”; revising filing requirements for registration of a fictitious name; specifying who is considered the registrant in a general partnership under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to register a fictitious name under certain circumstances within a specified time; requiring a person to file a cancellation for a fictitious name registration within a specified time under certain circumstances; authorizing the reregistration of a fictitious name after the transfer of a business under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such reregistration; clarifying the length of time that the initial registration of a fictitious name is valid; providing requirements for renewal; prohibiting renewal of a fictitious name under certain circumstances; exempting limited liability companies from specified registration requirements under certain circumstances; revising penalty provisions for noncompliance to include a prohibition of certain actions, suits, or proceedings; revising processing fees to include registration with or without a change of ownership; adding words and abbreviations that may not be contained in a fictitious name, under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Steube—

**SB 348**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the termination of pregnancy; creating s. 390.301, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; prohibiting the attempted or actual performance or induction of an abortion in certain circumstances; providing a parameter to be used in determining the applicability of the prohibition; requiring a physician to make a specified determination before performing or inducing or attempting to perform or induce an abortion; requiring that, except in the case of a medical emergency, the physician performing or inducing an abortion determine the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child; providing parameters for making the determination; requiring a physician to use an abortion method that provides the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive the abortion in specified circumstances; requiring certain physicians to report specified information to the Department of Health containing specified data each time the physician performs or attempts to perform an abortion; prohibiting the reports from including information that would identify the woman whose pregnancy was terminated; requiring the reports to include a unique medical record identification number; requiring the department to publish a summary of data from the physician reports on an annual basis; providing penalties for failure to timely submit physician reports; providing for disciplinary action; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing criminal penalties and civil and criminal remedies; providing for the awarding of attorney fees; requiring a court to rule on the need for the protection, in certain civil and criminal proceedings or actions, of the privacy of a woman on whom an abortion is performed or induced or on whom an abortion is attempted to be performed or induced; requiring that certain actions be brought under a pseudonym; creating a special revenue account to pay for certain costs and expenses incurred by the state in defending the act; providing for funding and retention of interest; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 350**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission; amending s. 943.12, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to implement, administer, maintain, and revise a basic abilities examination by a specified date; requiring the commission to establish specified procedures and standards; amending s. 943.17, F.S.; requiring the commission to set a fee for the basic abilities examination; requiring a nonrefundable fee for each examination attempt; requiring that examination fees be deposited in the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund; providing a condition for when the examination fee takes effect; reenacting s. 943.173(3), F.S., relating to examinations,

administration, and materials not being public records, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.17, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting and amending s. 943.25(2), F.S., relating to criminal justice trust funds; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 352**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment; creating s. 97.029, F.S.; requiring a court to provide for an expedited hearing and ruling in a challenge to state legislative or congressional district boundaries; providing that candidate qualifying, nomination, and election for certain offices must proceed using current district boundaries if revisions to districts are not made as of a certain date; specifying public oversight procedures that a court is encouraged to follow when drafting a remedial redistricting plan; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 354**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction materials mining activities; amending s. 373.41492, F.S.; revising the requirement that a portion of the proceeds from the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Mitigation Plan water treatment plant upgrade fee be used to fund a study reviewing mining activities and claims relating to such activities; amending s. 552.30, F.S.; revising the authority of the State Fire Marshal to adopt standards, limits, and regulations for mining activities; revising the requirements for a study reviewing mining activities and claims relating to such activities; restricting the statewide ground vibration limits for mining activities; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to direct the State Fire Marshal to modify statewide ground vibration limits; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 356**—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 Support Our Constitution license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Support Our Constitution license plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 358**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health and substance abuse; amending s. 394.461, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to approve receiving systems for behavioral health care; making technical changes; requiring the department to approve specified facilities as receiving systems under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt rules for the approval and the suspension or withdrawal of approval of receiving systems; amending s. 394.879, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision requiring a report by the department and the Agency for Health Care Administration; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; revising the reporting requirements of the acute care services utilization database; requiring the department to post certain data on its website; amending s. 397.6955, F.S.; specifying that certain court hearings must be scheduled within 5 court working days unless a continuance is granted; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 360**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a middle school study; requiring the Department of Education to conduct a comprehensive study of states with nationally recognized high-performing middle schools in reading and mathematics; requiring a report to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the Legislature by a specified time; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 362**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agency for State Technology; amending s. 20.61, F.S.; establishing within the agency a chief data officer position and the Geographic Information Office; amending s. 282.0051, F.S.; adding specified powers, duties, and functions of the agency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Gainer, Broxson, and Montford—

**SB 364**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Recovery Fund for the Deepwater Horizon incident; amending s. 288.8012, F.S.; defining the term “settlement agreement”; amending s. 288.8013, F.S.; revising the funding source of the principal of the Recovery Fund for the Deepwater Horizon incident; requiring that certain funds be transferred to the Recovery Fund within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Gibson, Farmer, Powell, and Bracy—

**SB 366**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonpartisan elections for state attorneys and public defenders; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; revising provisions governing candidate qualifying to conform with the redesignation of the offices of state attorney and public defender as nonpartisan offices; amending s. 100.111, F.S.; removing the requirement that a state political party chair provide certain notification in the event of a vacancy in nomination for the office of state attorney or public defender, to conform; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; revising specifications for ballot layout to conform with the redesignation of the offices of state attorney and public defender as nonpartisan offices; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising provisions governing candidate qualifying for nonpartisan offices to include candidates for the offices of state attorney and public defender; amending s. 105.035, F.S.; adding candidates for the offices of state attorney and public defender to the list of candidates who may qualify for election by a specified petition process, in lieu of a qualifying fee; amending s. 105.041, F.S.; requiring that the listing of candidates on a ballot for the offices of state attorney and public defender identify the applicable judicial circuit; requiring that space be made available on the general election ballot if a write-in candidate has qualified to run for the office of state attorney or public defender; amending s. 105.051, F.S.; prohibiting the name of an unopposed candidate for the office of state attorney or public defender from appearing on any ballot; amending s. 105.061, F.S.; specifying that a qualified elector of a judicial circuit is eligible to vote for a candidate for the office of state attorney or public defender of that circuit; amending s. 105.08, F.S.; specifying applicability of campaign financing and reporting requirements to candidates for the office of state attorney or public defender; amending s. 105.09, F.S.; prohibiting a political party or partisan political organization from endorsing, supporting, or assisting any

candidate in a campaign for election to the office of state attorney or public defender; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 368**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing honorary designations of various transportation facilities in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 370**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; amending s. 252.55, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain employers to provide specified unpaid leave to an employee engaged in a Civil Air Patrol mission or training; prohibiting specified public and private employers from discharging, reprimanding, or penalizing a member of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol because of his or her absence by reason of Civil Air Patrol service or training; providing procedures for and requirements of employees and employers with respect to Civil Air Patrol leave and employment following such leave; specifying rights and entitlements of a member of the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol who returns to work after completion of a Civil Air Patrol mission or training; providing for a civil action; specifying damages; authorizing the award of attorney fees and costs; specifying conditions under which a certification of probable cause of a violation of the act may be issued; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 372**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reemployment assistance fraud; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; authorizing reproductions from certain files or digital records maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to be made and issued to the Department of Economic Opportunity pursuant to an interagency agreement for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Transportation; and Rules.

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By Senators Hukill, Galvano, and Simpson—

**SB 374**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education; providing a short title; renaming the Florida College System as the Florida Community College System; creating the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the Governor to appoint the membership of the board; providing that the appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate; requiring the Division of Florida Colleges to provide administrative support to the board until a specified date; transferring the Florida College System and the Division of Florida Colleges to the State Board of Community Colleges by a specified date; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to appoint a Chancellor of the Florida Community College System by a specified date; amending s. 20.15, F.S.; removing the Division of Florida Colleges from within the Department of Education; requiring the department to provide support to the State Board of Community Colleges; creating s. 20.156, F.S.; creating the State Board of Community Colleges and assigning and housing it for administrative purposes, only, within the department; providing the personnel for the state board; providing the powers and duties of the state board; requiring the state board to conduct an organizational meeting by a specified date; amending s. 1000.03, F.S.; revising the function and mission of the Florida K-20 education system; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to



oversee enforcement of Florida Community College System laws and rules; amending s. 1000.05, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the Commissioner of Education, to make certain determinations regarding equal opportunities at Florida Community College System institutions; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1001.02, F.S.; revising the general powers of the State Board of Education to exempt provisions relating to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; revising certain articulation accountability and enforcement measures; requiring the State Board of Education to collect information in conjunction with the Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges; deleting duties of the State Board of Education regarding the Florida Community College System; amending ss. 1001.10 and 1001.11, F.S.; revising the general powers and duties of the Commissioner of Education to exempt certain powers and duties related to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; revising duties of the Office of Inspector General within the department regarding the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.28, F.S.; providing that the powers and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges are not abrogated, superseded, altered, or amended by certain provisions relating to the department's duties for distance learning; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; prohibiting a technical center governing board from approving certain types of courses and programs; amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; providing the primary mission of a career center operated by a district school board; prohibiting specified career centers from offering certain courses and programs; amending s. 1001.60, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 1001.601, F.S.; establishing the State Board of Community Colleges; providing the membership of the board; creating s. 1001.602, F.S.; providing the responsibilities and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the board to coordinate with the State Board of Education; amending ss. 1001.61, 1001.64, 1001.65, 1001.66, and 1001.67, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; revising cooperation duties of the Board of Governors to include requirements for working with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing the primary mission of a charter technical career center; prohibiting specified career centers or charter technical career centers from offering certain courses and programs; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1003.491, F.S.; revising the Florida Career and Professional Education Act to require the State Board of Community Colleges to recommend, jointly with the Board of Governors and the Commissioner of Education, certain deadlines for new core courses; amending s. 1003.493, F.S.; revising department duties regarding articulation and the transfer of credits to postsecondary institutions to include consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; providing that the Higher Education Coordinating Council serves as an advisory board to, in addition to other bodies, the State Board of Community Colleges; revising council reporting requirements to include a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, in addition to other entities, to provide administrative support for the council; amending ss. 1004.02 and 1004.03, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; revising department reporting requirements regarding teacher preparation programs to require a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.07, F.S.; providing that the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education, provide guidelines for Florida Community College System institution boards of trustees' policies; amending ss. 1004.084, 1004.085, 1004.096, 1004.0961, 1004.35, and 1004.6495, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.65, F.S.; revising Florida Community College System institution governance, mission, and responsibilities to provide authority and duties to the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; providing that offering upper-level instruction and awarding baccalaureate degrees are a secondary and not a primary role of a Florida Community College System institution; amending ss. 1004.67, 1004.70, and 1004.71, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.74, F.S.; requiring the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System, jointly with the Commissioner of Education, to appoint members of the Council for the Florida School for the Arts; amending ss. 1004.78 and 1004.80, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education, to provide certain rules for Florida Community College System institutions regarding requirements for career education program basic skills; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; providing

accountability for career education for the State Board of Community Colleges; revising the department's accountability for career education; requiring the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1004.925, F.S.; revising industry certification requirements for automotive service technology education programs to include the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.93, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.60, F.S.; authorizing sanctions for violations of certain rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; amending ss. 1006.61, 1006.62, and 1006.71, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; revising the role of the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors in the statewide articulation system to include the State Board of Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one "2 +2" targeted pathway articulation agreement by a specified time; providing requirements and student eligibility for the agreements; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers for the agreements; amending s. 1007.24, F.S.; revising the statewide course numbering system to include participation by and input from the State Board of Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System; amending ss. 1007.25, 1007.262, 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, and 1007.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to collaborate with the State Board of Community Colleges regarding certain articulation agreements; amending s. 1007.273, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to enforce compliance with certain provisions relating to the collegiate high school program by a specified date each year; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; prohibiting Florida Community College System institutions from offering bachelor of arts degree programs; deleting provisions relating to an authorization for the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College to establish certain baccalaureate degree programs; revising the approval process for baccalaureate degree programs proposed by Florida Community College System institutions; requiring a Florida Community College System institution to annually report certain information to the State Board of Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the State University System, and the Legislature; revising the circumstances under which a baccalaureate degree program may be required to be modified or terminated; requiring the termination of a baccalaureate degree program under certain circumstances; restricting total upper-level, undergraduate full-time equivalent enrollment at Florida Community College System institutions under certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, rather than the State Board of Education, to develop and implement a specified common placement test and approve a specified series of meta-majors and academic pathways with the Board of Governors; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; revising the legislative intent of Florida's K-20 education performance and accountability system to include recommendations from and reports to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.32, F.S.; removing the oversight enforcement authority of the State Board of Education relating to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1008.345, F.S.; removing provisions requiring the department to maintain a listing of certain skills associated with the system of educational accountability; amending s. 1008.37, F.S.; revising certain student reporting requirements of the Commissioner of Education to also require a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.38, F.S.; revising the articulation accountability process to include participation by the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.405, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules for the maintaining of specific information by Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1008.44, 1008.45, 1009.21, 1009.22, 1009.23, and 1009.25, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring that certain information regarding fee waivers be reported to the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1009.28, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1009.90 and 1009.91, F.S.; revising the duties of the department to include reports to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1009.971, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1010.01, F.S.; requiring the financial records and accounts of Florida Community College System institutions to follow rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; requiring each Florida Community College System

institution to annually file specified financial statements with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending ss. 1010.02 and 1010.04, F.S.; requiring the funds accruing to and purchases and leases by Florida Community College System institutions to follow rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; amending s. 1010.07, F.S.; requiring certain contractors to give bonds in an amount set by the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1010.08, F.S.; authorizing Florida Community College System board of trustees to budget for promotion and public relations from certain funds; amending ss. 1010.09, 1010.22, 1010.30, and 1010.58, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.01, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution board of trustees to submit an annual operating budget according to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1011.011, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to collaborate with the State Board of Community Colleges for legislative budget requests relating to Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1011.30 and 1011.32, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; specifying duties of the State Board of Community Colleges regarding funds for the operation of workforce education programs and the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; amending ss. 1011.81, 1011.82, 1011.83, 1011.84, and 1011.85, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1012.01, F.S.; redefining the term “school officers”; amending ss. 1012.80, 1012.81, 1012.83, 1012.855, and 1012.86, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1013.01, F.S.; providing that the term “board” does not include the State Board of Community Colleges when used in the context of certain educational facilities provisions; amending ss. 1013.02 and 1013.03, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules for and provide functions relating to educational facilities; amending s. 1013.28, F.S.; authorizing Florida Community College System institution boards of trustees to dispose of land or real property subject to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.; specifying the role of the State Board of Community Colleges in educational plant surveys for Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1013.36, 1013.37, and 1013.40, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1013.47, F.S.; providing that certain contractors are subject to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1013.52, F.S.; specifying duties of the State Board of Community Colleges with regard to the cooperative development and joint use of facilities; amending s. 1013.65, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to be provided with copies of authorized allocations or reallocations for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 376**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter school funding; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; authorizing school boards to levy specified amounts for charter schools; amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; providing that charter school capital outlay funding consists of shared local capital outlay and state funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; providing that a virtual charter school is not eligible for a funding allocation; providing legislative intent; prohibiting a charter school from being eligible for a funding allocation under certain circumstances; defining the term “affiliated party of the charter school”; specifying the grouping of eligible charter schools for funding allocations; providing the shared local capital outlay allocation calculation and the state allocation calculation; requiring the Department of Education to make the calculations; requiring each school district to distribute the shared local capital outlay funds within a specified timeframe; specifying where capital outlay funds may be used; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 378**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 202.12, F.S.; revising the tax rates on the sales of certain communications services and direct-to-home satellite services; amending s. 202.12001, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; making a technical change; amending s. 202.18, F.S.; revising the allocation of proceeds from the communications services tax on direct-to-home satellite services; amending s. 203.001, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; making a technical change; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; revising the distribution of proceeds from certain sales and use taxes and communications services taxes to specified trust funds; specifying requirements and procedures for a communications services dealer that is unable to implement the reduction in communications services tax rates by a specified date; providing construction; providing applicability; authorizing the executive director of the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an expiration date; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; deleting the credit against the insurance premium tax which is based on the amount paid in salaries to certain employees within this state; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 624.5091 and 624.51055, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing applicability; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 380**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unsafe tires; creating s. 501.977, F.S.; prohibiting the installation, for compensation, of certain automobile or light truck tires; specifying what constitutes an unsafe used tire; providing that violations of the act are deceptive and unfair trade practices; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to judicial accountability; creating s. 38.24, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to collect specified information and prepare a report on the sentences imposed by each circuit judge and county judge in criminal and juvenile cases; requiring that the first report provide information for a specified period and that subsequent reports provide information for the previous calendar year; requiring the office to post the report annually by a specified date to its website; requiring disqualification of a judge from a case involving a member of a certain demographic group for which there is evidence of disparity in sentencing by that judge with regard to that demographic group; requiring the office to annually provide the report to the Chief Justice, the Governor, and specified members of the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the office to annually send each judge an individual report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 384**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; creating s. 766.1181, F.S.; specifying how to calculate damages in certain personal injury or wrongful death actions; prohibiting admission of specified information relating to costs of medical or health care as evidence in such actions; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senators Mayfield and Gainer—

**SB 386**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high-speed passenger rail; creating s. 341.601, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 341.602, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 341.603, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 341.604, F.S.; providing applicability; creating s. 341.605, F.S.; providing powers and duties of the Florida Department of Transportation; authorizing the department to regulate railroads where not federally preempted; authorizing the department to collect information from relevant parties; requiring the department to keep certain records; requiring the department to offer certain response training for accidents involving passengers or hazardous materials under certain circumstances; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 341.606, F.S.; providing reporting requirements for certain railroad companies; requiring the department to publish certain information on its website; requiring the department, in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration and other entities as necessary, to develop certain rules; specifying that reporting requirements are for informational purposes only and not to be used to economically regulate the railroad company; creating s. 341.607, F.S.; providing minimum safety standards for high-speed passenger rail; requiring certain railroad companies to comply with certain federal laws and regulations; providing safety technology requirements for certain railroad companies; specifying that such railroad companies may be subject to civil or criminal penalties for an incident caused by the use of an unapproved safety technology; providing certain requirements for railroad companies before operating a high-speed passenger rail system; creating s. 341.608, F.S.; requiring construction, maintenance, and repair of certain infrastructure by certain railroad companies; specifying requirements for certain roadbed modifications; requiring certain contractual agreements to adhere to the department's requisition and procurement procedures; providing for construction; creating s. 341.609, F.S.; requiring the department's railroad inspectors, in accordance with a specified program, to meet certain certification requirements and to coordinate their activities with those of federal inspectors in the state in compliance with certain federal regulations; requiring the inspectors to report the results of their inspections, subject to certain requirements; requiring the reports to be made available on the department's website; creating s. 341.611, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules that identify standards for conducting field surveys of certain rail corridors; providing requirements for the field survey; requiring the department to hold certain public meetings; requiring certain railroad companies to construct and maintain fences under certain circumstances; providing fencing requirements; requiring a railroad company to be liable for all damages arising from its failure to construct or maintain the fence under certain circumstances; creating s. 341.612, F.S.; requiring a railroad company operating a high-speed passenger rail system to be solely responsible for all rail corridor improvements or upgrades relating to its operation and safety; prohibiting a local government or the state from being responsible for certain costs unless it expressly consents in writing; creating s. 341.613, F.S.; providing administrative fines for certain violations, subject to certain requirements; providing certain factors to consider in determining the amount of the fine to be imposed; requiring all fines collected to be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund; creating s. 341.614, F.S.; authorizing certain suits to be brought in any court of this state having jurisdiction; providing for attorney fees and costs; creating s. 341.615, F.S.; authorizing local governments to enact ordinances regulating the speed limits of railroad traffic under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 388**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; prohibiting the possession or use by certain licensees of specified wine or fortified wine coupons; providing an exemption from provisions relating to the tied house evil for specified financial transactions between a manufacturer of beer or malt beverages and a licensed vendor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 390**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reimbursement of certain taxes; providing definitions; authorizing partial reimbursement of ad valorem taxes paid on homestead properties that are rendered uninhabitable from damage inflicted by a hurricane during 2016; requiring that application for such reimbursement be made with the property appraiser by a specified date; providing application requirements; requiring that the property owner provide documentation that the property was uninhabitable; requiring each property appraiser to determine an owner's entitlement to reimbursement and the reimbursement amount using a specified formula; limiting the reimbursement amount; authorizing an owner to file a petition with the value adjustment board if the application for reimbursement is not fully granted; requiring property appraisers to submit reimbursement lists to the Department of Revenue by a specified date; requiring that the department retain funds for the purpose of paying claims that are subsequently granted by a value adjustment board; requiring the department to determine the total reimbursement payments and to disburse checks from a specified trust fund; prohibiting knowingly and willingly giving false information for the purpose of claiming reimbursement; providing a criminal penalty; requiring that undeliverable reimbursement checks be forwarded to the certifying property appraiser; providing appropriations; providing for certifying forward unexpended funds; providing for reimbursement of the state sales tax paid on the purchase of a mobile home to replace a mobile home that experienced major damage from a hurricane during 2016; requiring that application for such reimbursement be made with the property appraiser; providing application requirements; requiring that the owner provide documentation of damage to the mobile home; requiring each property appraiser to determine an owner's entitlement to reimbursement; requiring the department to calculate reimbursement amounts; limiting the reimbursement amount; requiring property appraisers to submit reimbursement lists to the department by a specified date; authorizing an owner to file a petition with the value adjustment board if the application for reimbursement is not fully granted; requiring that the department retain funds for the purpose of paying claims that are subsequently granted by a value adjustment board; requiring the department to determine the total reimbursement payments; providing a criminal penalty for a specified prohibited act; providing an appropriation; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Hukill, Garcia, and Simpson—

**SB 392**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 394**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to advanced registered nurse practitioners; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; providing that certified registered nurse anesthetists, to the extent authorized by a protocol established in collaboration with the medical staff of a facility in which the anesthetic service is performed, may determine, in collaboration with the responsible physician, the appropriate type of anesthesia; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Hukill and Bean—

**SB 396**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loan debt; creating s. 1009.894, F.S.; defining the term "student loans"; requiring

postsecondary institutions to annually provide certain students with specified information regarding their student loans; providing that an institution does not incur any liability for providing such information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 398**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to estoppel certificates; amending ss. 718.116, 719.108, and 720.30851, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the issuance of an estoppel certificate to specified persons; requiring a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association to designate a street or e-mail address on its website for estoppel certificate requests; specifying delivery requirements for an estoppel certificate; requiring that an estoppel certificate contain certain information; providing an effective period for an estoppel certificate based upon the date of issuance and form of delivery; providing that an association waives a specified claim against a person or such person's successors or assigns who in good faith rely on the estoppel certificate; prohibiting an association from charging a preparation and delivery fee or making certain claims if it fails to deliver an estoppel certificate within certain timeframes; revising fee requirements for preparing and delivering an estoppel certificate under various circumstances; authorizing the statement of moneys due to be delivered in one or more estoppel certificates under certain circumstances; providing limits on a total fee charged for the preparation and delivery of estoppel certificates; requiring the fee for an estoppel certificate to be paid from specified proceeds under certain circumstances; requiring that the authority to charge a fee for the estoppel certificate be established by a specified written resolution or provided by a written management, bookkeeping, or maintenance contract; deleting obsolete provisions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

**SB 400**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.11, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to appoint division personnel; requiring specified personnel to have Selected Exempt Service status; amending s. 561.17, F.S.; revising the entities that may issue a certificate indicating an alcoholic beverage license applicant's place of business meets all of the sanitary requirements of the state; amending s. 561.20, F.S.; revising who may be issued a special license in counties otherwise subject to limits on the number of licenses issued; revising the requirements for retaining certain business records; amending s. 561.331, F.S.; requiring certain temporary beverage licenses to be issued by the district supervisor of a district without assessing additional fees or taxes; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; specifying the state license tax for craft distilleries; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

**SR 402**—Not introduced.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 404**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative ratification; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing that the maximum reimbursement allowances and manuals approved by a three-member panel for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Law are exempt from legislative ratification under the Administrative Procedure Act when the adverse impact or regulatory costs of such allowances or manuals exceed any criteria specified in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S.; providing an effective date.

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

By Senators Bradley and Young—

**SB 406**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compassionate use of low-THC cannabis and marijuana; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; authorizing physicians to issue physician certifications to specified patients who meet certain conditions; authorizing physicians to make specific determinations in certifications; requiring physicians to meet certain conditions to be authorized to issue and make determinations in physician certifications; requiring written consent of a parent or legal guardian for the treatment of minors; requiring that certain physicians annually reexamine and reassess patients and update patient information in the compassionate use registry; revising criminal penalties; authorizing a distance learning format for a specified course and reducing the number of hours required for the course; providing that physicians who meet specified requirements are grandfathered for the purpose of specified education requirements; authorizing qualifying patients to designate caregivers; requiring caregivers to meet specified requirements; prohibiting a qualifying patient from designating more than one caregiver at any given time; providing exceptions; requiring the Department of Health to register caregivers meeting certain requirements on the compassionate use registry; revising the entities to which the compassionate use registry must be accessible; requiring the department to adopt certain rules by a specified date; authorizing the department to charge a fee for identification cards; requiring the department to begin issuing identification cards to qualified registrants by a specific date; providing requirements for the identification cards; requiring the department to register certain dispensing organizations as medical marijuana treatment centers by a certain date; requiring the department to register additional medical marijuana treatment centers in accordance with a specified schedule; deleting obsolete provisions; revising the operational requirements for medical marijuana treatment centers; authorizing the department to waive certain requirements under specified circumstances; requiring that certain receptacles be child proof; requiring that additional information be included on certain labels; requiring that a medical marijuana treatment center comply with certain standards in the production and dispensing of edible or food products; requiring a medical marijuana treatment center to enter additional information into the compassionate use registry; requiring a medical marijuana treatment center to keep a copy of a transportation manifest in certain vehicles at certain times; requiring the department to adopt rules related to ownership changes or changes in an owner's investment interest; providing applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 381.987, 385.211, 499.0295, and 1004.441, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 408**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; providing definitions; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 316.027, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "vulnerable road user"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 316.083, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the overtaking and passing of a vehicle; requiring the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a person operating a bicycle or other vulnerable user of a public roadway to pass such persons at a safe distance, subject to certain requirements; directing a law enforcement officer issuing a citation for specified violations to note certain information on the citation; authorizing a designated official to impose a fine up to a specified amount for such violations; amending s. 316.084, F.S.; exempting bicycles from provisions for passing a vehicle on the right at the bicycle rider's own risk with no liability to other motor vehicle drivers under certain circumstances; amending s. 316.085, F.S.; prohibiting a vehicle from turning within an intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway under certain circumstances; amending s. 316.0875, F.S.; exempting persons from provisions for designated no-passing zones who safely and briefly drive to the left of the center of the roadway or pavement striping only to the extent necessary to avoid an obstruction, turn left into or from an alley, private road, or driveway, or comply with specified requirements regarding a safe distance necessary to pass a vulnerable user; amending s. 316.151, F.S.; revising provisions for turning at intersections onto a highway, public or private roadway, or driveway; directing a law enforcement officer issuing a citation for

specified violations to note certain information on the citation; authorizing a designated official to impose a fine up to a specified amount for such violations; amending s. 316.1925, F.S.; revising provisions relating to careless driving; directing a law enforcement officer issuing a citation for specified violations to note certain information on the citation; authorizing a designated official to impose a fine up to a specified amount for such violations; amending s. 316.2065, F.S.; revising provisions for operation of a bicycle; specifying that a bicycle is a vehicle under Florida law and shall be operated in the same manner as any other vehicle; specifying that every person operating a bicycle has all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter, subject to certain exceptions; requiring persons operating a bicycle at a certain speed to ride in the bicycle lane or, if there is no bicycle lane in the roadway, as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under specified situations; prohibiting persons riding bicycles in a bicycle lane from riding more than two abreast except on bicycle paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles; requiring persons riding bicycles in groups of a certain number or more to proceed through a stop sign in a group of a certain number or fewer at a time under certain circumstances; requiring motor vehicle operators to allow such groups of bicycles to travel through an intersection before moving forward; amending s. 318.19, F.S.; requiring a hearing for specified offenses; directing a law enforcement officer issuing a citation for specified infractions to note certain information on the citation; authorizing a designated official to impose a fine up to a specified amount for such infractions; amending ss. 212.05, 316.545, 316.613, 320.08, 322.0261, 655.960, and 860.065, F.S.; conforming cross-references; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; reenacting s. 316.072(4)(b), F.S., relating to obedience to and effect of traffic laws, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.1925, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 316.1923(5), F.S., relating to aggressive careless driving, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 316.083 and 316.084, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 318.14(2), F.S., relating to noncriminal traffic infractions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 318.19, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 318.18(1)(b), F.S., relating to amount of penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.2065, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

**SB 410**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment discrimination; amending s. 448.07, F.S.; revising provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex to include discrimination on the basis of gender identity; providing definitions; prohibiting an employer from providing less favorable employment opportunities to employees based on their sex or gender identity; providing exceptions; specifying civil penalties; revising applicability; amending s. 448.102, F.S.; prohibiting an employer from taking certain employment actions against employees; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; providing a short title; prohibiting an employer from engaging in certain activities relating to employee wages and benefits or requiring an employee to sign certain waivers; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 412**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alimony; amending s. 61.071, F.S.; requiring the use of specified factors in calculating alimony pendente lite; requiring findings by the court regarding such alimony; specifying that a court may not use certain presumptive alimony guidelines in calculating such alimony; amending s. 61.08, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; providing for determination of the presumptive alimony amount range and duration range; providing presumptions concerning alimony awards depending on the duration of marriages; providing for imputation of income in certain circumstances; providing for awards of nominal alimony in certain circumstances; providing for taxability and deductibility of alimony awards; specifying that a combined award of alimony and child support may not constitute more than

a specified percentage of a payor's net income; providing that a combined alimony and child support award be adjusted to reduce the combined award if it exceeds such specified percentage; providing for security of awards through specified means; providing for modification, termination, and payment of awards; providing for participation in alimony depository; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; prohibiting a court from changing the duration of an alimony award; providing that a party may pursue an immediate modification of alimony in certain circumstances; revising factors to be considered in determining whether an existing award of alimony should be reduced or terminated because of an alleged supportive relationship; providing for the effective date of a reduction or termination of an alimony award based on the existence of a supportive relationship; providing that the remarriage of an alimony obligor is not a substantial change in circumstance; providing that the financial information of a subsequent spouse of a party paying or receiving alimony is inadmissible and undiscoverable; providing an exception; providing for modification or termination of an award based on an obligor's retirement; allowing a temporary reduction or suspension of an obligor's payment of alimony while his or her petition for modification or termination based on retirement is pending; providing for an award of attorney fees and costs for unreasonably pursuing or defending a modification of an award; establishing a rebuttable presumption that the modification of an alimony award is retroactive; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 414**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospice services; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; exempting certain hospice services in a not-for-profit retirement community from specified review and application requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Montford and Book—

**SB 416**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to use of animals in proceedings involving minors; amending s. 92.55, F.S.; specifying that the court may allow the use of service animals, therapy animals, or facility dogs in certain proceedings; allowing certain animals to be used when taking the testimony of a person who has an intellectual disability; removing the requirement that certain service or therapy animals must be registered; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Steube and Baxley—

**SB 418**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act; providing a short title; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for criminal mischief that causes damage to certain remembrances erected to honor or commemorate a soldier, a historical military figure, a military organization, a military unit, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an astronaut; defining the term "remembrance"; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 420**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to flood insurance; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; revising the intervals at which specified standards and guidelines for projecting certain rate filings must be revised by the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology; amending s. 627.715, F.S.; revising applicability; authorizing an insurer to issue flood insurance policies on a flexible basis; extending the last date of filing with the Office of Insurance Regulation

of certain flood coverage rates that may be established and used by an insurer; specifying a condition for an eligible surplus lines insurer before a surplus lines agent may be excepted from a diligent-effort requirement when exporting flood insurance contracts or endorsements to the insurer; extending the expiration date of the exception; revising provisions related to an acknowledgment required before the procurement of a private flood insurance policy for property currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Lee, Rader, and Clemens—

**SB 422**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal conversion of independent special districts; amending s. 165.0615, F.S.; adding a minimum population standard for qualified electors of an independent special district to commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

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By Senators Rouson and Baxley—

**SB 424**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; scheduling Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxymitragynine, constituents of Kratom, in a schedule of controlled substances; scheduling isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers of Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxymitragynine in a schedule of controlled substances; providing an exception from scheduling for any drug product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration which contains Mitragynine or 7-Hydroxymitragynine; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; providing a criminal penalty; reenacting s. 39.01(30)(a) and (g), F.S., relating to definitions used in ch. 39, F.S., s. 316.193(5), F.S., relating to driving under the influence, s. 322.2616(2)(c), F.S., relating to suspension of driver licenses, s. 327.35(5), F.S., relating to boating under the influence, s. 440.102(11)(b), F.S., relating to drug-free workplace programs, ss. 458.3265(1)(e) and 459.0137(1)(e), F.S., relating to pain-management clinics, s. 782.04(1)(a) and (4), F.S., relating to murder, s. 787.06(2)(a), F.S., relating to human trafficking, s. 817.563, F.S., relating to sale of substance in lieu of a controlled substance, s. 831.31(1)(a) and (2), F.S., relating to counterfeit controlled substance, s. 856.015(1)(c), F.S., relating to open house parties, s. 893.02(4), F.S., relating to definitions used in ch. 893, F.S., ss. 893.035(2), (7)(a), and (8)(a) and 893.0356(2)(a) and (5), F.S., relating to control of new substances, s. 893.05(1)(d), F.S., relating to practitioners and persons administering controlled substances in their absence, s. 893.12(2)(b), (c), and (d), F.S., relating to contraband, seizure, forfeiture, and sale, s. 893.13(1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h), (2)(a), (4)(b), (5)(b), and (7)(a), F.S., relating to prohibited acts and penalties, and 921.0022(3)(b), (c), and (e), F.S., relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 893.03, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Powell—

**SB 426**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voting system audits; amending s. 101.591, F.S.; requiring certain entities responsible for election certification to conduct an audit of voting systems before certifying an election; requiring the entities to certify an election immediately following the completion of the audit; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.5911, F.S., relating to rulemaking authority for voting system audit procedures, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 428**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government participation in the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.051, F.S.; providing that employees of a governing body of a municipality, metropolitan planning organization, or special district that applies to participate in the Florida Retirement System on or after a certain date may enroll only in the defined contribution program; authorizing enrollment in the pension plan for employees of governing bodies that have elected or applied to participate in the Florida Retirement System before a certain date; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Bean and Flores—

**SB 430**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discount plan organizations; revising the titles of ch. 636, F.S., and part II of ch. 636, F.S.; amending s. 636.202, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 636.204, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring a provider to be licensed as a discount plan organization if the provider charges patients fees, dues, charges, or other consideration to receive discounted medical services; amending s. 636.208, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising a specified condition for a member to receive a reimbursement of certain charges after cancelling a membership in a discount plan organization; amending s. 636.212, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; specifying what a first page is for the purpose of a disclosure requirement on certain materials relating to a discount plan; providing for construction; deleting certain requirements that apply if the initial contract is made by telephone; amending s. 636.214, F.S.; making a technical change; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 636.216, F.S.; deleting a provision that requires filing charges to members with the Office of Insurance Regulation, that requires approval of the office for specified charges, and that provides for the burden of proving the reasonable relation of charges to benefits received by the members; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; specifying certain forms that must be filed and approved by the office; providing an exception from approval by the office; specifying what is not included in a material change; amending s. 636.228, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing a discount plan organization to delegate functions to its marketers; providing that the discount plan organization is bound to acts of its marketers within the scope of delegation; amending s. 636.230, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing a marketer or discount plan organization to commingle certain products on a single page of certain documents; providing for applicability; deleting a requirement for discount medical plan fees to be provided in writing under certain circumstances; amending ss. 408.9091, 408.910, 627.64731, 636.003, 636.205, 636.206, 636.207, 636.210, 636.218, 636.220, 636.222, 636.223, 636.224, 636.226, 636.232, 636.234, 636.236, 636.238, 636.240, and 636.244, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 432**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vulnerable road users; creating s. 316.0265, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring such person to pay a fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring the court to revoke such person's driver license for a minimum specified period; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 434**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoptee birth certificates; amending s. 382.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to issue a noncertified copy of an original birth certificate to certain adoptees under certain conditions; requiring the department to develop policies and procedures; providing for a fee; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Baxley, Steube, and Mayfield—

**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 referred to the Committees on Education; and Judiciary.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 438**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to out-of-school suspension; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing a parent to give public testimony regarding a district school board’s out-of-school suspension policy at a specified meeting; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring a district school board to review its rules authorizing out-of-school suspension during a specified timeframe at a district school board meeting; requiring the board to take public testimony at the meeting; providing that the rules expire under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

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By Senators Gibson and Torres—

**SB 440**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to notaries public; amending s. 117.05, F.S.; expanding the list of forms of identification which a notary public may rely on in notarizing a signature on a document to include a veteran health information card; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senators Young, Perry, Farmer, Latvala, Stewart, Rader, Flores, Mayfield, Steube, Rodriguez, Torres, Bracy, Campbell, Rouson, Book, and Montford—

**SB 442**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to advanced well stimulation treatment; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; defining the term “advanced well stimulation treatment”; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 377.2405, F.S.; prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating

a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**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.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 446**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to underground facilities; amending s. 556.103, F.S.; revising the information that must be submitted to the Legislature annually by the board of directors of Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc.; amending s. 556.105, F.S.; requiring excavators to call the 911 emergency telephone number under certain circumstances; requiring member operators to file a report with the free-access notification system under certain circumstances; providing reporting frequencies and required data to be submitted; amending s. 556.107, F.S.; specifying how certain civil penalties issued by state law enforcement officers shall be distributed; deleting a requirement that certain citations be deposited into the fine and forfeiture fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 448**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prearrest diversion programs; creating s. 901.40, F.S.; encouraging local communities and public or private educational institutions to implement prearrest diversion programs for certain offenders; encouraging prearrest diversion programs to share information with other prearrest diversion programs; authorizing law enforcement officers, at their sole discretion, to issue a civil citation to adults under specified circumstances; requiring an adult who is issued a civil citation by a participating law enforcement agency to report for intake as required by the prearrest diversion program; requiring the program to provide certain appropriate services; requiring that an adult who is issued a civil citation fulfill a community service requirement; requiring the adult to pay restitution to a victim; providing for criminal prosecution of adults who fail to complete the prearrest diversion program; prohibiting an arrest record from being associated with a certain offense for an adult who successfully completes the program; requiring specified entities to create the prearrest diversion program; requiring the entities to develop policies and procedures for the development and operation of the program and to solicit input from other interested stakeholders; authorizing specified entities to operate the program; specifying how the nonviolent misdemeanor offenses that are eligible for the prearrest diversion program are selected; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 450**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 901.40, F.S.; requiring that a civil citation, documentation of a prearrest diversion program, and any other reports or documents concerning a civil citation or a prearrest diversion program which are held by a law enforcement agency, a public or private educational institution, or a program service provider are exempt from public record requirements; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing an exception; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

By Senators Powell and Hutson—

**SB 452**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance coverage for enteral formulas; amending s. 627.42395, F.S.; deleting the annual coverage limit and age limit for coverage of certain food products for the treatment of certain diseases; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 454**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of insurance companies; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; deleting a future repeal of an exemption of medical malpractice insurance premiums from certain emergency assessments by the State Board of Administration relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; amending s. 625.012, F.S.; revising a definition of “assets” of an insurer to include certain assessments levied by the Office of Insurance Regulation; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; revising requirements for certain rate filings by medical malpractice insurers; amending s. 627.0645, F.S.; adding certain medical malpractice insurance to casualty insurance excluded from an annual base rate filing requirement for rating organizations; amending s. 627.4035, F.S.; revising the methods of paying premiums for insurance contracts; authorizing an insurer to impose a specified insufficient funds fee if certain premium payment methods are returned, declined, or cannot be processed; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; providing that an electronically delivered document in an insurance policy meets formatting requirements for printed documents under certain conditions; amending s. 627.7295, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 627.747, F.S.; providing that certain provisions do not prohibit an insurer from excluding all coverage under a certain motor vehicle insurance policy for an identified household member under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 456**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public utilities; amending s. 366.02, F.S.; exempting certain producers of renewable solar-based energy from being defined as a public utility; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 458**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Criminal Justice Reform Task Force; creating the task force within the legislative branch; specifying membership of the task force; establishing the manner of appointments and the terms of membership; prescribing

duties of the task force; specifying requirements for meetings of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing for staffing; specifying public records and public meetings requirements applicable to the task force; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 460**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to personal delivery devices; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the terms “personal delivery device,” “personal delivery device operator,” and “agent”; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing the operation of personal delivery devices within county or municipal jurisdictions under certain circumstances; providing for construction; prohibiting the operation of personal delivery devices on the Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized Trail Network; creating s. 316.82, F.S.; requiring a personal delivery device operator to maintain an insurance policy that provides general liability coverage of at least a specified amount for damages arising from the operation of a personal delivery device; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; exempting personal delivery devices from certain registration and insurance requirements; requiring a personal delivery device operator to maintain a specified insurance policy; amending ss. 316.2128, 316.545, 316.613, and 655.960, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Book—

**SB 462**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; prohibiting a sentencing court from crediting a defendant for the length of time he or she is determined to have malingered or feigned an illness; amending s. 921.161, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that a sentencing court allow a defendant credit for a specified time served; reenacting ss. 907.041(4)(j), 947.146(6), and 947.16(2)(g), F.S., relating to pretrial detention and release, the Control Release Authority, and determining eligibility for parole interview and release, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.161, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 464**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to natural hazards; creating s. 252.3655, F.S.; creating an interagency workgroup to share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and collaborate on initiatives relating to natural hazards; defining the term “natural hazards”; requiring certain agencies to designate liaisons to the workgroup; designating the director of the Division of Emergency Management or his or her designee as the liaison to and coordinator of the workgroup; specifying duties and responsibilities of each liaison and the workgroup; requiring the division to prepare an annual report; specifying report requirements; requiring each agency liaison to ensure that the report is posted on his or her agency’s website; requiring the workgroup to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.



By Senators Hutson, Gainer, and Broxson—

**SB 466**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle warranty repairs and recall repairs; amending s. 320.64, F.S.; prohibiting a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or importer from denying a claim of a motor vehicle dealer, reducing compensation to a motor vehicle dealer, or processing a chargeback to a motor vehicle dealer because of specified circumstances; creating s. 320.6407, F.S.; requiring a manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or importer to compensate a motor vehicle dealer for a used motor vehicle under specified circumstances; requiring the manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or importer to pay the compensation within a specified timeframe after the motor vehicle dealer’s application for payment; requiring such application to be made through the manufacturer’s, factory branch’s, distributor’s, or importer’s warranty application system or certain other system or process; providing for calculation of the amount of compensation; reenacting s. 320.6992, F.S., relating to applicability of specified provisions to systems of distribution of motor vehicles in this state, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 320.64, F.S., and to incorporate s. 320.6407, F.S., as created by the act, in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 468**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voluntary pre-kindergarten education; amending s. 1001.215, F.S.; requiring the Just Read, Florida! Office to provide teachers, reading coaches, and principals in prekindergarten through grade 3 with specified training; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; requiring each early learning coalition to coordinate with the Office of Early Learning to assign student identification numbers for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring voluntary prekindergarten providers to provide parents with pre- and post-assessment results within a specified timeframe; providing for the reporting and distribution of the results; requiring the office to determine eligibility criteria for reenrollment; amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; revising requirements for the adoption and use of the statewide kindergarten screening; conforming cross-references; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; authorizing a child to reenroll in certain school-year programs under certain circumstances; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the date by which the Department of Education must submit specified information regarding the implementation of school district K-12 comprehensive reading plans to the Legislature; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 470**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to benefits for water management district employees and retirees; amending s. 373.605, F.S.; authorizing the governing board of a water management district to enroll the district’s employees and retirees in the state group insurance program and the state employees’ prescription drug program; requiring the Department of Management Services and the Legislature to determine the contribution rate and level of financial responsibility of a participating district and the district’s employees and retirees each fiscal year; specifying terms and conditions governing a district’s participation in the programs; providing for applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 472**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Charlotte County; providing space and seating requirements for the issuance of special alcoholic beverage licenses to event centers; providing an exception to general law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 474**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospice care; amending s. 400.6005, F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent; amending s. 400.601, F.S.; redefining the term “hospice”; defining the terms “hospice program” and “seriously ill”; amending s. 400.60501, F.S.; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in conjunction with the Agency for Health Care Administration, to adopt by rule certain outcome measures by a specified date; requiring the department, in conjunction with the agency, to adopt national hospice outcome measures and develop a system for publicly reporting the measures; creating s. 400.6093, F.S.; authorizing hospices, or providers operating under contract with a hospice, to provide palliative care to seriously ill persons and their family members; providing construction; amending s. 400.6095, F.S.; making technical changes; creating s. 400.6096, F.S.; authorizing a hospice to assist in the disposal of certain prescribed controlled substances; requiring a hospice that chooses to assist in the disposals of certain prescribed controlled substances to establish policies, procedures, and systems for the disposals; authorizing a hospice physician, nurse, or social worker to assist in the disposals of certain prescribed controlled substances; providing requirements for such disposals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 476**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to terrorism and terrorist activities; amending s. 775.30, F.S.; extending the applicability of the definition of the term “terrorism” to other sections of ch. 775, F.S.; defining the term “terrorist activity”; providing that a violation of specified criminal provisions with the intent to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government, is a crime of terrorism; providing penalties; providing increased penalties if the action results in death or serious bodily injury; defining the term “serious bodily injury”; amending s. 775.31, F.S.; redefining the term “terrorism”; providing applicability; creating s. 775.32, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from using, attempting to use, or conspiring to use military-type training received from a designated foreign terrorist organization for certain purposes; providing penalties; providing increased penalties if the actions result in death or serious bodily injury; creating s. 775.33, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from providing material support or resources, or engaging in other specified actions, to violate specified criminal provisions; providing penalties; prohibiting a person from attempting to provide, conspiring to provide, or knowingly providing material support or resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization; providing penalties; providing increased penalties if specified actions result in death or serious bodily injury; specifying the circumstances under which a person provides material support by providing personnel; prohibiting prosecution under certain circumstances; providing legislative intent; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to create specified guidelines; creating s. 775.34, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who willfully becomes a member of a designated foreign terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of the organization with the intent to further the illegal acts of the organization; defining the term “designated foreign terrorist organization”; creating s. 775.35, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who intentionally disseminates or spreads any type of contagious, communicable, or infectious disease among crops, poultry, livestock, or other animals; providing an affirmative defense; providing increased penalties if specified actions result in death or serious bodily injury; defining the term “serious bodily injury”; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; revising the provisions related to terrorism for murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, and murder in the third degree to include the terrorism felonies created by this act; reenacting ss. 373.6055(3)(c), 381.95(1), 395.1056(1)(a) and (2), 874.03(7), 907.041(4)(a), 943.0312(2), and 943.0321(2), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “terrorism,” to incorporate the amendment made to s. 775.30, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 27.401(2), 39.806(1)(d), 63.089(4)(b), 95.11(10), 435.04(2)(e), 435.07(4)(c), 775.082(1)(b) and (3)(a), (b), and (c), 775.0823(1), (2), (4), (5), (6), and (7),

782.051, 782.065, 903.133, 921.0022(3)(h) and (i), 921.16(1), 947.146(3)(i), 948.06(8)(c), 948.062(1), 985.265(3)(b), and 1012.315(1)(d), F.S., relating to capital felonies, murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, and murder in the third degree, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 782.04, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 1012.467(2)(g), F.S., relating to terrorism and murder, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 775.30 and 782.04, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Passidomo and Broxson—

**SB 478**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; creating s. 1004.097, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution and for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of establishing qualifications of, or any compensation framework to be offered to, such potential applicants that would disclose personal identifying information of an applicant or potential applicant; providing for applicability; requiring release of the names of specified applicants within a certain timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 480**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SJR 482**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article V and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to create a minimum age requirement and term limits for Supreme Court Justices and judges of the district courts of appeal and require 1 year of prior service as a judge for appointment as Supreme Court Justice.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 484**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; reducing the tax levied on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 486**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax-exempt income; amending s. 220.14, F.S.; increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.63, F.S.; increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the franchise tax

imposed on banks and savings associations; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 488**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to noncriminal traffic infractions; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; requiring a specified reduction for a civil penalty under certain circumstances; deleting the requirement that a specified percentage of the civil penalty be deposited in the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; requiring a person to pay the clerk of the court the specified percentage previously deducted under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 490**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, and personal computers and related accessories during a specified period; defining terms; providing exceptions to the exemption; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Young—

**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 information related to an allegation of sexual harassment that could lead to the identification of the alleged victim; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Bradley—

**SB 494**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of victims of wrongful incarceration; reordering and amending s. 961.02, F.S.; making technical changes; defining the term “violent felony”; amending s. 961.04, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a wrongfully incarcerated person is not eligible for compensation under the Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act; amending s. 961.06, F.S.; providing that a wrongfully incarcerated person who commits a violent felony, rather than a felony law violation, which results in revocation of parole or community supervision is ineligible for compensation; reenacting s. 961.03(1)(a), (2), (3), and (4), F.S., relating to determination of status as a wrongfully incarcerated person and of eligibility for compensation, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 961.04, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 961.05(6), 961.055(1), and 961.056(4), F.S., relating to determination of entitlement to compensation, application for compensation for a wrongfully incarcerated person, and an alternative application for compensation for a wrongfully incarcerated person, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 961.06, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Brandes and Passidomo—

**SB 496**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical faculty certification; amending s. 458.3145, F.S.; revising the list of schools at which certain faculty members are eligible to receive a medical faculty

certificate; authorizing a certificateholder to practice at certain specialty-licensed children's hospitals; revising provisions to allow the dean of a medical school outside the state to make an annual review or request the provision of medical care or treatment in connection with education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Education; and Rules.

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By Senator Young—

**SB 498**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 288.1175, F.S.; specifying that applications for funding for certain agriculture education and promotion facilities be postmarked or electronically submitted by a certain date; amending s. 487.2041, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt by rule certain United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations relating to labeling requirements for pesticides and devices; amending s. 493.6101, F.S.; specifying that a manager of a private investigative agency may manage multiple offices; amending s. 493.6105, F.S.; exempting certain partners and corporate officers from fingerprint retention requirements; revising the submission requirements for applications for Class “K” licenses; amending s. 493.6107, F.S.; deleting a specification that license fees are biennial; amending s. 493.6108, F.S.; providing an authorization to the Department of Law Enforcement to release certain mental health and substance abuse history of applicants and licensees for the purpose of determining licensure eligibility; requiring licensees to notify their employer of an arrest within a specified period; amending s. 493.6112, F.S.; revising the notification requirements for changes of certain partners, officers, and employees of private investigative, security, and recovery agencies; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; specifying that Class “G” licensees must complete requalification training for each type and caliber of firearm carried in the course of performing regulated duties; conforming terminology; amending s. 493.6115, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference regarding the conditions under which a Class “G” licensee may carry a concealed weapon; revising the conditions under which the department may issue a temporary Class “G” license; amending s. 493.6118, F.S.; providing that failure of a licensee to timely notify his or her employer of an arrest is grounds for disciplinary action by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; requiring the department to suspend specified licenses of licensees arrested or formally charged with certain crimes until disposition of their cases; amending s. 493.6202, F.S.; deleting a specification that license fees are biennial; amending s. 493.6203, F.S.; deleting a requirement that certain training be provided in two parts; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 493.6302, F.S.; deleting a specification that license fees are biennial; amending s. 493.6303, F.S.; deleting a requirement that certain training must be provided in two parts; deleting obsolete provisions; making technical changes; amending s. 493.6304, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 493.6402, F.S.; deleting a specification that license fees are biennial; amending s. 493.6403, F.S.; requiring that applicants for Class “E” and “EE” licenses submit proof of successful completion of certain training, not just complete such training; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 501.059, F.S.; removing a limitation on the length of time for which the department must place certain persons on a no-solicitation list; amending s. 507.04, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 534.021, F.S.; specifying that a detailed drawing, rather than a facsimile, must accompany an application for the recording of certain marks and brands; amending s. 534.041, F.S.; extending the renewal period for certain mark or brand certificates; eliminating a renewal fee; repealing s. 534.061, F.S., relating to the transfer of ownership of cattle; amending s. 573.118, F.S.; specifying that the Division of Fruit and Vegetables, rather than the Division of Marketing and Development, must file a specified certification; amending s. 590.02, F.S.; specifying that the department has exclusive authority to enforce the Florida Building Code as it relates to Florida Forest Service facilities under the jurisdiction of the department; amending s. 597.004, F.S.; authorizing licensed dealers, rather than certified aquaculture producers, to sell certain aquaculture products without restriction under a specified circumstance; amending s. 604.16, F.S.; specifying that dealers in agricultural products who pay by credit card are exempt from certain dealer requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 500**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2017 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2017 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the 2016 regular session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2017 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted after the 2016 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 502**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 102.031, 106.24, 120.595, 190.046, 212.08, 215.555, 215.619, 215.985, 253.034, 288.9936, 316.003, 316.545, 316.613, 320.08, 322.121, 373.042, 373.414, 373.4592, 373.707, 376.3071, 393.18, 393.501, 394.461, 400.925, 402.3025, 409.9201, 413.207, 413.402, 440.185, 459.022, 491.0046, 497.458, 499.015, 499.036, 499.83, 553.79, 571.24, 625.111, 627.0629, 627.42392, 627.6562, 627.7074, 633.216, 655.960, 744.20041, 790.065, 832.07, 893.0356, 893.13, 921.0022, 932.7055, 1002.385, 1003.42, 1006.195, 1012.796, and 1013.40, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; and improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 504**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 212.08(7)(hhh), 216.292(8), 322.1415, 388.261(4)(b), 400.9986, 403.1832(2), 409.912(1), (3), and (7), and 720.303(13), F.S., amending ss. 20.435 and 320.08058, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2017 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 20.60, 213.053, 220.192, 322.21, 377.703, 409.91195, 409.91196, 409.962, 641.19, and 641.386, F.S., to conform cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 506**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 73.073, 110.2037, 250.116, 250.40, 257.12, 258.015, 258.15, 261.06, 265.703, 267.075, 267.173, 267.1735, 288.1082, 288.774, 288.776, 311.07, 375.065, and 379.2402, F.S., and repealing s. 217.14, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rule-making authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Gainer—

**SB 508**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voting systems; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining the term “automatic tabulating equipment” for purposes of the Florida Election Code; amending s. 101.5614, F.S.; revising procedures governing the canvassing of returns to specify usage of a voting system's automatic tabulating equipment; amending s. 102.141, F.S.; clarifying the circumstances under which ballots must be processed through automatic tabulating equipment in a recount; amending s. 102.166, F.S.; specifying the manner by which a

manual recount may be conducted; revising requirements for hardware or software used in a manual recount; authorizing overvotes and undervotes to be identified and sorted physically or digitally in a manual recount; revising minimum requirements for Department of State rules to require procedures regarding the certification and use of automatic tabulating equipment for manual recounts; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senators Gainer and Montford—

**SB 510**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a grant program for rural hospitals; amending s. 395.6061, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Health to establish and administer the Florida Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Competitive Grant Program for certain rural hospitals; revising the amount of a grant award; revising grant eligibility and preferences; establishing allowable uses of funds; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; deleting requirements for certain information in grant applications; deleting provisions relating to the disbursal of funds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Young and Rouson—

**SB 512**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to greyhound dogracing; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; providing that a positive test result for anabolic steroids in certain samples taken from a greyhound violates the prohibition on the racing of animals that are impermissibly medicated or determined to have a prohibited substance present; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Rules; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 514**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 455.271, F.S.; revising the amount of the additional delinquency fee a board or the department must impose under certain circumstances; amending s. 553.721, F.S.; revising the surcharge rate assessed on certain permits; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 516**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; deleting provisions that limit certain workers' compensation benefits for first responders; amending s. 440.093, F.S.; providing that mental or nervous injuries of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, or paramedics are compensable under the Workers' Compensation Law under specified conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 518**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elder abuse fatality review teams; creating s. 825.107, F.S.; defining the term "elder abuse fatality review team"; authorizing the establishment of elder abuse fatality review teams to review fatal and near-fatal incidents of elder abuse; specifying the duties and purpose of review teams; providing immunity from liability for acts conducted in furtherance of a review team's duties; exempting certain information and records acquired by a

review team from discovery or introduction into evidence in specified actions or proceedings; prohibiting a person from being required to testify regarding records or information produced or presented during meetings or other activities of a review team; assigning the review teams to the Department of Children and Families for administrative purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 520**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; amending s. 825.107, F.S., as created by SB \_\_; specifying that information obtained by an elder abuse fatality review team which is confidential or exempt from public records requirements retains its protected status; providing an exemption from public records requirements for identifying information of an elder abuse victim in records created by a review team; providing an exemption from public records requirements for portions of review team meetings at which confidential or exempt information or the identity of an elder abuse victim is discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing statements of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Steube, Farmer, Baxley, and Rodriguez—

**SB 522**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to deferred presentment transactions; amending s. 560.404, F.S.; revising the maximum limit on interest, fees, and charges that a deferred presentment provider may charge, collect, or receive in a deferred presentment transaction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senators Steube and Simpson—

**SB 524**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sales and use tax on investigation and detective services; amending ss. 212.05, 790.06, and 790.062, F.S.; providing that fingerprint services required for a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm are not subject to the tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 526**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mammography reports; amending ss. 627.6418, 627.6613, and 641.31095, F.S.; requiring that mammography reports include a specified notice regarding breast density; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 528**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 624.155, F.S.; providing a civil remedy for a health insurer who violates the Patient Savings Act; creating s. 627.6387, F.S.; providing a short title; providing definitions; providing health insurer website requirements; requiring an insurer to provide good faith estimates of costs for certain health care services upon request by an insured; requiring an insurer to implement a shared savings incentive program by a specified date; providing procedures and requirements; providing notification requirements; providing reporting requirements;

providing penalties; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to make and submit an annual report; authorizing the office to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 530**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 627.42392, F.S.; defining terms; providing that a prior authorization form may not require certain information; requiring a utilization review entity or health insurer to make current prior authorization requirements, restrictions, and forms accessible in a specified manner; providing requirements for describing certain requirements and criteria; specifying requirements for a utilization review entity or health insurer that implements a new prior authorization requirement or that amends an existing requirement or restriction; specifying timeframes that a utilization review entity or health insurer must authorize or deny a prior authorization request and notify the patient and treating health care provider of the determination under certain circumstances; making technical changes; creating s. 627.42393, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a plan to publish on the plan's website and provide to an insured a written procedure for requesting a protocol exception; specifying requirements for such procedure; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Galvano, Stewart, Benacquisto, Rouson, Book, and Young—

**SB 532**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public notification of pollution; creating s. 403.076, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 403.077, F.S.; providing goals and legislative findings; specifying authority of the Department of Environmental Protection; specifying that the act does not alter or affect the emergency management responsibilities of certain other governmental entities; creating s. 403.078, F.S.; defining the term "reportable release"; requiring the department to establish and publish the types and amounts of a substance that, if released, would constitute a reportable release; requiring an owner or operator of an installation at which a reportable release occurred to provide certain information to the department within 24 hours after the discovery of a reportable release; authorizing the owner or operator to amend such notice; specifying compliance and enforcement requirements; requiring the department to publish such information in a specified manner; requiring the department to establish an electronic mailing list; requiring the department to provide a reporting form and e-mail address for such notice; specifying that providing a notice does not constitute an admission of liability or harm; specifying penalties for violations; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 403.121, F.S.; specifying penalties for failure to provide required notice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**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 or being awarded contracts; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 536**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unclaimed funds held by the clerks of court; repealing s. 43.19, F.S., relating to the deposit of unclaimed funds with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the State School Fund; amending s. 45.032, F.S.; deleting a definition; requiring the clerk to report as unclaimed property a surplus under certain circumstances; providing reporting requirements; requiring the Department of Financial Services to prescribe a form by rule; specifying who is entitled to a surplus under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 45.033, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; repealing s. 45.034, F.S., relating to qualifications and appointment of a surplus trustee in foreclosure actions; amending s. 45.035, F.S.; revising service charges that a clerk may receive and deduct from surplus; amending ss. 717.124, 717.138, and 717.1401, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 538**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring applicants for charter status to demonstrate that they meet certain needs that the local school district does not, or is unable to, meet; authorizing a charter school to share the results of innovative methods and best practices with the school district; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 540**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising the criteria for renewal of Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards to include a minimum number of volunteer service work hours; providing applicability; specifying the requirements for eligible volunteer service work; prohibiting the use of hours earned from certain work to satisfy the requirement; requiring that earned volunteer service work hours be documented in writing and signed by the student and the individual, or representative of such individual, or a representative of the organization for which the work was performed; providing an exception for a student who enlists in military service; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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**SR 542**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 544**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vote-by-mail ballots; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to allow submission of an affidavit to cure signature discrepancies on a vote-by-mail ballot; correcting a scrivener's error; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 546**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to arrest booking photographs; amending s. 951.23, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a criminal justice agency from electronically publishing arrest booking photographs of certain arrestees; providing exceptions; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 548**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Comprehensive Case Information System; amending s. 28.2405, F.S.; requiring that the Comprehensive Case Information System be developed, operated, and maintained by the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers, Inc., as agent of the clerks of the circuit court; specifying the purpose of the system; providing that records obtained from a clerk of the circuit court or accessed through the system are official court records; specifying that clerks of the circuit court remain the official custodians of, and are responsible for, court records and other data submitted to the system by their respective offices; authorizing the association to transfer ownership and operation of the system to an intergovernmental authority created by the clerks of the circuit court pursuant to a specified act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 550**—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 a witness to a murder for a specified period; authorizing specified entities to receive the information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; amending s. 119.0714, F.S.; providing that the public records exemption applies to personal identifying information of a witness to a murder that is made part of a court file; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 552**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child support; creating the “Florida Responsible Parent Act”; amending s. 61.13016, F.S.; providing additional circumstances under which an obligor who fails to pay child support may avoid suspension of his or her driver license and motor vehicle registration; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; requiring a court to deny an order for contempt if an obligor demonstrates that he or she is unable to pay child support due to specified circumstances; authorizing the court to order an obligor to be placed in a work-release program or under supervised home confinement without electronic monitoring for failure to pay child support due to any of such circumstances; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to develop and administer a tax credit program for business entities that employ such obligors; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Young and Latvala—

**SB 554**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to craft breweries; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; exempting certain vendors from specified delivery restrictions under certain circumstances; amending s. 561.5101, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 561.57, F.S.; providing that certain manufacturers may transport malt beverages in vehicles owned or leased by certain persons other than the manufacturer; amending s. 563.022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 556**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of victims of wrongful incarceration; reordering and amending s. 961.02, F.S.; defining the term “violent felony”; amending s. 961.04, F.S.; providing that a person is disqualified from receiving compensation under the Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act if, before or during the person’s wrongful conviction and incarceration, the person was convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, any violent felony; amending s. 961.06, F.S.; specifying that a wrongfully incarcerated person who is released from wrongful incarceration to parole or community supervision and who commits a violent felony, rather than a felony law violation, resulting in revocation of the parole or community supervision is ineligible for compensation; reenacting s. 961.03(1)(a), (2), (3), and (4), F.S., relating to determination of eligibility for compensation, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 961.04, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 961.05(6), 961.055(1), and 961.056(4), F.S., relating to the determination of entitlement to compensation, the application for compensation for a wrongfully incarcerated person and exemption from application by nolle prosequi, and alternative application for compensation for a wrongfully incarcerated person, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 961.06, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 558**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency services for an unintentional drug overdose; amending s. 395.1041, F.S.; requiring a hospital providing emergency services to a person suffering from an unintentional drug overdose to provide certain services and information; providing conditions for transfer of a patient to a licensed detoxification or addictions receiving facility; providing responsibilities of the attending physician; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 560**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small business participation in state contracting; creating s. 287.0577, F.S.; defining the terms “contract bundling” and “small business”; specifying circumstances under which agencies must avoid contract bundling; requiring agencies to conduct market research and include written summaries and analyses of such research in solicitations for bundled contracts; requiring certain agencies to award a percentage of contracts to small businesses; requiring contract vendors to use small businesses in the state as subcontractors or subvendors; providing requirements with respect to payment of prime contractors and subcontractors; prohibiting agencies, general contractors, and prime contractors from requiring certain bonds or other sureties for certain contracts; requiring the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor to establish a system for reporting small business participation in state contracting; requiring agencies to cooperate with such reporting; requiring specified annual reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 562**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to music therapists; creating s. 491.017, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; establishing requirements for registration as a music therapist; providing responsibilities of a music therapist; requiring biennial renewal of registration; prohibiting the practice of music therapy unless registered; providing exemptions to registration; authorizing the Department of Health to adopt rules, to establish application, registration, and renewal fees, and to take disciplinary action against an applicant or registrant who violates the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 564**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to landlords and tenants; amending ss. 83.51, 83.64, and 83.67, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for specified prohibited practices by a landlord relating to maintenance of the premises, retaliatory conduct, and other protections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 566**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loans; creating s. 1009.675, F.S.; creating the For the Greater Good Attorney Student Loan Repayment Program to increase employment and retention of attorneys in government service; providing eligibility requirements; specifying the loans that may be covered by the repayment program; requiring the Department of Education to make payments to eligible attorneys; providing for program administration; providing that payments made under the program are not taxable income; providing for the proration of payments if insufficient funds are appropriated to make full payment; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SM 568**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to recognize the month of June each year as “Caribbean-American Heritage Month.”

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 570**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public assistance; amending s. 414.065, F.S.; revising penalties for noncompliance with work requirements for temporary cash assistance; limiting the receipt of child-only benefits during periods of noncompliance with work requirements; providing applicability of work requirements before expiration of the minimum penalty period; requiring the Department of Children and Families to refer sanctioned participants to appropriate free and low-cost community services, including food banks; amending s. 445.024, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation with CareerSource Florida, Inc., and the Department of Children and Families, to develop and implement a work plan agreement for participants in the temporary cash assistance program; requiring the plan to identify expectations, sanctions, and penalties for noncompliance with work requirements; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to impose a replacement fee for electronic benefits transfer cards under certain circumstances; amending s. 39.5085, F.S.; revising eligibility guidelines for the Relative Caregiver Program with respect to relative and nonrelative caregivers; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SM 572**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to annually recognize January 1 as “Haitian Independence

Day,” May 18 as “Haitian Flag Day,” and the month of May as “Haitian Heritage Month.”

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Rader—

**SR 574**—A resolution opposing United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and requesting its repeal or fundamental alteration.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 576**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; amending chapter 26497, Laws of Florida, 1951; revising the name of an honorary designation of a transportation facility in a specified county; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Clemens and Stewart—

**SB 578**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to conversion therapy; creating s. 456.064, F.S.; defining the term “conversion therapy”; prohibiting a person who is licensed to provide professional counseling or a practitioner who is licensed under provisions regulating the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling from practicing or performing conversion therapy with an individual who is younger than a specified age; providing that such person or practitioner is subject to specified disciplinary proceedings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Garcia and Mayfield—

**SB 580**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance administrators; amending s. 626.88, F.S.; redefining the term “administrator” to include a pharmacy benefits manager; amending s. 626.8805, F.S.; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to conduct quarterly audits, for a certain purpose, of pharmacy benefits managers that hold certificates of authority to act as administrators; amending ss. 626.891 and 626.894, F.S.; adding violations of certain provisions of the Florida Pharmacy Act as grounds for the office’s suspension or revocation of an administrator’s certificate of authority or imposition of a fine, respectively; prohibiting the office, within a specified timeframe, from penalizing a pharmacy benefits manager for operating as an administrator if the pharmacy benefits manager meets certain conditions; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 582**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulatory boards; amending s. 455.203, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless from claims, actions, demands, suits, investigations, damages, and liability all current and former board members and any companies or businesses with which they have or had specified affiliations, but only if their service meets a specified requirement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senators Montford and Stewart—

**SB 584**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alternative high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; authorizing certain students to be eligible for an alternative pathway to a standard high school diploma; specifying student eligibility requirements for the alternative pathway; specifying documentation the student must provide; requiring a school district to establish an Alternative Pathway to Graduation Review Committee for certain students; providing the membership and duties of the committee; providing that a principal has the final decision on a student's completion of specified graduation requirements; prohibiting a student or the student's parent or guardian from appealing the principal's decision; requiring certain waivers to be approved by the parent or guardian; requiring each district school board to adopt rules and to incorporate certain provisions in the student progression plan; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; requiring each district school board to ensure certain instruction, to waive certain assessment results, and to administer a hard copy of the grade 10 ELA assessment or the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment for certain students; amending ss. 1008.212, 1008.34, and 1008.3415, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 586**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Sun Sea Smiles license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 588**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug overdoses; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 893.22, F.S.; requiring certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; providing for a reporting agency in each county; defining the term “overdose”; providing requirements for such reports; providing immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requiring sharing of data with specified entities; providing for use of such data; requiring maintenance of records for a specified period; prohibiting failure to make such reports, whether by omission or willfully; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Brandes and Stargel—

**SB 590**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child support and parenting time plans; amending s. 409.2551, F.S.; stating legislative intent to encourage frequent contact between a child and each parent; amending s. 409.2554, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to establish parenting time plans agreed to by both parents in Title IV-D child support actions; amending s. 409.2563, F.S.; requiring the department to mail Title IV-D Standard Parenting Time Plans with proposed administrative support orders; providing requirements for including parenting time plans in certain administrative orders; creating s. 409.25633, F.S.; providing the purpose and requirements for Title IV-D Standard Parenting Time Plans; requiring the department to refer parents who do not agree on a parenting time plan to a circuit court; requiring the department to create and provide a form for a petition to establish a parenting time plan under certain circumstances; specifying that the parents are not required to pay a fee to file the petition; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 409.2564, F.S.; authorizing the department to incorporate either an agreed-upon parenting time plan or a Title IV-D

Standard Parenting Time Plan in a child support order; amending ss. 409.256 and 409.2572, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Young—

**SB 592**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fantasy contests; creating s. 546.11, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 546.12, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 546.13, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 546.14, F.S.; creating the Office of Amusements within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring that the office be under the supervision of a senior manager who is exempt from the Career Service System and is appointed by the secretary of the department; providing duties of the office; providing for rulemaking; creating s. 546.15, F.S.; providing licensing requirements for contest operators offering fantasy contests; providing licensing application and renewal fees; requiring the office to grant or deny a license within a specified timeframe; providing that a completed application is deemed approved 120 days after receipt by the office under certain circumstances; exempting applications for a contest operator's license from certain licensure timeframe requirements; providing requirements for the license application; providing that specified persons or entities are not eligible for licensure under certain circumstances; defining the term “convicted”; authorizing the office to suspend, revoke, or deny a license under certain circumstances; creating s. 546.16, F.S.; requiring a contest operator to implement specified consumer protection procedures under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to annually contract with a third party to perform an independent audit under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to submit the audit results to the office; creating s. 546.17, F.S.; requiring contest operators to keep and maintain certain records for a specified period; requiring such records to be available for audit and inspection; providing for rulemaking; creating s. 546.18, F.S.; providing a civil penalty; creating s. 546.19, F.S.; exempting fantasy contests from certain provisions in ch. 849, F.S.; providing applicability of specified penalty provisions; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 594**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer finance; amending s. 516.031, F.S.; authorizing a licensee to make specified loans under certain conditions; revising provisions relating to certain other charges for consumer loans; amending s. 516.36, F.S.; revising installment requirements for consumer loans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 596**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utilities; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; prohibiting the Department of Transportation and certain local governmental entities, collectively referred to as the “authority,” from prohibiting, regulating, or charging for the collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights-of-way under certain circumstances; specifying that an authority may require permit fees only under certain circumstances; requiring an authority to receive and process applications for and to issue permits subject to specified requirements; providing that approval of, and charges by, an authority are not required for routine maintenance, the replacement of certain wireless facilities, or the installation, placement, maintenance, or replacement of certain micro wireless facilities; requiring an authority to approve the collocation of small wireless facilities on authority utility poles, subject to certain requirements; providing requirements for rates, fees, and other terms related to authority



utility poles; providing that specified provisions do not authorize collocations of small wireless facilities on certain property; prohibiting an authority from adopting or enforcing any regulations on the placement or operation of certain communications facilities and from regulating any communications services or imposing or collecting any taxes, fees, or charges not specifically authorized under state law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 598**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; revising a reference to the deadline for a person who cast a provisional ballot to present evidence verifying authenticity of certain information in a voter registration application, to conform; amending s. 101.048, F.S.; extending the timeframe for which a person who cast a provisional ballot may present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote; revising requirements for instructions provided to a person who casts a provisional ballot, to conform; requiring the supervisor to provide certain notification to a person whose provisional ballot was rejected; requiring the supervisor to allow a person who voted a provisional ballot to present identification and submit an affidavit to cure an unsigned Provisional Ballot Voter's Certificate and Affirmation or a provisional ballot rejected due to a signature discrepancy; prescribing the form and content of the affidavit; providing instructions to accompany each affidavit; requiring the affidavit, instructions, and the supervisor's contact information to be posted on specified websites; requiring the supervisor to attach a received affidavit to the corresponding provisional ballot envelope; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; requiring the supervisor to allow submission of an affidavit to cure signature discrepancies on a vote-by-mail ballot; extending the timeframe for which an elector may submit a vote-by-mail ballot affidavit to cure a rejected ballot; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Grimsley and Montford—

**SB 600**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Rural Economic Development Initiative; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring an analysis of the Rural Economic Development Initiative and rural areas of opportunity; amending s. 288.0656, F.S.; revising legislative intent relating to the Rural Economic Development Initiative; redefining the term "rural area of opportunity"; revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; revising reporting requirements; amending ss. 163.3177, 163.3187, 257.193, 288.019, 288.06561, 290.0055, 290.06561, 337.403, 339.2818, 339.2819, 339.63, 479.16, and 627.6699, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 602**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the presidential preference primary; amending s. 97.041, F.S.; authorizing certain pre-registered voter registration applicants to vote in the presidential preference primary; prohibiting such persons from voting on any other race, amendment, or ballot measure on the ballot; providing that such persons are not considered electors for purposes of the Florida Election Code; amending s. 98.461, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections to generate a separate precinct register containing preregistered voter registration applicants eligible to vote in the presidential preference primary; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 604**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education funding; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; revising the amount each school board may levy for certain purposes; revising the purposes for which a school district may levy additional millage by specified means to include fixed capital outlay; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 606**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aged prison inmates; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; authorizing defendants 65 years of age or older who receive favorable determinations from the commission under discretionary and revocable release programs to serve less than 85 percentage of their sentences; authorizing the reduction in sentence up to a specified percentage based on such determination; amending s. 945.6034, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to consider the needs of inmates older than 50 years of age and adopt health care standards for that population; creating s. 947.148, F.S.; requiring the Florida Commission on Offender Review, in conjunction with the department, to establish a supervised conditional elderly release program; providing criteria for program eligibility; requiring that the petition to participate in the program include certain documents; prohibiting inmates from filing new petitions under certain circumstances; requiring specified matters to be decided in meetings that are open to the public; authorizing certain persons to make a statement regarding an inmate's supervised release under the program; requiring that the commission notify certain persons within a specified period regarding specified matters; authorizing the commission to approve an inmate's participation in the program under certain circumstances; requiring the commission to review certain information in considering an inmate's eligibility for the program; requiring an examiner to interview an inmate who has filed a petition for supervised release under the program within a specified time; requiring the examiner to explain the program and review certain criteria; requiring that the examiner deny the petition or recommend a release date for the inmate; prohibiting use of the program under certain circumstances; requiring a panel of commissioners to establish terms and conditions of the supervised release under certain circumstances; specifying required conditions for participating in the program; providing exceptions; authorizing the commission to impose special conditions of supervised release; authorizing the inmate to request a review of the terms and conditions of supervised release; specifying the length of the supervised release; providing that participation in the program is voluntary; requiring the commission to specify in writing the terms and conditions of release and provide a certified copy to the inmate; authorizing the trial court judge to enter an order to retain jurisdiction over the offender; providing a limitation of the trial court's jurisdiction; providing for accrual of gain-time; providing procedures if the trial court retains jurisdiction of the inmate; requiring a correctional probation officer to supervise an inmate who is released under the program; requiring rulemaking; amending s. 947.141, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the arrest of a releasee under certain circumstances; requiring that the proceedings take place under certain circumstances; amending s. 947.149, F.S.; defining the term "elderly and infirm inmate"; expanding eligibility for conditional medical release to include elderly and infirm inmates; reenacting ss. 947.1405(1) and 947.146(12) and (14), F.S., relating to a short title and the Control Release Authority, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 947.141, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 608**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to decreasing penalties for certain criminal acts; amending s. 316.061, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a driver of a vehicle involved in a crash resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property if such driver does not stop; amending s. 316.1301, F.S.; deleting a criminal penalty prohibiting a person on a public street or highway from carrying a white or white

tipped with red cane or walking stick unless the person is totally or partially blind; amending s. 316.2956, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a person who sells or installs sunscreening material in violation of specified provisions; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; decreasing the penalties for a person who refuses to submit to the weighing of a vehicle after being required to do so by an officer; amending s. 316.646, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a person who is required to maintain certain motor vehicle insurance coverage and who presents proof of insurance knowing that such insurance is not currently in force; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a person who willfully refuses to accept and to sign a citation indicating a promise to appear in a hearing; amending s. 319.33, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a person who knowingly and with intent to defraud commits specified actions with regard to a certificate of title, registration, bill of sale, or other indicia of ownership of a motor vehicle or mobile home; amending s. 322.03, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for a resident of this state who operates a commercial motor vehicle without possessing a commercial driver license under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.055, F.S.; restricting, rather than revoking, the driver license or driving privilege of a person to business or employment purposes only, if the person is 18 years of age or older, is convicted of certain drug offenses, and otherwise qualifies for such a license; authorizing such person to petition for the restoration of the license or driving privilege; amending s. 562.111, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21 years of age; amending s. 562.14, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for selling, consuming, serving, or allowing to be served in a place having a license between midnight and 7 a.m. the next day; amending s. 562.50, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for selling, giving away, disposing of, exchanging, or bartering certain beverages or articles with a habitual drunkard after receiving notice from a family member about such person's condition; amending s. 812.014, F.S.; increasing the minimum monetary value of stolen property for the crime of grand theft of the third degree; revising the list of offenses that make up grand theft of the third degree; decreasing the penalty for stealing property or a stop sign; decreasing the penalty for a third or subsequent offense for petit theft; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; decreasing the penalty for the possession of 20 grams or less of cannabis; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 932.701 and 985.557, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 318.18(3)(f) and 318.21(4), F.S., relating to amounts of penalties and disposition of civil penalties by county courts, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.1301, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 316.516(1), 316.655(1), 318.17, and 318.18(4), F.S., relating to width, height, and length for inspection; penalties; excepted offenses; and the amount of penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.545, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 320.02(5)(a), relating to proof of insurance coverage, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.646, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 95.18(10), 373.6055(3)(c), 400.9935(3), 409.910(17)(g), 489.126(4), 538.23(2), 550.6305(10), 634.319(2), 634.421(2), 636.238(3), 642.038(2), 705.102(4), 812.015(2), 812.0155(1) and (2), 812.14(4), (7), and (8), and 893.138(3), F.S., relating to adverse possession without color of title, felony theft violations, clinic responsibilities, investigating suspected criminal violations or fraudulent activity related to theft, moneys received by contractors, violations and penalties, theft and penal sanctions for theft, reporting and accounting for funds, reporting and accounting for funds, penalties for specified violations, reporting and accounting for funds, reporting lost or abandoned property, second or subsequent conviction for petit theft, suspension of driver license following an adjudication of guilt for theft, theft of utility services, and local administrative action to abate a stolen-property-related public nuisance, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 812.014, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 397.451(4)(b), 435.07(2), 775.084(1)(a), 810.02(3), 831.311(1), 893.15, and 921.187(1)(l), F.S., relating to background checks of service provider personnel, exemptions from disqualifications, the definition of the term "habitual felony offender," burglary, prohibited actions for violations of s. 893.13, F.S., rehabilitation, and additional assessments for certain violations, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.13, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 610**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firearms; creating s. 768.38, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring a business, organization, or entity that prohibits a concealed weapon or firearm licensee from carrying a weapon or firearm onto its property to assume certain responsibility for the safety and defense of such licensee; providing that the responsibility of such business, organization, or entity extends to the conduct of certain people and animals; providing a cause of action for a concealed weapon or firearm licensee who incurs injury, death, damage, or loss as the result of certain acts or attacks occurring on the property of such business, organization, or entity or on other specified properties; authorizing a licensee to recover attorney fees and specified costs; specifying a statute of limitations for bringing such action; requiring a business, organization, or entity with such prohibition to clearly display specified information; specifying requirements that a plaintiff must prove to prevail in a cause of action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 612**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to federal matching funds information; amending s. 216.013, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 216.023, F.S.; requiring each state agency and the judicial branch to provide, as a part of the legislative budget request, specified information concerning federal programs; providing an effective date.

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

By Senators Brandes, Rouson, and Steube—

**SB 614**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical marijuana; repealing s. 381.986, F.S., relating to the compassionate use of low-THC and medical cannabis; creating s. 381.99, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 381.992, F.S.; authorizing a qualifying patient or his or her caregiver to purchase, acquire, and possess up to the allowed amount of marijuana, medical marijuana products, and associated paraphernalia for a qualifying patient's medical use; authorizing a medical marijuana treatment center (MMTC), including its employees and contractors, to perform certain activities; authorizing certified independent testing laboratories and their employees or contractors to receive and process marijuana for the sole purpose of testing the marijuana for compliance with the act; specifying that certain provisions do not exempt persons from the prohibition against driving under the influence; providing that specified provisions apply to the smoking of marijuana or medical marijuana products; authorizing the department to restrict the smoking of marijuana or such products at certain facilities; creating s. 381.993, F.S.; providing that a physician must certify, on a specified form, that a patient is suffering from a debilitating medical condition and that the benefits to the patient of using marijuana outweigh the potential health risks before a patient may register with the department and obtain a registry identification card; requiring the certification to specify the length of time recommended for the use of marijuana or a medical marijuana product; specifying that the allowable amount for any patient may not exceed a maximum determined by department rule; authorizing physicians to submit the physician certification form electronically through the department's website or by mail; providing criteria for the certification of patients by physicians; requiring patients who wish to use marijuana or medical marijuana products to register with the department; providing requirements for registration; authorizing adult qualifying patients to authorize caregivers; requiring the consent of a parent or legal guardian for minor patients; providing requirements for caregivers; prohibiting caregivers from registering to assist more than one patient at any given time unless specified circumstances are met; requiring the department to designate the parent or legal guardian of a qualifying minor patient as the patient's caregiver; prohibiting qualifying minor patients from purchasing or acquiring marijuana and medical marijuana products; requiring the department to notify the qualifying patient that the caregiver's application for registration is disallowed; specifying the responsibilities of the department; requiring

the department to create a patient and caregiver registration form and a physician certification form and make those forms available to the public by a specified date; requiring the registration form to allow the patient to include specified information; requiring the department to create and make available to the public a specified caregiver training course by a specified date; requiring the department to enter the information for the qualifying patient or his or her caregiver into the medical marijuana patient registry and to issue a medical marijuana patient registry identification card to the patient and the caregiver after the receipt of specified documents; requiring that medical marijuana registry identification cards be resistant to counterfeiting and include specified information; providing that patient and caregiver registration and medical marijuana patient registry identification cards expire 1 year after the date of issuance; requiring a qualifying patient to submit proof of continued Florida residency and a physician to certify specified information in order to renew a registration or medical marijuana patient registry identification card; providing for the disqualification of patients and caregivers; requiring the department to notify specified persons of a change in registration status in specified circumstances; requiring the department to give notice within a specified timeframe to the qualifying patient and the caregiver before removing the patient or caregiver from the medical marijuana patient registry; requiring the qualifying patient or caregiver to return specified items within a specified timeframe after receiving the notification; requiring a retail facility to notify the department upon the receipt of such items; authorizing the retail facility to notify the department electronically; requiring the personal representative of a patient or a caregiver to return the identification card of the patient or caregiver to the retail facility after his or her death; requiring the retail facility to update the medical marijuana patient registry and notify the department after the return of the identification cards; authorizing the retail facility to notify the department electronically; requiring the department, on a quarterly basis, to compare all qualifying patients and caregivers in the medical marijuana patient registry with the records of deaths on file on the electronic death registration system and to adjust the file of the patient or caregiver accordingly within a certain timeframe; requiring the department to notify law enforcement of the expired or cancelled identification card in certain circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement a process for MMTCs to accept and dispose of returned marijuana or medical marijuana products and registry identification cards; creating s. 381.994, F.S.; requiring that the department create a secure, online, electronic medical marijuana patient registry containing a file containing specified information for each qualifying patient, caregiver, and certifying physician; requiring that the medical marijuana patient registry meet specified criteria; creating s. 381.995, F.S.; requiring the department to establish operating standards for the cultivation, processing, packaging, and labeling of marijuana and procedures and requirements for the registration of MMTCs by a specified date; providing for the registration of MMTCs and certain of their principles, employees and contractors; requiring the department to charge registration fees that may not exceed specified amounts; requiring the department to develop a registration form for MMTCs which must require the applicant to provide specified information; requiring the department to begin registering MMTCs by a specified date; requiring MMTCs to provide specified documentation and to pay a performance and compliance bond in a specified amount, which is subject to forfeiture; prohibiting registration from taking place until all principals, employees, and contractors who will participate in the operations of the MMTC have registered with the department and have been issued identification cards; providing a 2-year registration period and requiring that renewals comply with a process established by department rule; requiring MMTCs to obtain certain licenses before engaging in certain activities; authorizing the department to charge application and license fees for cultivation licenses; specifying fees for specified licenses and facility permits; requiring the department to begin issuing cultivation and processing licenses by a specified date; authorizing MMTCs to apply for cultivation and processing licenses; providing application requirements; providing for expiration and renewal of licenses; requiring licensees to obtain an operating permit from the department for each facility before beginning cultivation and processing; requiring the department to inspect facilities for which operating permits are sought; requiring the department to approve or disapprove applications within a specified timeframe; prohibiting facilities from certain operations if their permit has expired; requiring cultivation and processing facilities to be secure, closed to the public, and not within a specified proximity to specified schools, child care facilities, or specified licensed service providers; authorizing the department to establish rules providing addi-

tional security and zoning requirements; providing that licensees may use contractors to assist in the cultivation and processing of marijuana, but holding licensees responsible for their actions; requiring principals and employees of contractors who participate in the operations of the licensee to be registered with the department and to have MMTC employee identification cards; requiring cultivation and processing licensees to destroy certain marijuana byproducts within a specified timeframe; requiring MMTCs that transport or deliver marijuana outside of the property owned by the licensee to hold a transportation license; requiring the department to begin issuing retail licenses by a specified date; providing requirements for application; providing for the expiration and renewal of licenses; requiring licensees to obtain an operating permit from the department for each dispensing facility before dispensing or storing marijuana or medical marijuana products; providing a permitting process; requiring the department to act on permit applications within a certain timeframe; requiring an MMTC that holds a retail license to have a separate operating permit for each retail facility it operates; prohibiting the department from granting an operating permit if a proposed retail facility is located on the same property as a cultivation or processing facility or if it is located proximate to specified schools or facilities; restricting the number of available retail licenses in a county based on population; authorizing a governing body of a county or municipality to refuse to allow a retail facility within its jurisdiction; prohibiting the department from licensing a retail facility in a county or municipality that has prohibited retail facilities by ordinance; authorizing a county or municipality to levy a local business tax on a retail facility; authorizing the department to employ a lottery system for the issuance of permits in certain circumstances; limiting the number of operating permits that may be issued to a single MMTC in those circumstances; providing for the expiration and renewal of operating permits; providing requirements for retail licensees and their employees in the dispensing of marijuana to qualifying patients and their caregivers; prohibiting a retail facility from repackaging or modifying a medical marijuana product that has been packaged for retail sale by a cultivation or processing licensee; authorizing retail licensees to contract with certain MMTCs to transport marijuana and medical marijuana products between properties owned by the retail licensee and to make deliveries to and pick up returns from the residences of qualifying patients; prohibiting onsite consumption of marijuana or medical marijuana products at retail facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules governing the issuance of transportation licenses to MMTCs and the permitting of vehicles; authorizing MMTCs to apply for retail licenses and providing application requirements; prohibiting the transportation of marijuana or medical marijuana products on the property of an airport, seaport, or spaceport; authorizing a transportation licensee to transport marijuana or medical marijuana products in specified permitted vehicles; specifying the fee for vehicle permits; providing requirements for the designation of drivers and requiring that designations be displayed in a vehicle at all times; providing for expiration of the permit in certain circumstances; requiring the department to cancel a vehicle permit upon the request of specified persons; providing that the licensee authorizes the inspection and search of his or her vehicle by certain persons without a search warrant for purposes of determining compliance with the act; authorizing certain MMTCs to deliver or contract for the delivery of marijuana and medical marijuana products to qualifying patients and their caregivers; providing requirements for and restrictions on such delivery; prohibiting a county or municipality from prohibiting deliveries; requiring the department to adopt rules governing the delivery of marijuana and medical marijuana products to qualifying patients and their caregivers; authorizing licensees to use contractors to assist with the transportation of marijuana or medical marijuana products; providing requirements for such transportation; requiring that principals and employees of contractors contracted by a licensee be registered with the department and issued an employee identification card; prohibiting MMTCs from advertising marijuana or medical marijuana products; defining the term "advertise"; providing that inspections of MMTC facilities are preempted to the state and may be conducted by the department; requiring the department to inspect and license specified facilities of MMTCs before those facilities begin operations; requiring the department to conduct such inspection at least once every 2 years; authorizing the department to conduct additional or unannounced inspections at reasonable hours; authorizing the department to test marijuana or medical marijuana products to ensure that they meet the standards established by the department; authorizing the department, through an interagency agreement, to perform joint inspections of such facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules by a

specified date governing access to licensed facilities which impose specified requirements on limited access areas, restricted access areas, and general access areas at all licensed facilities; authorizing the department to adopt rules governing visitor access; requiring the department to adopt rules governing the registration of MMTC principals, employees and contractors; authorizing the department to charge a reasonable fee for MMTC employee identification cards; requiring that MMTCs submit an application for the registration of a person they intend to hire or contract with in certain circumstances; requiring the department to adopt by rule a form for submitting an employee registration; specifying the information that must be provided by applicants; requiring the department to register certain persons and to issue them MMTC employee identification cards that meet certain requirements; requiring MMTCs to notify the department of any changes in status of such employees or contactors within a specified timeframe; providing that MMTCs are responsible for knowing and complying with specified laws and rules; requiring that the licensed premises comply with security and surveillance requirements established by the department by rule before the licensee can undertake specified actions; requiring that specified areas of the licensed facility be clearly identified as such by signage approved by the department; requiring that a licensee possess and maintain possession of the premises for which the license is issued; requiring a licensee to keep a complete set of all records necessary to show fully the business transactions of the licensee for specified tax years; requiring a licensee to establish an inventory tracking system that is approved by the department; requiring that marijuana or medical marijuana products meet the labeling and packaging requirements established by department rule; requiring the department to adopt by rule a schedule of violations in order to impose fines not to exceed a specified amount per violation; requiring the department to consider specified factors in determining the amount of the fine to be levied; authorizing the department to suspend, revoke, deny, or refuse to renew a license of an MMTC or impose a specified administrative penalty for specified acts and omissions; requiring the department to maintain a publicly available, easily accessible list on its website of all permitted retail facilities; providing for the grandfathering of MMTCs that meet specified requirements by a specified date; requiring the department to issue specified licenses and permits; creating s. 381.9951, F.S.; providing that the sale of marijuana and medical marijuana products is subject to the sales tax under ch. 212, F.S.; requiring the Department of Revenue to deposit, in the same month as the Department of Revenue collects such taxes, all proceeds of sales taxes collected on the sale of marijuana and medical marijuana products into the Education and General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund; specifying the use of such funds; creating s. 381.996, F.S.; providing requirements for marijuana testing and labeling; requiring the Department of Health to adopt by rule a certification process and testing standards for independent testing laboratories; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide resources to the department; prohibiting cultivation licensees and processing licensees from distributing or selling marijuana or medical marijuana products to retail licensees unless specified conditions are met; providing that independent laboratories are not required to be registered as MMTCs or to hold transportation licenses to transport or receive marijuana or medical marijuana products for testing purposes; requiring independent testing laboratories to conduct specified testing and to report specified findings to the department; requiring that such findings include specified information; requiring the department to establish by rule a comprehensive tracking and labeling system for marijuana plants and products; authorizing the department to adopt rules that establish qualifications for private entities that provide product tracking services and to establish a preferred vendor list; requiring that medical marijuana and medical marijuana products that meet testing standards be packaged in a specified manner; providing an exception; requiring a retail licensee to affix an additional label to each medical marijuana product which includes specified information; requiring the department to establish specified standards for quality, testing procedures, and maximum levels of unsafe contaminants by a specified date; requiring the department to create a list of individual cannabinoids for which marijuana and medical marijuana products must be tested; creating s. 381.997, F.S.; providing penalties for specified violations; creating s. 381.998, F.S.; providing that this act does not require specified insurance providers or a health care services plan to cover a claim for reimbursement for the purchase of medical marijuana; providing that the act does not restrict such coverage; creating s. 381.9981, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement this act; amending ss. 385.211, 499.0295, 893.02, and 1004.441, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by

the act; authorizing the University of Florida, in consultation with a veterinary research organization, to conduct specified research for treatment of animals with seizure disorders or other life-limiting illnesses; prohibiting the use of state funds for such research; providing for severability; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 616**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to temporarily surrender a weapon or firearm if the licensee approaches courthouse security or management personnel upon arrival and follows their instructions; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 618**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons and firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any area of an airport excluding the sterile area; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 620**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting or committee meeting of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 622**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; prohibiting a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee from carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into any athletic event for a K-12 school, college, or university which is not related to firearms; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any college or university facility; deleting an exception authorizing a student, employee, or faculty licensee to carry specified nonlethal weapons; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.; authorizing each board of trustees of Florida College System institutions to place restrictions on the unlawful use or possession of firearms or weapons; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Governors to place restrictions on the unlawful use or possession of firearms or weapons; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 624**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to body cameras; amending s. 943.1718, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies that permit law enforcement officers to wear body cameras to establish policies and procedures that include general guidelines for the law enforcement officers to review relevant audio and video recordings before taking certain actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 626**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senators Garcia and Campbell—

**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; 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.; authorizing, rather than requiring, an infected arrestee to request, rather than to submit to, appropriate treatment; requiring the Department of Health to pay any costs associated with the screening of such arrestees; eliminating requirements that persons convicted of specified offenses undergo screening for a sexually transmitted disease; eliminating certain crimes related to prostitution; amending s. 960.003, F.S.; substantially revising the focus of the section from the testing of alleged perpetrators and the disclosure of results of that testing to the medical treatment and care of victims of sexual assault involving the exchange of bodily fluids presenting a substantial risk of HIV infection; 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; amending ss. 381.004, 921.0022, and 951.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Campbell, Artiles, and Mayfield—

**SB 630**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic infraction detectors; repealing s. 316.003(35) and (87), F.S., relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector”; repealing ss. 316.008(8), 316.0083, and 316.00831, F.S., relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, respectively; repealing s. 316.07456, F.S., relating to transitional implementation of such detectors; repealing s. 316.0776, F.S., relating to placement and installation of traffic infraction detectors; repealing s. 318.15(3), F.S., relating to a required notification; repealing s. 321.50, F.S., relating to the authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; amending ss. 28.37, 316.003, 316.545, 316.613, 316.640, 316.650, 318.121, 318.14, 318.18, 320.03, 322.27, and 655.960, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 632**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to publicly funded defined benefit retirement plans; reordering and amending s. 112.625, F.S.; defining the term “long-range return rate”; amending s. 112.63, F.S.; revising requirements for actuarial reports submitted by a retirement plan or system subject to part VII of ch. 112, F.S., to conform; amending s. 112.64, F.S.; prohibiting the actuarial assumed rate of return of a plan or system from exceeding the long-range return rate, as of a specified date; specifying the length of time that a long-range return rate is in effect; specifying the method of reducing the actuarial assumed rate of return if certain conditions exist; prescribing reporting requirements for a plan or system with an actuarial assumed rate of return in excess of the long-range return rate; amending ss. 175.261 and 185.221, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 634**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to involuntary examinations under the Baker Act; amending s. 394.455, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners to execute a certificate under certain conditions stating that he or she has examined a person and finds the person appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination; amending ss. 39.407, 394.495, 394.496, 394.9085, 409.972, and 744.2007, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 636**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to income inequality; providing a short title; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to identify the legislative actions and funding necessary to achieve specified goals; specifying actions that may be included in the study; requiring the office to submit a report to the Legislature by a certain date; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 638**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to income inequality impact statements; creating s. 11.52, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to prepare an income inequality impact statement for proposed legislation upon the request of a member of the Legislature; specifying requirements for the impact statement; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 640**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any career center; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 790.251(7)(a), 943.051(3)(b), 985.11(1)(b), 985.25(1)(b), 985.255(1)(e), and 985.557(1)(a), F.S., relating to exceptions to specified prohibited acts, fingerprinting of a minor for commission of specified crimes, fingerprinting and photographing a child who is charged with specified crimes, placing a child in secure or nonsecure detention care, a circumstance under which the court may order continued detention at a required detention hearing for a child, and the discretionary direct filing of an information seeking adult

sanctions for a child, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.115, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 642**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public educational facilities; amending s. 1013.35, F.S.; providing requirements for determining the capacity of facilities in certain schools as reported in the Florida Inventory of School Houses; amending s. 1013.37, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to grant an exemption from the State Requirements for Educational Facilities to a district school board under certain circumstances; requiring such district school board to comply with certain Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code provisions; amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 644**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to openly carrying a handgun; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a concealed weapons or firearms licensee to openly carry a handgun; reenacting s. 790.053(1), F.S., relating to the open carrying of weapons, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 646**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weapons and firearms; amending s. 790.053, F.S.; deleting a statement of applicability relating to violations of carrying a concealed weapon or firearm; reducing the penalty for a violation of specified provisions relating to openly carrying weapons; making a fine payable to the clerk of the court; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; providing that a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon or firearm who is lawfully carrying a firearm does not violate certain provisions if the firearm is temporarily and openly displayed; authorizing each member of the Florida Cabinet to carry a concealed weapon or firearm if he or she is licensed to carry a concealed weapon or firearm and does not have full-time security provided by the Department of Law Enforcement; reducing the penalty for a violation of specified provisions relating to carrying concealed weapons or firearms in prohibited places; making a fine payable to the clerk of the court; reenacting ss. 943.051(3)(b) and 985.11(1)(b), F.S., both relating to fingerprinting of a minor for violating specified provisions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.053, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senators Book and Farmer—

**SB 648**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weapons and firearms; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; increasing the penalties for a person who exhibits a weapon in a certain way in the presence of one or more persons on or near a school or school activity; increasing the penalties for a person who stores or leaves a loaded firearm within the reach or easy access of a minor who obtains the firearm and commits specified violations; creating criminal penalties for the discharge of a firearm obtained by a minor if a person stores or leaves a loaded firearm within the reach or easy access of such minor; increasing the penalties for a person who discharges a weapon or firearm in violation of a specified provision; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; increasing the penalties for a person who fails to store or leave a firearm in a specified manner and as a result, a minor gains access to the firearm and the minor possesses or exhibits the firearm in a public place or in a specified manner; creating

criminal penalties for the discharge of a firearm obtained by the minor if a person violates certain provisions; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; creating criminal penalties for an adult who violates specified provisions, resulting in the child exhibiting a weapon in a certain way in the presence of one or more persons on or near a school or school activity; creating criminal penalties for an adult who violates specified provisions, resulting in the discharge of a firearm obtained by a child; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 409.175(5)(f), F.S., relating to the adoption of a form used by child-placing agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.174, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Book—

**SB 650**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retail establishments and shopping centers; creating s. 316.1966, F.S.; requiring certain parking lots to contain a minimum amount of parking spaces designated for use by expectant mothers, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish requirements for signage and markings for such parking spaces; amending s. 383.015, F.S.; requiring certain retail establishments and shopping centers to provide and maintain breastfeeding areas; defining the term “breastfeeding area”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Transportation; and Rules.

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By Senator Book—

**SB 652**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sheriff budgets; amending s. 30.50, F.S.; authorizing a sheriff to transfer funds among any of the budget appropriations for specified expenditures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 654**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; providing for a future reduction in specified fees from annual license taxes which must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; providing for the subsequent deletion of the requirement that specified fees from annual license taxes be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 656**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1001.215, F.S.; revising the duties of the Just Read, Florida! Office; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring certain schools to include specific information in the school’s improvement plan; requiring certain schools to implement an early warning system for students who meet specific criteria; requiring certain school personnel to monitor data from the early warning system and perform certain duties when a student exhibits specified indicators; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; revising requirements for notifying a parent of a student with a substantial reading deficiency; amending s. 1002.59, F.S.; revising the emergent literacy and performance standards training course requirements to include specific reading instruction; amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring the Office of Early Learning to approve specific Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program assessments and establish requirements for individuals administering the assessments; requiring certain pre-kindergarten students to receive specific reading instruction; requiring the office to identify certain guidelines by rule and provide examples of certain instructional strategies; amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; conforming provisions; requiring data from the statewide kindergarten screening to be used to identify certain students; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; revising

core curricula requirements for certain teacher preparation programs to include certain reading instruction and interventions; revising certain requirements related to clinical education training and preservice field experiences; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; requiring certain educator preparation institutes to provide evidence of specified reading and technology instruction as a condition of program approval and continued approval; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; requiring district school boards to allocate certain instruction resources to certain students deficient in reading; revising criteria and requiring the State Board of Education to identify guidelines for determining whether certain students have a substantial deficiency in reading; providing that students with a substantial reading deficiency must be covered by certain plans; revising the parental notification requirements for students with a substantial deficiency in reading; requiring a school to provide updates to parents of students who receive certain services; requiring the Department of Education to develop or contract with another entity to develop a handbook containing specific information for parents of students with a substantial reading deficiency; defining the terms “dyslexia” and “dyscalculia”; requiring schools to provide certain instruction to students who received a good cause exemption from retention; revising grounds for such good cause exemption; revising intervention requirements for certain retained students; revising provisions relating to the Intensive Acceleration Class for retained students in certain grades; revising student progress evaluation requirements; amending s. 1008.345, F.S.; revising reporting requirements of the Commissioner of Education relating to the state system of school improvement and education accountability; amending s. 1011.67, F.S.; revising the contents of a comprehensive staff development plan required for each school district to receive instructional materials funds; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; revising requirements for renewal of professional teaching certificates; amending s. 1012.586, F.S.; authorizing the department to recommend consolidation of endorsement areas and requirements for endorsements for teacher certificates; requiring the department to review and make recommendations regarding certain subject coverage or endorsement requirements; providing construction; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; revising duties and requirements for implementation of the School Community Professional Development Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rader—

**SB 658**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; adding 911 public safety telecommunicators to the class; requiring such members to have their retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; conforming cross-references; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.71, F.S.; specifying the required employer retirement contribution rates for the new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 660**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to foreclosure proceedings; creating s. 702.12, F.S.; authorizing a lienholder to submit specified documents in a foreclosure proceeding as evidence of an admission by a defendant; authorizing the lienholder to request that the court take judicial notice of a final order entered in a bankruptcy case; providing that the submission of certain documents creates specified rebuttable presumptions under certain circumstances; specifying that certain defenses are not precluded by this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Young, Latvala, Brandes, and Baxley—

**SB 662**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund; amending s. 210.20, F.S.; revising, for a specified timeframe, the amount of the net collections of the cigarette tax collected by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation which is to be paid to the Board of Directors of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute for certain purposes; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 664**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a disaster preparedness tax exemption; providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain tangible personal property related to disaster preparedness during a specified period; providing exceptions to the exemption; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules to implement the exemption; providing an expiration date; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Clemens, Powell, Rouson, Hutson, Farmer, Rodriguez, Stewart, Young, Rader, Torres, Flores, Garcia, Book, and Bracy—

**SB 666**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibited discrimination; creating the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act”; amending s. 509.092, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion; amending s. 760.01, F.S.; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to conform to changes made by the act; reordering and amending s. 760.02, F.S.; defining the terms “gender identity” and “sexual orientation”; amending s. 760.05, F.S.; revising the functions of the Florida Commission on Human Relations, to conform; amending s. 760.07, F.S.; revising provisions regarding remedies for unlawful discrimination to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, to conform; amending s. 760.08, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to specified unlawful employment practices; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion; amending s. 760.22, F.S.; defining the terms “gender identity” and “sexual orientation” for purposes of the Fair Housing Act; amending ss. 760.23, 760.24, 760.25, and 760.26, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to the sale or rental of housing, provision of brokerage services, financing of housing or in residential real estate transactions, and land use decisions and in permitting of development, respectively; amending s. 760.29, F.S.; revising an exemption from the Fair Housing Act regarding the appraisal of real property, to conform; amending s. 760.60, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination with respect to practices of certain clubs; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Bean—

**SB 668**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary distance education; creating s. 1000.35, F.S.; authorizing this state to participate in a reciprocity agreement for delivery of postsecondary distance education; providing definitions; establishing the Postsecondary Reciprocal Distance Education Coordinating Council within the Department of Education; providing a purpose; requiring the Commis-

sion for Independent Education to provide administrative support for the council; providing membership and duties of the council; requiring the council to propose an annual fee schedule and collect fees from Florida institutions participating in the reciprocity agreement; requiring the State Board of Education to approve the fee schedule; providing for deposit of such fees into a specified trust fund; authorizing the council to revoke a Florida institution's participation in the reciprocity agreement for noncompliance; authorizing such institution to withdraw from participation in the reciprocity agreement after providing notice; exempting council decisions from the Administrative Procedure Act; providing that provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the commission are not superseded; requiring the state board to adopt rules; amending s. 1005.06, F.S.; providing that the commission does not have jurisdiction over certain non-Florida institutions participating in the reciprocity agreement; amending s. 1005.31, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Bean, Lee, and Mayfield—

**SB 670**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to managed care plans' provider networks; amending s. 409.975, F.S.; prohibiting a managed care plan from excluding a pharmacy that meets the credentialing requirements and standards established by the Agency for Health Care Administration and that accepts the terms of the plan; requiring a managed care plan to offer the same rate of reimbursement to all pharmacies in the plan's network; requiring expedited rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 672**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of nonviable birth; creating the "Grieving Families Act"; amending s. 382.002, F.S.; providing a definition; amending s. 382.008, F.S.; authorizing the State Registrar of the Office of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health to electronically receive a certificate of nonviable birth; requiring certain health care practitioners and health care facilities to electronically file a registration of nonviable birth within a specified timeframe; amending s. 382.0085, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 382.0086, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to issue a certificate of nonviable birth within a specified timeframe upon the request of a parent; requiring the person registering the nonviable birth to advise the parent that a certificate of nonviable birth is available and that the certificate of nonviable birth is a public record; requiring the request for a certificate of nonviable birth to be on a form prescribed by the department and to include certain information; providing requirements for the certificate of nonviable birth; authorizing a parent to request a certificate of nonviable birth regardless of the date on which the nonviable birth occurred; designating the refusal to issue a certificate of nonviable birth to certain persons as final agency action that is not subject to administrative review; prohibiting the use of certificates of nonviable birth to calculate live birth statistics; prohibiting specified provisions from being used in certain civil actions; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 382.0255, F.S.; authorizing the department to collect fees for processing and filing a new certificate of nonviable birth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 674**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 382.008, F.S.; providing that certain information included in nonviable birth records is confidential and exempt from public records requirements; 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 Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 676**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the availability of health care services; repealing s. 154.245, F.S., relating to the issuance of certificates of need by the Agency for Health Care Administration; amending s. 159.27, F.S.; revising the term "health care facility"; amending s. 189.08, F.S.; removing a requirement that a special district notify a local general-purpose government of its plans to build, improve, or expand a public facility that requires a certification of need; creating s. 381.4066, F.S.; establishing local health councils as public or private nonprofit agencies serving the counties of certain districts; providing for council members to be appointed by county commissions; providing that appointees must represent health care providers, health care purchasers, and nongovernmental health care consumers; requiring a certain schedule to be provided to county commissions regarding council appointments; providing terms; establishing health service planning districts; establishing duties of local health councils; requiring local health councils to enter into memoranda of agreement with certain regional planning councils and local governments in their districts; specifying a requirement for the memoranda of agreement; authorizing local health councils to employ personnel or contract for staffing services; authorizing local health councils to accept and receive funds, grants, and services from governmental agencies and from private or civic sources; requiring an annual accounting of receipts and disbursement of funds; providing legislative intent regarding funding of local health councils; authorizing fees and allowing fees to be collected from certain facilities at the time of licensure renewal and prorated; requiring the agency to adopt by rule fees for hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities; providing penalties and authorizing fines; delegating to the agency the responsibility for planning health care services in the state; requiring the agency to develop and maintain a comprehensive health care database; requiring the Department of Health to contract with local health councils for certain services; specifying that certain funds must be distributed according to an allocation plan the department develops; authorizing the department to withhold funds or cancel contracts if certain standards are not met; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; removing a requirement that hospitals must submit certain data related to certificate-of-need reviews; requiring providers of adult diagnostic cardiac catheterization services to comply with the most recent guidelines of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiac Catheterization and Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories, and the rules of the agency; providing rule requirements; amending s. 395.602, F.S.; deleting the terms "emergency care hospital," "essential access community hospital," "inactive rural hospital bed," and "rural primary care hospital"; repealing s. 395.6025, F.S., relating to rural hospital replacement facilities; amending s. 395.603, F.S.; removing a requirement that the agency adopt by rule a process by which a rural hospital may deactivate general hospital beds; removing a requirement that rural primary care hospitals and emergency care hospitals maintain a number of actively licensed general hospital beds necessary for certification for Medicare reimbursement; repealing s. 395.604, F.S., relating to other rural hospital programs; repealing s. 395.605, F.S., relating to emergency care hospitals; amending s. 400.071, F.S.; removing a statement of legislative intent that preference be given to certain applications when reviewing certificate-of-need applications; amending s. 400.606, F.S.; requiring hospices that are initially licensed after a certain date to be accredited by a national accreditation organization; requiring such hospices to establish and maintain freestanding hospice facilities that are engaged in providing inpatient and related services; removing the authority of the agency to deny a license to an applicant that fails to meet any condition for the provision of hospice care or services imposed by the agency on a certificate of need; amending s. 400.6085, F.S.; removing a provision prohibiting hospices contracting for inpatient care beds from being required to obtain an additional certificate of need for the number of designated beds; repealing s. 408.031, F.S., relating to a short title for the Health Facility and Services Development Act; repealing s. 408.032, F.S., relating to definitions for the act; repealing s. 408.033, F.S., relating to local and state health planning; repealing s. 408.034, F.S., relating to the duties and responsibilities of the agency; repealing s. 408.035, F.S., relating to review criteria for certificate-of-need determinations; repealing s. 408.036, F.S., relating to health-care-related projects subject to review; repealing s. 408.0361, F.S., relating to car-



divascular services and burn unit licensure; repealing s. 408.037, F.S., relating to content of certificate-of-need applications; repealing s. 408.038, F.S., relating to fees for certificate-of-need applications; repealing s. 408.039, F.S., relating to the review process for certificates of need; repealing s. 408.040, F.S., relating to conditions imposed on certificates of need; repealing s. 408.041, F.S., relating to the penalties for failing to obtain a valid certificate of need; repealing s. 408.042, F.S., relating to limitations on transfers of certificates of need; repealing s. 408.043, F.S., relating to special provisions relating to certificates of need; repealing s. 408.0436, F.S., relating to a limitation on nursing home certificates of need; repealing s. 408.044, F.S., relating to the authority of the agency to obtain an injunction to restrain or prevent the pursuit of a project in the absence of a valid certificate of need; repealing s. 408.045, F.S., relating to competitive sealed proposals for certificates of need; repealing s. 408.0455, F.S., relating to rules of the agency in effect as of a certain date; amending s. 408.808, F.S.; authorizing the agency to issue an inactive license to a hospital, nursing home, intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, or an ambulatory surgical center under certain circumstances; removing authority for the agency to renew an inactive designation for a statutory rural hospital under certain circumstances; repealing s. 651.118, F.S., relating to sheltered nursing home beds and community beds; amending ss. 154.246, 186.503, 220.1845, 376.30781, 376.86, 383.216, 395.0191, 395.1065, 408.07, 408.806, 408.810, 408.820, 409.9116, 641.60, and 1009.65 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 678**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure; amending ss. 403.1835, 403.1838, and 403.8532, F.S.; allowing disbursement of financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure projects based upon invoiced costs; providing that recipients are not required to request advance payment; providing for the submission of proof of payment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senators Baxley and Garcia—

**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; requiring that anyone charging a fee or premium to post a cash or surety bail bond must be licensed under specified provisions; amending s. 903.26, F.S.; specifying that a defendant's failure to appear before the court in a proceeding for which the surety bond was posted requires the bond and any bonds or money deposited as bail to be forfeited; revising the circumstances that require a forfeiture to be discharged; amending s. 903.28, F.S.; clarifying the amount of forfeiture to be remitted under different specified conditions; amending s. 903.31, F.S.; specifying that certain provisions concerning the 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.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 682**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid managed care; amending s. 409.964, F.S.; revising parameters relating to the establishment of the Medicaid program; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 409.965, F.S.; revising exemptions from the mandatory enrollment of Medicaid recipients in statewide Medicaid managed care; providing exemptions from participation in the long-term care managed care program; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to

authorize Medicaid recipients who are eligible for the long-term care managed care program to enroll or remain enrolled in the program, subject to specified requirements; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; requiring the agency to impose fines and authorizing other sanctions for willful failure to comply with specified payment provisions; amending s. 409.979, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria for the long-term care managed care program to conform to exemptions; amending s. 409.982, F.S.; revising parameters under which a long-term care managed care plan must contract with nursing homes and hospices; specifying that the agency must require certain plans to report information on the quality or performance criteria used in making a certain determination; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 684**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Internet identifiers; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "Internet identifier"; defining the term "social Internet communication"; requiring a sexual predator to register each Internet identifier's corresponding website homepage or application software name with the Department of Law Enforcement through the sheriff's office; requiring a sexual predator to report any change to certain information after initial in-person registration in a specified manner; making technical changes; amending s. 943.0435, F.S.; requiring a sexual offender, upon initial registration, to report in person at the sheriff's office; requiring the sexual offender to report any change to each Internet identifier's corresponding website homepage or application software name in person at the sheriff's office in a specified manner; requiring a sexual offender to report any change to certain information after initial in-person registration in a specified manner; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 943.0437(2), 944.606(1)(c), 944.607(1)(e), 985.481(1)(c), and 985.4815(1)(e), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "Internet identifier," to incorporate the amendment made to s. 775.21, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 944.606(3)(a), 944.607(4)(a), (9), and (13)(c), 985.481(3)(a), and 985.4815(4)(a), (9), and (13)(b), F.S., relating to sexual offenders, notification to the Department of Law Enforcement of information on sexual offenders, notification to the department upon release of sexual offenders adjudicated delinquent, and notification to the department of information on juvenile sexual offenders, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0435, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 794.056(1), 921.0022(3)(g), and 938.085, F.S., relating to the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund, the Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart, and additional costs to fund rape crisis centers, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 775.21 and 943.0435, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 686**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; defining terms; requiring that electronic mail addresses and Internet identifiers of sexual predators or sexual offenders reported pursuant to specified laws be exempt from public record requirements unless otherwise ordered by a court; providing applicability; providing construction; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing a contingent effective date.

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

By Senator Montford—

**SB 688**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Teacher Scholarship Program; creating s. 1009.897, F.S.; establishing the Teacher Scholarship Program within the Department of Education; providing a purpose of the scholarship program; specifying student eligibility requirements for undergraduate and graduate scholarships under the program; requiring each postsecondary institution to annually certify to

the department by a specified date the names of students who are eligible for the program; requiring each postsecondary institution to notify the department throughout the academic year of whose scholarship should be rescinded due to disenrollment from an eligible teacher program; providing for disbursement of the scholarship awards; providing for stipends; specifying funding and the department's authority to prorate awards under a certain circumstance; providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 690**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic animals; providing a short title; creating s. 768.1392, F.S.; providing definitions; specifying liability for compensatory damages for the injury or death of a domestic animal; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Agriculture; and Rules.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 692**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student eligibility for K-12 virtual instruction; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for specified students to receive part-time instruction at the Florida Virtual School; removing provisions requiring the Auditor General to conduct an operational audit of the Florida Virtual School; amending s. 1002.455, F.S.; authorizing all students, including home education and private school students, to participate in specified virtual instruction options; deleting the eligibility criteria for a student to participate in virtual instruction; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the options that a district school board or charter school governing board may offer for a student to satisfy certain online course requirements; amending ss. 1002.33, 1002.45, 1003.498, and 1011.62, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 694**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; authorizing any state agency or department involved in providing health, social, or human services to make payments for medical assistance for certain persons diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); amending s. 409.906, F.S.; removing the Agency for Health Care Administration's ability to consolidate certain home and community-based services; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the agency implement a Medicaid prescription drug management system; amending s. 409.979, F.S.; requiring that Medicaid recipients enrolled in certain home and community-based service Medicaid waivers be transitioned into the long-term care managed care program by January 1, 2018; requiring the agency to seek federal approval to terminate certain waiver programs once all eligible Medicaid recipients have transitioned into the long-term care managed care program; amending ss. 393.0661 and 409.968, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 696**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a sponsor to honor irrevocable instructions by a charter school to deposit certain funds; providing that certain sponsor policies and charter contract provisions are void and unenforceable; providing legislative intent; requiring a sponsor to honor security interests, liens, and encumbrances on charter school property, including security interests and liens on public funds, before it reverts

to the sponsor; authorizing a charter school to enter into certain financial arrangements; providing for liberal construction; providing that a charter school that pledges or assigns future payment of its funding is not pledging the credit or taxing power of the state or a school district; providing an exception to the requirement that a district school board make timely and efficient payment and reimbursement to a charter school; requiring that a district school board issue payment within a specified period after receiving funds distributed through the Florida Education Finance Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 698**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prisoner medical services; creating s. 951.0325, F.S.; providing definitions; limiting compensation to health care providers that do not have contracts with the county or municipality operating a detention facility to provide prisoner medical services; limiting compensation to entities that provide emergency medical transportation services for prisoners if those entities do not have a contract with the county or municipality operating a detention facility; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary educational institution fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring a state university, a Florida College System institution, a career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for students who have a current temporary protected status; requiring such institutions to require the student to provide supporting documentation for the status; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 702**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child support; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; requiring a court to suspend an order requiring a parent to pay child support under certain circumstances; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; requiring a court to suspend an order requiring a parent to pay child support and to deny an order of contempt under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 704**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing a limited exception from the tax on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property for certain ad valorem tax charges; providing that tax charges in excess of a specified limit are subject to tax; specifying the manner of remitting such taxes to the Department of Revenue; requiring ad valorem tax charges for multiple tenants or licensees of a parcel of property or portions of a property to be calculated in a specified manner under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 706**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensure of internationally trained physicians; amending s. 458.311, F.S.; establishing licensure requirements for certain foreign-trained physicians; authorizing the Board of Medicine to impose licensure restrictions, limitations, or conditions on certain foreign-trained physicians; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 708**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to missing person investigations; amending s. 937.0201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “missing endangered person”; amending s. 937.021, F.S.; providing that certain persons are immune from civil liability for damages for complying with the request to release TJ Alert information to appropriate agencies; providing a presumption of good faith for specified actions concerning TJ alerts; amending s. 937.022, F.S.; authorizing only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over a case to request that the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse activate a TJ Alert involving a missing person who is suspected by the law enforcement agency of meeting the criteria for activation of the TJ Alert Plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Campbell—

**SM 710**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to recognize the month of May as “Haitian American Heritage Month.”

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 712**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nursing homes; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; revising provisions related to the setting of Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing homes; requiring the Agency for Healthcare Administration to recalculate nursing home reimbursement ceilings every 3 years and to make some adjustments; amending s. 409.9082, F.S.; requiring that an increase in a nursing home facility’s Medicaid rate be allocated proportionately in accordance with a certain quality matrix; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 714**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to comprehensive transitional education programs; amending s. 393.0678, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to petition a court for the appointment of a receiver for a comprehensive transitional education program under certain circumstances; amending s. 393.18, F.S.; providing that no new comprehensive transitional education programs may be licensed after a specified date; providing that no licenses may be renewed for comprehensive transitional education programs after a certain specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 716**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to real estate appraisers; amending s. 475.451, F.S.; revising authorized methods of instruction

and certain requirements for specified real estate practice courses; amending s. 475.611, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; repealing s. 475.6175, F.S., relating to registered trainee appraisers; amending s. 475.621, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to transmit a specified roster to a certain appraisal committee; requiring the department to collect an annual fee from certain appraisal management companies and transmit the fee to such appraisal committee; requiring the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board to adopt rules; amending s. 475.6235, F.S.; revising which persons are included in a specified requirement for information in an application for appraisal management company registration; deleting a provision that deems a specified person not qualified to engage in appraisal management services except under certain circumstances; revising applicability; amending s. 475.6245, F.S.; authorizing the board to deny an application for renewal of an appraisal management company’s registration on specified grounds; adding grounds for discipline of appraisal management companies by the board; reenacting s. 475.626(1)(b), F.S., relating to violations and penalties, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 475.6245, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 475.629, F.S., relating to retention of records, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 475.611, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 718**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vessel registrations; amending s. 328.72, F.S.; revising a reduction of vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with certain position indicating and locating beacons; deleting a registration date limitation; deleting an expiration date; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 720**—A bill to be entitled An act related to the Central Florida Expressway Authority; amending s. 348.753, F.S.; increasing the number of members making up the governing body of the Central Florida Expressway Authority; adding the chair of the board of the county commission of Brevard County to the list of chairs authorized to appoint a member to the authority; adding Brevard County to the list of counties the citizens of which may be appointed by the Governor to serve on the authority; requiring six members of the authority to constitute a quorum; requiring the vote of six members for any action taken by the authority; amending s. 348.754, F.S.; adding the geographical boundary of Brevard County to the area served by the authority; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 722**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 408.0641, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records for personal identifying information in compassionate and palliative care plans filed with the Clearinghouse for Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans managed by the Agency for Health Care Administration or its designee; authorizing the disclosure of such information to certain entities and individuals; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 724**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to estates; amending s. 732.2025, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 732.2035, F.S.; providing that a decedent's property interest in the protected homestead is included in the elective estate; amending s. 732.2045, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the decedent's property interest in the protected homestead is excluded from the elective estate; amending s. 732.2055, F.S.; providing for the valuation of the decedent's protected homestead under certain circumstances; amending s. 732.2065, F.S.; providing elective share percentages as determined by the length of the surviving spouse's marriage to the decedent; amending s. 732.2075, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 732.2085, F.S.; requiring the payment of interest on any unpaid portion of a person's required contribution toward the elective share with respect to certain property; amending s. 732.2095, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the valuation of a surviving spouse's interest in property to include protected homestead; conforming cross-references; amending s. 732.2115, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 732.2135, F.S.; revising the period within which a specified person may petition the court for an extension of time for making an election; removing a provision authorizing assessment of attorney fees and costs if an election is made in bad faith; amending s. 732.2145, F.S.; requiring the payment of interest on any unpaid portion of a person's required contribution toward the elective share after a certain date; creating s. 732.2151, F.S.; providing for the award of fees and costs in certain elective share proceedings; providing that a court may direct payment from certain sources; providing applicability; amending s. 738.606, F.S.; providing that a surviving spouse may require a trustee of a marital or elective share trust to make property productive of income; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senators Powell and Campbell—

**SB 726**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vote-by-mail ballots; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; authorizing an absent elector to personally deliver his or her completed vote-by-mail ballot to an early voting site during specified hours; requiring the Division of Elections to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 728**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property insurance; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising limitations on the aggregate amount of certain emergency assessments levied by the board of governors of the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; prohibiting the corporation from pledging more than a specified percent of its commercial lines account emergency assessment authority to secure the issuance of bonds or any other security; amending s. 631.57, F.S.; revising a limitation on a certain obligation of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association for policies covering condominium associations or homeowners' associations; specifying future revisions of the limitation; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to levy specified additional emergency assessments against certain insurers for specified purposes; specifying requirements for levying such assessments; exempting an insurer from making a certain initial payment; providing applicability; amending s. 625.012, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 730**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurer insolvency; amending s. 631.015, F.S.; adding the Insurer Receivership Model Act to a list of acts that extend reciprocity in the treatment of policyholders in receivership if such act is enacted in other states; amending s. 631.021, F.S.; adding the Florida Health Maintenance Organization

Consumer Assistance Plan to a list of entities that must be given reasonable written notice by the Department of Financial Services of hearings pertaining to certain insurers; revising the exclusive jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of Leon County, upon issuance of specified orders, of an insurer's assets or property in a delinquency proceeding; providing construction; amending s. 631.031, F.S.; requiring an insurer to file its response and defenses to a certain order within a specified timeframe; requiring that a hearing to determine whether cause exists to appoint the department as receiver must be commenced by a specified time; amending s. 631.041, F.S.; providing an exception for the Office of Insurance Regulation from applicability of a certain application or petition operating as an automatic stay; amending s. 631.141, F.S.; authorizing a receiver to assume or reject an insurer's executory contract or unexpired lease; authorizing the department as domiciliary receiver to pay certain expenses or reject certain contracts; providing that, under certain circumstances, certain persons of an insurer that is under liquidation are permanently discharged and have no further authority over the affairs or assets of the insurer; amending s. 631.152, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 631.1521, F.S.; prohibiting certain defenses in actions by and against a receiver; authorizing certain defenses in actions by and against a receiver; specifying that a principal under a surety bond or surety undertaking, under certain circumstances, is entitled to credit for the value of certain property against a reimbursement obligation to the receiver; limiting admissibility of evidence of fraud in the inducement to evidence contained in insurer records; creating s. 631.1522, F.S.; prohibiting, in a receiver's proceeding or claim, the assertion of defenses or claims by an affiliate or certain persons of an insurer except under certain circumstances; providing construction; amending s. 631.181, F.S.; authorizing a receivership court to allow alternative procedures and requirements for filing proofs of claim or allowing or proving claims; providing construction; prohibiting a receivership court from waiving certain filing requirements; authorizing a receiver to petition the receivership court to set certain deadlines; requiring a receiver to provide notice of filing a certain petition to certain claimants; amending s. 631.192, F.S.; prohibiting specified claims; amending s. 631.271, F.S.; adding and revising claims to a list that establishes the priority of distribution of claims from an insurer's estate; specifying when interest on claims accrue and the interest rate calculation; amending s. 631.391, F.S.; specifying that certain persons in relation to an insurer who must cooperate with the department or office in certain proceedings or investigations include present or former roles; defining the term "person"; amending s. 631.395, F.S.; requiring an order of liquidation to authorize the release of certain claims files, records, documents, or claims, rather than only copies of the claims files, records, documents, or claims; amending s. 631.397, F.S.; authorizing the department as receiver to apply to the court for approval of a specified proposal, rather than requiring the department to make such application within a specified timeframe; deleting a specified notice requirement of the department; deleting a provision authorizing the court to take action on the application under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 732**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physician assistants; amending s. 458.347, F.S.; requiring that a physician assistant license renewal include the submission of a physician assistant survey; requiring the Department of Health to create a physician assistant survey that includes specified information; revising requirements of appointees to the Council on Physician Assistants; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 734**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction liens; amending s. 713.132, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the recording of a notice of termination of an improvement to real property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Mayfield and Steube—

**SB 736**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to international financial institutions; amending s. 655.005, F.S.; redefining the term “financial institution” to include international trust entities and limited service affiliates; amending s. 655.059, F.S.; specifying conditions under which confidential books and records of international trust entities may be disclosed to their home-country supervisors; revising conditions for such disclosure for international banking corporations; redefining the term “home-country supervisor”; requiring books and records pertaining to trust accounts to be kept confidential by financial institutions and their directors, officers, and employees; providing an exception; providing construction; creating s. 663.001, F.S.; providing legislative intent; amending s. 663.01, F.S.; redefining terms; deleting the definition of the term “international trust company representative office”; amending s. 663.02, F.S.; revising applicability of the financial institutions codes as to international banking corporations; amending s. 663.021, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 663.04, F.S.; deleting international trust companies from requirements for carrying on financial institution business; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; authorizing the Office of Financial Regulation to permit certain entities that would otherwise be prohibited from carrying on financial institution business to remain open and in operation under certain circumstances; amending s. 663.05, F.S.; providing for an abbreviated application procedure for certain entities established by an international banking corporation; specifying that the Financial Services Commission, rather than the office, prescribes a certain application form; requiring the commission to adopt rules for a time limitation for an application decision after a specified date; revising conditions for the office to issue an international banking corporation license; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 663.055, F.S.; revising capital requirements for international banking corporations; amending s. 663.06, F.S.; making technical changes; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; creating s. 663.0601, F.S.; providing an after-the-fact licensure process in the event of the acquisition, merger, or consolidation of international banking corporations; specifying conditions for such license; amending s. 663.061, F.S.; providing additional permissible activities for international bank agencies; amending s. 663.062, F.S.; providing additional permissible activities for certain international representative offices; amending s. 663.063, F.S.; providing additional permissible activities for international administrative offices; amending s. 663.064, F.S.; requiring the commission to adopt rules relating to permissible deposits of international branches; providing additional permissible activities for international branches; amending s. 663.09, F.S.; revising requirements for the maintenance of books and records of international banking corporations; authorizing the office to require international banking corporations to translate certain documents into English at the expense of the international banking corporations; amending s. 663.11, F.S.; authorizing the office to permit certain entities that would otherwise be prohibited from continuing business to remain open and in operation under certain circumstances; making technical and conforming changes; amending s. 663.12, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 663.17, F.S.; making technical changes; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating part III of ch. 663, F.S., entitled “International Trust Company Representative Offices”; creating s. 663.4001, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 663.401, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 663.402, F.S.; providing applicability of the financial institutions codes as to international trust entities; creating s. 663.403, F.S.; providing applicability of the Florida Business Corporation Act as to international trust entities; creating s. 663.404, F.S.; specifying requirements for an international trust entity or certain related entities to conduct financial institution business; authorizing the office to permit an international trust company representative office that would otherwise be prohibited from continuing business to remain open and in operation under certain circumstances; creating s. 663.405, F.S.; providing that an international trust company representative office is not required to produce certain books and records under certain circumstances; providing applicability; creating s. 663.406, F.S.; providing requirements for applications for an international trust entity license; requiring the office to disallow certain financial resources from capitalization requirements; requiring the international trust entity to submit to the office a certain certificate;

providing an abbreviated application process for certain international trust entities to establish international trust company representative offices; specifying parameters and requirements for the office in determining whether to approve or disapprove an application; requiring the commission to adopt by rule general principles regarding the adequacy of supervision of an international trust entity’s foreign establishments rules; creating s. 663.407, F.S.; providing capital requirements for an international trust entity; requiring the commission to adopt rules; creating s. 663.408, F.S.; providing permissible activities under and requirements and limitations for international trust entity licenses; providing procedures, conditions, and requirements for the suspension, revocation, or surrender of an international trust entity license; creating s. 663.4081, F.S.; providing for an after-the-fact licensure process in the event of the acquisition, merger, or consolidation of international trust entities; specifying conditions for such licensure; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 663.0625; adding prohibited activities of representatives and employees of an international trust company representative office; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 663.410, F.S.; requiring international trust entities to certify to the office the amount of their capital accounts at specified intervals; providing construction; creating s. 663.411, F.S.; specifying reporting and recordkeeping requirements for international trust entities; providing penalties; authorizing the office to require an international trust entity to translate certain documents into English at the international trust entity’s expense; creating s. 663.412, F.S.; prohibiting an international trust entity from conducting business under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to permit the international trust entity to remain open and in operation under certain circumstances; requiring an international trust entity or its surviving officers and directors to deliver specified documents to the office; providing construction; creating s. 663.413, F.S.; specifying application and examination fees for international trust company representative offices; creating s. 663.414, F.S.; authorizing the commission to adopt certain rules; providing an exemption from statement of estimated regulatory costs requirements; creating s. 663.415, F.S.; requiring international trust company representative offices that are under examination to reimburse domestic or foreign travel expenses of the office; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating part IV of ch. 663, F.S., entitled “Limited Service Affiliates of International Trust Entities”; creating s. 663.530, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 663.531, F.S.; specifying permissible and impermissible activities of a limited service affiliate; requiring specified notices to be posted on an international trust entity’s or limited service affiliate’s website; authorizing enforcement actions by the office; providing construction; creating s. 663.532, F.S.; specifying registration notice requirements and a fee for limited service affiliates; providing requirements and procedures for additional information requested by the office; providing summary suspension requirements and procedures; specifying grounds for denying a registration; providing that registrations are not transferable or assignable; providing for deposit of fees into a specified trust fund; requiring the commission to adopt rules; requiring certain persons or entities to be registered as limited service affiliates by a specified date; creating s. 663.533, F.S.; providing applicability of the financial institutions codes as to limited service affiliates; providing construction; creating s. 663.534, F.S.; requiring a registrant to report changes of certain information to the office within a specified timeframe; creating s. 663.535, F.S.; requiring a specified notice to customers in marketing documents, advertisements, and displays at the limited service affiliate’s location or at certain events; creating s. 663.536, F.S.; specifying recordkeeping requirements relating to certain events that a registered limited service affiliate participates in; creating s. 663.537, F.S.; authorizing the office to conduct examinations or investigations of limited service affiliates for certain purposes; specifying a minimum interval of examinations to assess compliance; authorizing the office to examine a person or entity submitting a notice of registration for certain purposes; requiring limited service affiliates to pay specified costs of examination within a specified time; defining the terms “costs” and “actual cost”; providing penalties; specifying the trust fund where examination fees must be deposited; requiring the commission to adopt rules; creating s. 663.538, F.S.; providing requirements and procedures relating to the suspension, revocation, or voluntary surrender of a limited service affiliate’s registration; providing a penalty; authorizing the office to conduct examinations under certain circumstances; prohibiting the office from denying a request to terminate operations except under certain circumstances; providing construction; creating s. 663.539, F.S.; requiring a limited service affiliate to renew its registration biennially; specifying the renewal fee and the trust fund where such fee must be

deposited; specifying requirements for the renewal registration; re-enacting s. 663.16(4), F.S., relating to definitions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 663.01, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Mayfield and Steube—

**SB 738**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating ss. 663.416 and 663.540, F.S.; defining terms; providing exemptions from public records requirements for certain information held by the Office of Financial Regulation relating to international trust company representative offices or limited service affiliates, respectively, and relating to affiliated international trust entities; authorizing the disclosure of the information by the office to specified persons; providing construction; providing criminal penalties; providing future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity; amending s. 655.057, F.S.; providing that certain exemptions from public records requirements for information relating to investigations; reports of examinations, operations, or condition, including working papers; and certain materials supplied by governmental agencies are exempt from s. 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution, as a result of the expansion of such exemptions to include the records of international trust entities and limited service affiliates, as made by SB \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 Regular Session; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 740**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospital districts; defining the term “hospital district”; prohibiting hospital districts from levying property tax without the consent of electors residing within the hospital district; requiring decennial reauthorization of the taxing authority of certain hospital districts; requiring tax revenues generated to fund indigent care for residents of the district to be distributed to hospitals within the district based on a certain funding formula adopted by the district; terminating the taxing authority of a hospital district by a specified date if a referendum is not approved by a majority vote of the electors; authorizing a governing board to maintain a hospital district without taxing authority or dissolve the hospital district if a referendum is not approved by a majority vote of the electors; providing for allocation of hospital district assets and liabilities if the hospital district is dissolved; authorizing the termination of the taxing authority of a hospital district to be delayed for a specified period under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the creation, expansion, or combination of certain hospital districts; requiring a county to obtain and publish an independent appraisal of certain public hospitals’ assets and a certain independent economic analysis; providing requirements for such analysis; providing a referendum requirement for a property tax levy contingent upon government-subsidized health care funding; providing applicability; requiring tax revenues generated to fund indigent care for residents of the district to be distributed to hospitals within the district based on a certain funding formula adopted by the district; specifying that taxes generated in a hospital taxing district be paid to the district rather than a community redevelopment area; prohibiting a hospital district from establishing certain health care facilities unless a majority of voting electors residing within the hospital district approve it by referendum, subject to certain requirements; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Latvala, Rouson, and Young—

**SB 742**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing discrimination; amending s. 760.07, F.S.; removing housing discrimination as a cause of action for certain relief and damages stemming from violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; amending s. 760.22, F.S.; de-

fining the terms “gender identity” and “sexual orientation”; amending ss. 760.23, 760.24, 760.25, 760.26, and 760.29, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; amending s. 760.34, F.S.; removing certain conditions for an aggrieved person to commence a civil action for a discriminatory housing practice under the Fair Housing Act; providing steps that an aggrieved person is not required to take before commencing a civil action; making technical changes; amending s. 760.35, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, an aggrieved person to commence a civil action; specifying circumstances under which an aggrieved person is authorized to commence, and prohibited from commencing, a civil action; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 744**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community associations; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; revising reporting and record requirements; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; authorizing an association to adopt rules for posting certain notices on a website; revising provisions relating to required condominium and cooperative association bylaws; revising provisions relating to evidence of condominium and cooperative association compliance with the applicable fire and life safety code; revising unit and common elements required to be retrofitted; revising provisions relating to an association vote to forego retrofitting; providing applicability; amending s. 718.707, F.S.; revising the time period for classification as bulk assignee or bulk buyer; amending s. 719.104, F.S.; revising recordkeeping requirements; amending s. 719.1055, F.S.; revising provisions relating to required condominium and cooperative association bylaws; revising provisions relating to evidence of condominium and cooperative association compliance with the applicable fire and life safety code; revising unit and common elements required to be retrofitted; revising provisions relating to an association vote to forego retrofitting; providing applicability; amending s. 719.106, F.S.; prohibiting a board member from voting via e-mail; specifying notice requirements when regular or special assessments against unit owners are to be considered at a meeting; authorizing an association to adopt rules for posting certain notices on a website; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; prohibiting a board member from voting via e-mail; specifying reserve account amounts for maintenance expenses or replacement costs; revising requirements for the reserve account; authorizing a developer to waive the reserves or reduce funding of reserves under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; revising certain financial report requirements; deleting provisions specifying when an association is deemed to have provided for reserve accounts; revising the formula to determine funding for specified reserve accounts; requiring reserve funds and interest accruing to remain in the reserve accounts and limiting the expenditures for which such funds may be used under certain circumstances; specifying the voting interests that are eligible to vote to waive or reduce funding of reserves; providing voting requirements to waive or reduce funding of reserves; revising requirements for pooled accounts; providing requirements if a board adopts assessments against parcel owners under certain circumstances; providing a limit on assessments under certain circumstances; providing an exemption to certain requirements; amending s. 720.306, F.S.; providing elections requirements; amending s. 720.3085, F.S.; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 746**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trauma care; amending s. 395.40, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to legislative findings and intent; deleting the definition of the term “inclusive trauma center”; requiring the Department of Health to designate trauma centers, publish a statewide trauma plan, establish and maintain a statewide trauma registry, solicit input from stakeholders and experts, and foster the provision of trauma care; amending s. 395.4001, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; deleting the definition of the term “provisional trauma center”; amending s. 395.401, F.S.; requiring a trauma agency to submit a trauma agency plan to the department; revising the required components of a trauma agency plan; prohibiting

the establishment of more than one trauma agency in any county; amending s. 395.4015, F.S.; requiring the department to coordinate the development of a statewide trauma system plan and to update it in every odd-numbered year by a specified date; repealing s. 395.402, F.S., relating to trauma service areas and number and location of trauma centers; amending s. 395.4025, F.S.; revising guidelines for the designation of a hospital as a trauma center by the department; deleting provision granting immunity for out-of-state experts acting as agents of the department; requiring hospitals designated as trauma centers to accept all trauma victims requiring care; prohibiting an undesignated hospital from holding itself out as a trauma center; prohibiting information supplied by a hospital to a national trauma center accreditation body from being withheld from the department; providing a penalty; extending rulemaking authority to the department; amending s. 395.403, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 395.4036, F.S.; deleting a provision clarifying legislative intent; amending s. 395.404, F.S.; expanding the public records exemption to include emergency medical service transport and treatment records of trauma alert victims; amending s. 395.4045, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the air transportation of trauma victims; amending s. 395.405, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 395.50, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the admission of patient records into evidence in any civil or administrative action brought by or involving the department; amending ss. 320.0801, 408.036, and 409.975, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 748**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Court Educational Council; amending s. 25.384, F.S.; specifying that the Court Education Trust Fund shall be administered by the Florida Court Educational Council; providing requirements for a certain comprehensive plan that provides for related education costs for judicial training programs; deleting a provision requiring the council to provide an annual report; amending s. 25.385, F.S.; specifying the membership, voting procedures, and duties of the council; specifying the location of the council headquarters; requiring the council to submit an annual report; providing for nonseverability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Latvala and Lee—

**SB 750**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to franchises; creating s. 686.101, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 686.102, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; providing construction; creating s. 686.103, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 686.104, F.S.; prohibiting a franchisor from terminating a franchise under certain circumstances; providing limitations on what constitutes good cause; providing that immediate notice of termination of a franchise for specified reasons under certain circumstances is reasonable; creating s. 686.105, F.S.; providing that a franchise is deemed to be continuing under certain circumstances; prohibiting a franchisor from refusing to renew a franchise unless specified criteria have been met; authorizing a franchisor to require a franchisee to meet specified requirements; authorizing a franchisee to file an action or to request arbitration under certain circumstances; requiring a franchise and other related agreements to continue in effect under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.106, F.S.; prohibiting a franchisor from denying certain persons the opportunity to participate in the ownership of a franchise for a specified period after the death of the franchisee or the person controlling a majority interest; requiring specified persons to meet certain requirements or to sell, transfer, or assign the franchise after the death of the franchisee or the person controlling a majority interest; authorizing a franchisee to sell, transfer, or assign a franchise, specified assets, or an interest in the franchise under certain circumstances; prohibiting a franchisor from preventing a franchisee from selling or transferring a franchise, assets of the franchise business, or an interest in the franchise under certain circumstances; requiring the franchisor to make available and to apply specified requirements for the approval of new or renewing franchises,

under certain circumstances; requiring a franchisee to notify a franchisor of certain intent; providing notice requirements; providing application requirements for the proposed purchaser, transferee, or assignee of a franchise, certain assets, or an interest in the franchisee, under certain circumstances; requiring a franchisor to notify a franchisee of the approval status of a proposed sale, assignment, or transfer within a specified timeframe; providing notice requirements; requiring that a franchisor's decision in a claim against a franchisor be a question of fact; providing that a summary judgment is not prohibited under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions do not prohibit a franchisor from exercising a contractual right of first refusal under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.107, F.S.; providing that a franchisee must have the opportunity to monetize certain equity from the franchise business under certain circumstances; requiring the repurchase by a franchisor of certain inventory, supplies, equipment, good will, and furnishings upon termination, nonrenewal, or expiration of a franchise subject to certain requirements; providing exceptions; authorizing a franchisor to offset money owed to a franchisee for the repurchase of certain items with money owed by the franchisee to the franchisor; providing applicability; providing that a franchisor is civilly liable for failing or refusing to repurchase certain inventory, supplies, equipment, good will, and furnishings under specified requirements upon termination, nonrenewal, or expiration of a franchise; creating s. 686.108, F.S.; requiring the repurchase by a franchisor of certain inventory, supplies, equipment, good will, and furnishings upon the death or incapacity of a franchisee or person controlling a majority interest under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing applicability; creating s. 686.109, F.S.; requiring a franchisor to indemnify a franchisee under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.111, F.S.; requiring a franchisor or subfranchisor and a franchisee to deal with each other in good faith; providing that it is a violation of certain provisions for a franchisor to act arbitrarily, capriciously, in bad faith, or unconscionably under specified circumstances; providing that it is a violation of certain provisions for a franchisor and subfranchisor to restrict or inhibit specified rights of franchisees; prohibiting a franchisor from intentionally misrepresenting or failing to disclose specified information; providing that certain violations constitute a misdemeanor of the second degree; providing penalties; providing that a person may be awarded certain damages, attorney fees, and other costs under specified circumstances; providing that certain actions are deemed unfair and deceptive; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs by itself or jointly with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to sue a franchisor on behalf of certain persons for specified violations; creating s. 686.112, F.S.; providing that a contract or franchise agreement is void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.113, F.S.; providing notice requirements for the termination, renewal, or expiration of a franchise; creating s. 686.114, F.S.; providing that provisions in a franchise agreement which restrict venue or choice of law are void under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.115, F.S.; providing that the rights of a franchisor and franchisee to agree to binding arbitration are not limited under certain circumstances; creating s. 686.116, F.S.; providing remedies for a franchisee or an aggrieved or injured person under certain circumstances; authorizing punitive damages under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs or the state attorney to bring an action for injunctive relief or other civil relief under certain circumstances; clarifying that specified remedies are in addition to existing remedies; creating s. 686.117, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 817.416, F.S.; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 752**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financing of fixed-guideway public transit projects; amending s. 341.051, F.S.; revising the amount of funding the Department of Transportation may provide for certain phases of fixed-guideway projects not approved for federal funding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 754**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trauma-informed services for children; amending s. 394.495, F.S.; prohibiting a child who has suffered sexual exploitation from being placed in a generic shelter setting when safe-harbor or trauma-informed housing is not available; requiring the Department of Children and Families to assemble a team of specified experts to determine the safest placement for the child; providing criteria for placement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 756**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rent and repossession; amending s. 83.60, F.S.; requiring a court to conduct a trial within a specified time for certain actions involving repossession of a dwelling unit; authorizing the court to order a tenant to pay certain rent into the registry of the court during pendency of a proceeding if the tenant requests a continuance of a certain duration or a jury trial; requiring the court to schedule the case for immediate trial if such payment is not made; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 758**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; revising the timeframe for a candidate to pay a qualifying fee under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Rodriguez, Flores, and Garcia—

**SCR 760**—A concurrent resolution requesting the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith in the National Statuary Hall with a statue of Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

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

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 762**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child protection; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; prohibiting a time-sharing plan from requiring visitation at a recovery residence between specified hours; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; authorizing a certified recovery residence to allow a minor child to visit a recovery residence, excluding visits during specified hours; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 764**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax exemptions for first responders and surviving spouses; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; specifying the information to be included in an application for certain tax exemptions; amending s. 196.081, F.S.; deleting an exemption from ad valorem taxation for surviving spouses of first responders who have died in the line of duty; deleting definitions; 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; requiring the use of a physician's certification under certain circumstances; providing penalties for certain acts of

giving false information; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules until a specified date; specifying procedures for receiving a tax exemption for 2017; specifying procedures for denials of tax exemptions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 766**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payment card offenses; amending s. 817.625, F.S.; revising definitions; revising terminology; prohibiting the possession of a scanning device with intent to defraud; providing criminal penalties; specifying prima facie evidence of intent to defraud; reenacting ss. 525.07(10)(c) and 921.0022(3)(d), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “scanning device” and level 4 of the offense severity ranking chart, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 817.625, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 768**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an annual sales tax holiday for veterans of the United States Armed Forces; creating an annual sales tax holiday for veterans; specifying items that are eligible for the sales tax holiday; defining the term “veteran” for purposes of the sales tax holiday; specifying tax treatment of layaways, exchanges, and Internet sales; specifying reporting requirements of retailers; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 770**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

**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.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 774**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative apportionment and congressional redistricting; creating s. 11.31, F.S.; creating an independent commission on legislative apportionment and congressional redistricting; providing the purpose, duties, and membership of the commission; requiring the Legislature to annually appropriate funds to the commission for employing professional staff and otherwise supporting the commission; requiring the commission's office to be located in Orange County; requiring the commission to conduct public hearings, and to receive information from residents of the state through specified means; requiring the commission to transmit certain plans to the Legislature for consideration; providing that commission members



and employees are subject to public records, public meetings, and specified financial disclosure requirements; prohibiting persons not serving on or employed by the commission from influencing or attempting to influence commission members and employees other than through prescribed processes; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Baxley—

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

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 778**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an ad valorem tax exemption for historic condominiums and cooperatives; amending s. 196.1961, F.S.; expanding an ad valorem tax exemption for certain historic property to include historic condominiums and cooperatives; providing an exception from the criterion that property under the exemption be regularly open to the public; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**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 “state agency” to include charter schools and the Florida Virtual School for the purpose of extending adoption benefits to qualifying adoptive employees of such schools; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 782**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; removing a requirement that a student participating in an interscholastic sport pass a competency test on personal fitness to satisfy the physical education credit requirement for high school graduation; conforming a provision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Gainer—

**SB 784**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 316.302, F.S.; revising

provisions relating to federal regulations to which owners and drivers of commercial motor vehicles are subject; terminating the maximum amount of a civil penalty for falsification of information on certain time records; deleting the requirement that a motor carrier must maintain documentation of a driver’s driving times throughout a duty period if the driver is not released from duty within a specified period; providing an exemption for a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle having a declared gross vehicle weight, gross vehicle weight rating, or gross combined weight rating of less than a specified amount under certain circumstances; amending s. 316.3025, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “apportionable vehicle”; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing for future repeal of issuance of a certain annual license plate and cab card to a vehicle that has an apportioned registration; providing requirements, beginning on a specified date, for license plates, cab cards, and validation stickers for vehicles registered in accordance with the International Registration Plan; allowing a worn or damaged license plate to be replaced at no charge under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.0607, F.S.; providing an exemption, beginning on a specified date, of a certain fee for vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan; amending s. 320.133, F.S.; defining the term “transporter license plate eligible business”; providing that a person is not eligible to purchase or renew a transporter license plate unless he or she provides certain proof that his or her business is a transporter license plate eligible business; providing application and insurance requirements for qualification as a transporter license plate eligible business; authorizing the department to issue a transporter license plate to an applicant who is not a licensed dealer and is qualified as a transporter license plate eligible business upon certain requirements being met; providing that a transporter license plate is only valid for use on an unregistered motor vehicle in the possession of the transporter, subject to certain requirements; providing a criminal penalty for a person who sells or unlawfully possesses, distributes, or brokers a transporter license plate to be attached to any vehicle; providing that transporter license plates are subject to cancellation by the department; providing a criminal penalty and disqualification from transporter license plate usage for a person who knowingly and willfully sells or unlawfully possesses, distributes, or brokers a transporter license plate to avoid registering a vehicle requiring registration, subject to certain requirements; providing recordkeeping requirements for a transporter license plate eligible business; providing a criminal penalty, cancellation of transporter license plates, and disqualification from future issuance of the plates for a violation of such recordkeeping requirements; requiring a transporter license plate issued under this section to be accompanied by registration and proof of insurance when attached to a motor vehicle; providing a criminal penalty and removal of the license plate for a person who fails to provide such documentation; providing an exemption to persons who contract with dealers and auctions to transport motor vehicles; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing that an initial registration or renewal issued under this section is valid for a specified period; requiring a license plate attached to a motor vehicle in violation of specified provision to be removed by law enforcement and surrendered to the department by the law enforcement agency for cancellation; amending s. 321.25, F.S.; providing for reimbursement to the department of tuition and other course expenses for certain training under certain circumstances; defining the term “other course expenses”; authorizing the department to institute a civil action under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to waive a person’s requirement of reimbursement when the person terminates employment due to hardship or extenuating circumstances; amending s. 322.091, F.S.; requiring the department to make available, upon request, a report to each school district of certain information of each student whose driving privileges have been suspended under this section; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; requiring the tax collector to retain specified fees if a subsequent knowledge or skills test is administered by the tax collector; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; providing for replacement of a stolen identification card at no charge, subject to certain requirements; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; deleting a fee for certain specialty driver licenses or identification cards; providing disposition of specified fees for reinstatement of a driver license following a suspension, revocation, or disqualification when the reinstatement is processed by the department or the tax collector; requiring an applicant who submits an application for a renewal or replacement driver license or identification card to the department using a convenience service to be provided with an option for expedited shipping, subject to certain requirements; requiring a fee to be charged for the expedited shipping option, subject to certain requirements;

providing for disposition of such fee; amending s. 322.61, F.S.; adding violations for texting or using a handheld mobile telephone while driving a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to specified provisions which result in disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a specified period under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Bean, Steube, and Hutson—

**SB 786**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to federal immigration enforcement; providing a short title; creating ch. 908, F.S., relating to federal immigration enforcement; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; prohibiting sanctuary policies; requiring state entities, local governmental entities, and law enforcement agencies to comply with and support the enforcement of federal immigration law; providing applicability; prohibiting restrictions by such entities and agencies on taking certain actions with respect to information regarding a person's immigration status; providing applicability; providing requirements concerning certain criminal defendants subject to immigration detainers or otherwise subject to transfer to federal custody; authorizing a law enforcement agency to transport an unauthorized alien under certain circumstances; providing an exception to reporting requirements for crime victims or witnesses; requiring recordkeeping relating to crime victim and witness cooperation in certain investigations; specifying duties concerning certain arrested persons; specifying duties concerning immigration detainers; authorizing a board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance to recover costs for complying with an immigration detainer; providing that a person detained pursuant to an immigration detainer is not liable for detention expenses if the immigration detainer is found to be improperly issued; authorizing local governmental entities and law enforcement agencies to petition the Federal Government for reimbursement of certain costs; requiring report of violations; providing penalties for failure to report a violation; providing whistle-blower protections for persons who report violations; providing implementation; requiring the Attorney General to prescribe the format for submitting complaints; providing construction; providing responsibilities and authority of state attorneys for investigations of such complaints; providing report requirements; providing requirements for entities to comply with document requests from state attorneys concerning violations; providing investigation of possible violations; providing injunctive relief and penalties; requiring written findings; prohibiting the expenditure of public funds for specified purposes; providing a cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death attributed to a sanctuary policy; prohibiting a cause of action from being brought against certain persons; providing that a trial by jury is a matter of right; requiring written findings under certain circumstances; requiring the court to send a copy of the final judgment to the Governor; providing penalties; providing construction; providing that state entities, local governmental entities, and law enforcement agencies that have a sanctuary policy are ineligible for certain funding; providing notification requirements; providing exceptions; providing applicability to certain education records; prohibiting discrimination on specified grounds; providing implementation; requiring repeal of existing sanctuary policies within a specified period; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Criminal Justice.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 788**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marketing practices for substance abuse services; amending s. 16.56, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Statewide Prosecution in the Department of Legal Affairs to investigate and prosecute patient brokering offenses; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; revising the requirements for the referral of patients to, and the acceptance of referrals from, a recovery residence; specifying that certain referrals are not prohibited; providing applicability; clarifying that such referrals are not required; amending s. 397.501, F.S.; providing that an application for the disclosure of an individual's records may be filed as part of an active criminal investigation; author-

izing a court to approve an application for the disclosure of an individual's substance abuse treatment records without providing express notice of the application to the individual or identified parties with an interest in the records if the application is filed as part of an active criminal investigation; providing that upon implementation of the order granting such application, the individual and identified parties with an interest in the records must be afforded an opportunity to seek revocation or amendment of that order; creating s. 397.55, F.S.; providing legislative findings; prohibiting service providers, operators of recovery residences, and certain third parties from engaging in specified marketing practices; requiring a person or entity to obtain a license from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation before attempting to generate referrals or leads for the placement of patients with a service provider or in a recovery residence; requiring such person or entity to maintain an office in the state as a condition of the license; providing penalties; creating s. 817.0345, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making specified false or misleading statements or providing specified false or misleading information under certain circumstances; providing penalties; amending s. 817.505, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful for a person to offer or pay, or solicit or receive, benefits under certain circumstances; providing fines and penalties; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "racketeering activity"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Regulated Industries; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 790**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probation and community control; amending s. 948.001, F.S.; redefining terms and deleting a definition; amending s. 948.01, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting a private entity from providing probationary or supervision services to misdemeanor offenders under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Corrections to revise and make available to the courts, rather than develop and disseminate to the courts, uniform order of supervision forms; amending s. 948.012, F.S.; adding the addiction-recovery supervision program as an exception to the immediate commencement of the period of probation upon the release of the defendant; amending s. 948.013, F.S.; revising the list of offenses that make an offender ineligible for placement on administrative probation; amending s. 948.03, F.S.; authorizing the court to require a probationer or offender to report to, to permit visits by, to submit to random testing as directed by, probation officers, rather than probation and parole supervisors or correctional probation officers; removing the option of incarceration in specified locations if a court withholds adjudication of guilt or imposes incarceration as a condition of probation; amending s. 948.031, F.S.; replacing the term "public service" with the term "community service"; amending s. 948.035, F.S.; removing a probation program drug punishment treatment community facility from the list of residential treatment or incarceration facilities that an offender must be restricted to under certain circumstances; requiring a qualified practitioner to provide, rather than a court to obtain, an assessment and recommendation on the treatment needs of an offender entering a treatment facility; amending s. 948.037, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, a court to require an offender to make a good faith effort toward completion of certain skills or a specific diploma as a condition of community control, probation, or probation following incarceration; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; replacing the term "parole or probation supervisor" with the term "probation officer"; specifying that the probationary period is tolled after the issuance of a violation of probation or community control warrant, rather than an arrest warrant; authorizing a chief judge to direct the department to use a notice to appear for technical violations; amending s. 948.09, F.S.; expanding the types of supervision under which an offender must pay for the cost of supervision; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the factors under which the department may exempt an offender from payments; requiring the certification of student status to be supplied to the offender's probation officer, rather than to the Secretary of Corrections; deleting duties of the secretary; deleting provisions authorizing the department to provide monthly payments to court-approved entities that provide supervision or rehabilitation for offenders under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to contract terms with, and a monthly report from, certain entities; amending s. 948.10, F.S.; requiring a community control program to focus on the provision of home confinement with limitations, rather than sanctions and con-

sequences, commensurate with the crime committed; specifying and revising who the target population is for the community control program; revising departmental requirements for the operation of the program and caseloads; making technical changes; specifying the types of facilities used for the community control program; deleting an annual reporting requirement of the department to the Governor and the Legislature which includes certain information; amending s. 948.101, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 948.11, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the department to electronically monitor offenders sentenced to community control under certain circumstances; conforming terminology to changes made by the act; amending s. 948.15, F.S.; revising the required terms of the contract for a private entity providing services for the supervision of misdemeanor probationers; repealing s. 948.50, F.S., relating to a short title; reenacting s. 921.187(1)(n), F.S., relating to disposition and sentencing, alternatives, and restitution, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.013, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 947.1405(7)(b), F.S., relating to the conditional release program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.09, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 947.1747 and 948.01(3), F.S., relating to community control as a special condition of parole and when a court may place a defendant on probation or into community control, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.10, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 792**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting all aircraft sales or leases, rather than the sales or leases of certain aircraft, from the sales and use tax; defining the term “aircraft”; deleting the definition of the term “common carrier” to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 794**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle service agreement companies; amending s. 634.041, F.S.; revising qualifications for a motor vehicle service agreement company to obtain and maintain a license; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 796**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising charter school contract and funding requirements; creating s. 1002.333, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing certain entities to apply for designation as a High-Impact Charter Management Organization; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing criteria for an initial and renewal designation; providing that the charter school may receive charter school capital outlay; authorizing certain administrative fees to be waived under certain conditions; requiring the Department of Education to give priority to certain charter schools applying for specified grants; amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; revising the standards that a charter school must meet to be eligible for a funding allocation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 798**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public information of school districts; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising the duties of a district school board to include the administration of public information

programs; amending s. 1006.25, F.S.; providing for district school board policies that authorize advertisements on school buses; providing minimum requirements for the advertisements; requiring a school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances; amending s. 1010.08, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to use public funds for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Broxson and Mayfield—

**SB 800**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medication synchronization; creating s. 627.64196, F.S., and amending s. 641.31, F.S.; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts, respectively, from denying coverage for partial supplies of medication dispensed by network pharmacies; requiring such policies and contracts to authorize and apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to certain prescriptions under certain circumstances; requiring such policies and contracts to allow network pharmacies to override denial codes under certain circumstances; prohibiting such policies and contracts from using payment structures incorporating prorated dispensing fees; providing requirements for dispensing fees for partially filled or refilled prescriptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 802**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulated professions and occupations; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; deleting a requirement that yacht and ship brokers maintain a separate license for each branch office and related fees; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; deleting a definition; repealing s. 447.04, F.S., relating to business agents, licenses, and permits; repealing s. 447.041, F.S., relating to hearings; repealing s. 447.045, F.S., relating to certain confidential information; repealing s. 447.06, F.S., relating to the required registration of labor organizations; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting prohibitions against specified actions; repealing s. 447.12, F.S., relating to registration fees; repealing s. 447.16, F.S., relating to the applicability of ch. 447, F.S.; amending s. 468.381, F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent; amending s. 468.382, F.S.; deleting definitions; repealing s. 468.384, F.S., relating to the Florida Board of Auctioneers; repealing s. 468.385, F.S., relating to required licenses, qualifications, and examination to practice auctioneering; repealing s. 468.3851, F.S., relating to license renewals for auctioneers; repealing s. 468.3852, F.S., relating to reactivation of license and fees; repealing s. 468.3855, F.S., relating to apprenticeship training requirements; repealing s. 468.386, F.S., relating to fees and local licensing requirements; repealing s. 468.387, F.S., relating to licensing of nonresidents, endorsement, and reciprocity; amending s. 468.388, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 468.389, F.S.; providing for a civil cause of action, rather than disciplinary proceedings, for certain prohibited acts; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 468.391, F.S.; conforming cross-references; repealing s. 468.392, F.S., relating to the Auctioneer Recovery Fund; repealing s. 468.393, F.S., relating to a license fee surcharge and assessments; repealing s. 468.394, F.S., relating to credited interest and payment of expenses; repealing s. 468.395, F.S., relating to conditions of recovery and eligibility; repealing s. 468.396, F.S., relating to claims against a single licensee in excess of dollar limitation, joinder of claims, payment, and insufficient funds; repealing s. 468.397, F.S., relating to payment of claims; repealing s. 468.398, F.S., relating to suspension of a judgment debtor’s license, repayment by the licensee, and interest; repealing s. 468.399, F.S., relating to the expenditure of excess funds; amending s. 468.401, F.S.; deleting the definitions of the terms “department,” “license,” and “licensee”; repealing s. 468.402, F.S., relating to the duties of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; repealing s. 468.403, F.S., relating to licensure and application requirements for owners and operators of talent agencies; repealing s. 468.404, F.S., relating to fees and renewal of talent agency licenses; repealing s. 468.405, F.S., relating to qualification for talent agency licenses; amending s. 468.406, F.S.; deleting the requirement for talent agencies to file with the department an itemized schedule of certain fees and an amended or

supplemental schedule under certain circumstances; repealing s. 468.407, F.S., relating to license contents and posting; amending s. 468.408, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a talent agency file a bond for each talent agency license; deleting a departmental requirement to approve talent agency bonds; requiring that a bonding company notify the talent agency, rather than the department, of certain claims; amending s. 468.409, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring talent agencies to make specified records readily available for inspection by the department; amending s. 468.410, F.S.; deleting a reference to the department in talent agency contracts; amending s. 468.412, F.S.; revising the information that talent agencies are required to enter on records; revising the requirements for talent agencies to post certain laws and rules; revising the information required in talent agency publications; amending s. 468.413, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to criminal violations for failing to obtain or maintain licensure with the department; deleting provisions authorizing the court to suspend or revoke a license; deleting a provision authorizing the department to impose a \$5,000 fine under certain circumstances; repealing s. 468.414, F.S., relating to collection and deposit of fines, fees, and penalties by the department; amending s. 468.415, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing the department to permanently revoke a license; amending s. 469.006, F.S.; requiring an individual applicant to apply for licensure in the name of the business organization that he or she proposes to operate under; requiring that a license be in the name of a qualifying agent rather than the name of a business organization; requiring the qualifying agent, rather than the business organization, to report certain changes in information; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 469.009, F.S.; deleting the authority of the department to reprimand, censure, or impose probation on certain business organizations; amending s. 476.034, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by examination for barbers; providing requirements for licensure by examination to practice restricted barbering; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 476.144, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "specialty"; repealing s. 477.0132, F.S., relating to hair braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping registration; amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; exempting from certain licensure and registration requirements persons whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping; amending s. 477.019, F.S.; deleting an exemption from certain continuing education requirements for persons whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing requirements for registration as a specialist in nail specialty practices, facial specialty practices, and full specialty practices; amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; defining the term "business organization"; deleting the definition of the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; revising the process by which a business organization obtains the requisite license to perform architectural services; requiring that a licensee or an applicant apply to qualify a business organization under certain circumstances; specifying application requirements; authorizing the Board of Architecture and Interior Design to deny an application under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent be a registered architect or a registered interior designer under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent notify the department when she or he ceases to be affiliated with a business organization; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a certain registered architect or interior designer to temporarily serve as the business organization's qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the qualifying agent to give written notice to the department before engaging in practice under her or his own name or in affiliation with another business organization; requiring the board to certify an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.221, F.S.; requiring a business organization to include the license number of a certain registered architect or interior designer in any advertising; providing an exception; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.229, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reordering and amending s. 481.303, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 481.321, F.S.; revising provisions that require persons to display certificate numbers under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 481.311, 481.317, and 481.319, F.S.; conforming provisions to

changes made by the act; amending s. 481.329, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 492.111, F.S.; revising requirements for the practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology; deleting a requirement that a firm, corporation, or partnership be issued a specified certificate of authorization; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 492.104, 492.113, and 492.115, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 548.017, F.S.; revising the persons required to be licensed by the State Boxing Commission; amending s. 548.003, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 804**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic health records; amending s. 765.101, F.S.; redefining the terms "health care decision" and "incapacity" or "incompetent"; creating s. 765.114, F.S.; authorizing a person to donate his or her electronic health records, subject to certain requirements; authorizing electronic health records and qualified electronic health records to be donated to specified entities for specified purposes; providing a form for a uniform donor card; requiring electronic health records and qualified electronic health records donated by a health care surrogate to be de-identified; authorizing a donor to amend the terms or revoke an electronic health records donation in specified manners; creating s. 765.1141, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop and implement a program that encourages and authorizes persons to donate electronic health records and qualified electronic health records as part of a process of issuing and renewing identification cards and driver licenses; requiring specified information to be included in the donor registration card distributed by the department; requiring the agency and the department to develop and implement a program to identify donors through notations on identification cards and driver licenses; requiring the agency to provide certain supplies and forms, and the department to provide a recordkeeping system; prohibiting the department and agency from incurring liability in connection with the performance of certain acts; requiring the department to maintain a link on its website referring visitors to an electronic health records repository under certain circumstances; requiring rulemaking; amending s. 765.203, F.S.; revising the suggested form for designation of a health care surrogate to expand health care decision authority of the health care surrogate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 806**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Committee on Early Grade Success; creating the Committee on Early Grade Success within the Department of Education; specifying committee purpose; requiring the committee to develop a proposal for specified purposes; providing proposal requirements; providing for membership of the committee; providing requirements for electing a committee chair and vice chair; providing committee meeting requirements; requiring the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to provide necessary staff for the committee; requiring the committee to submit a report by a specified date; providing for the expiration of the committee; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 808**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to maximum class size; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to compliance with maximum class size requirements for certain public schools of choice; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising requirements for charter school compliance with maximum class size requirements; amending s. 1002.451, F.S.; revising requirements for district innovation school of

technology compliance with maximum class size requirements; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; calculating a school district's class size categorical allocation reduction at the school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; providing an exemption from the reduction of a school district's class size categorical allocation for specified fiscal years; requiring an updated plan for compliance with class size requirements from certain districts for a specified fiscal year; amending s. 1011.6202, F.S.; revising requirements for compliance with maximum class size requirements for a school participating in the Principal Autonomy Pilot Project Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Stewart and Campbell—

**SB 810**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with disabilities in public schools; amending s. 1003.573, F.S., relating to the use, prevention, and reduction of restraint and seclusion on students with disabilities; providing definitions; providing a legislative finding; providing requirements for the use of physical restraint; prohibiting the use of physical restraint by school personnel who are not certified to use district-approved methods for applying restraint techniques; prohibiting specified physical restraint techniques; providing requirements for the use of seclusion and time-out; providing requirements for training and certification in the use of physical restraint and seclusion; providing for student-centered followup; providing requirements for documenting, reporting, and monitoring the use of physical restraint and seclusion; revising school district policies and procedures relating to physical restraint and seclusion; amending s. 1012.582, F.S.; requiring continuing education and inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 812**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance policy transfers; amending s. 627.4133, F.S.; authorizing an insurer to transfer a personal lines residential or commercial residential property insurance policy to another authorized insurer upon expiration of the policy term if specified conditions are met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Broxson—

**SB 814**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association; amending s. 631.713, F.S.; revising applicability of the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act as to specified annuity contracts; amending s. 631.717, F.S.; revising the association's maximum aggregate liability for the contractual obligations of an insolvent insurer with respect to one life; specifying the association's maximum liability as to certain health insurance policies; amending s. 631.718, F.S.; revising the maximum limit of a certain annual assessment levied on member insurers by the association's board of directors; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 816**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes; defining terms; providing legislative findings; directing the South Florida Water Management District to take control of discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee and take a leadership role in the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike; directing the district to request that the United States Army Corps of Engineers revise a study and summary and to

rehabilitate, repair, improve, and strengthen the Herbert Hoover Dike; specifying a deadline for implementation; requiring the district to ensure that the release of lake water is executed only as part of a specified schedule; requiring the district to set a goal of increasing lake storage up to a specified amount to reduce certain discharges; providing an extension; requiring the district to take all steps necessary to accomplish specified dike improvements under certain circumstances; directing the district to request the Corps of Engineers to jointly develop a general reevaluation report for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) with the purpose of increasing storage in the authorized Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir on A-1 and A-2 lands; clarifying that the development of this report does not preclude the implementation of approved CERP project components; specifying that implementation of the plan developed in the report is subject to congressional authorization and adherence with all other state and federal CERP project procedures; specifying that the state does not waive sovereign immunity for torts relating to the dike or project; providing that moneys expended for specified purposes by the district or another state agency in excess of state financial obligations are an interest-free loan or advance to the Federal Government; requiring the district to seek recovery of such moneys; authorizing certain costs to be funded using Florida Forever bond proceeds under certain circumstances; providing legislative findings; specifying how such bond proceeds must be deposited; specifying how recovered funds are to be used; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 818**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to timeshares; amending s. 721.05, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "interestholder" to clarify that the term does not include certain parties to a certain timeshare plan; amending s. 721.08, F.S.; clarifying current law; providing that certain instruments are not an encumbrance as they relate to certain vacation and timeshare plans; amending s. 721.125, F.S.; revising requirements for the termination of a timeshare plan; providing that the termination of a timeshare plan does not change the corporate status of an owners' association under certain circumstances; providing that the owners' association continues to exist until certain affairs are concluded; requiring the board of administration of the owners' association to serve as the termination trustee after termination of a timeshare plan; providing powers of the termination trustee; specifying that certain expenses incurred by the termination trustee must be borne by the tenants of a former timeshare property; requiring the termination trustee to adopt certain procedures to implement the partition or sale of a former timeshare property; requiring a voting representative to be designated under certain circumstances; specifying the voting rights of the voting representative; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 725.1255, F.S.; providing legislative findings; specifying the percentage of votes required to extend the term of a timeshare plan under certain circumstances; specifying what constitutes a quorum under certain circumstances; specifying that a meeting to extend a timeshare plan may be held at any time; authorizing an owners' association to determine if a person or entity holding a voting interest is ineligible to vote, subject to certain requirements; specifying the maximum duration of validity of a proxy; providing that a proxy for a vote is revocable unless otherwise stated; specifying requirements for certain extension votes to be effective; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 820**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of the rental of commercial real property; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing an exemption from the tax for property with a total annual rental payment under a specified limit; defining the terms "total annual rental payment" and "affiliated group"; providing construction; providing an exception to the exemption; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 822**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to intrusion and burglar alarms; amending s. 489.529, F.S.; providing an exclusion from the requirement for a verification call prior to alarm dispatch for specified premises; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 824**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; creating s. 1003.481, F.S.; creating the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program within the Department of Education for a specified period; providing for school district eligibility; providing comprehensive music education program requirements; providing for school district selection, funding, and program payments; requiring selected school districts to annually provide a specified certification to the Commissioner of Education; requiring a selected school district to return funds under certain circumstances; requiring the University of Florida's College of Education to perform an evaluation; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing for expiration of the pilot program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 826**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical records; amending s. 395.3025, F.S.; revising costs that licensed facilities may include in their charge for patient records and reports; authorizing a flat fee for the furnishing of electronic medical records; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; revising who may charge for reproducing a patient's records and who may receive the patient's records for certain costs; authorizing a flat fee for the furnishing of electronic medical records; removing the authority of boards and departments to specify the cost of patient medical records; amending ss. 316.1932, 316.1933, 395.4025, and 440.185, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Powell and Campbell—

**SB 828**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement body cameras; amending s. 943.1718, F.S.; requiring that law enforcement agencies with officers who engage in routine traffic stops require officers engaging in such stops to wear and use body cameras on or before a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 830**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mortgage brokering; amending s. 494.00115, F.S.; providing an exemption from regulation under parts I and II of ch. 494, F.S., for certain securities dealers, investment advisers, and associated persons; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Young—

**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 the authority to regulate the ownership or 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 this act does not limit local government authority 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, subject to certain requirements; providing construction; 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; 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.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Rules.

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By Senator Powell—

**SB 834**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.135, F.S.; authorizing a defendant to move a sentencing court to depart from the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years and from the mandatory fine for a drug trafficking violation involving a certain quantity of a specified controlled substance; authorizing the state attorney to file an objection to the motion; authorizing the sentencing court to grant the motion if the court finds that the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that specified criteria are met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 836**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preference in hiring veterans; providing a short title; amending s. 295.188, F.S.; authorizing a corporate income tax credit for private employers hiring certain veterans or spouses of veterans; providing a limitation; requiring the Department of Revenue to adopt certain rules and establish certain requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 838**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on commercial real property; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing certain exemptions from the tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property; providing for the future repeal of s. 212.031, F.S., relating to the imposition of a tax on the rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property; amending ss. 212.0598, 212.0602, 288.1258, 338.234, and 341.840, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 840**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the prescription drug monitoring program; amending s. 893.055, F.S.; revising requirements

for reporting the dispensing of controlled substances; limiting an exception to reporting requirements for certain facilities dispensing controlled substances; specifying when a revised reporting requirement takes effect; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senators Artilles and Galvano—

**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; prohibiting state funds provided to the authority under this section from being considered state financial assistance subject to specified provisions; 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.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Simmons and Baxley—

**SB 844**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal offenses involving tombs and memorials; amending s. 872.02, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; making technical changes; prohibiting the excavation, exposing, movement, removal, or other disturbance of the contents of a tomb or memorial; providing criminal penalties; providing exceptions to the prohibition against disturbance of the contents of a tomb or memorial for cemeteries that are exempt from certain regulation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Powell—

**SB 846**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the internship tax credit program; creating s. 220.198, F.S.; providing a short title; providing definitions; authorizing a corporate income tax credit of up to a specified amount for a degree-seeking student hired by a qualified business after a completed internship by the degree-seeking student; providing eligibility criteria; limiting the amount of the tax credit a qualified business may claim; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules governing applications and establish qualification requirements; authorizing a business to carry forward the tax credit for a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 848**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to suspension of civil rights; amending s. 944.292, F.S.; revising provisions related to the suspension of civil rights to apply to persons convicted of certain felonies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 850**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public housing authority insurance; amending s. 624.46226, F.S.; authorizing a certain legal entity in which a public housing authority holds an ownership interest or participates in its governance to form a specified self-insurance fund with other such entities or public housing authorities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Garcia, Benacquisto, Flores, and Campbell—

**SB 852**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; amending s. 39.524, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families or a sheriff's office to conduct a multidisciplinary staffing on child victims of commercial sexual exploitation to determine the child's service and placement needs; revising the date by which the department or sheriff's office must submit a report to the Legislature on child commercial sexual exploitation and safe-harbor placements; revising the contents of the report, including recommendations by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability study on commercial sexual exploitation of children; requiring the department to maintain certain data on the child victims; amending s. 92.565, F.S.; adding commercial sexual activity as a crime in which the defendant's admission is admissible during trial; amending s. 409.016, F.S.; defining the term "commercial sexual exploitation"; amending s. 409.1678, F.S.; deleting the term "sexually exploited child"; removing an obsolete date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 409.1754, F.S.; requiring the department or sheriff's office to conduct multidisciplinary staffings for child victims; requiring a service plan for all victims of child commercial sexual exploitation; requiring the department or sheriff's office to follow up on all victims of child commercial sexual exploitation within a specified timeframe; amending s. 907.041, F.S.; adding human trafficking to the list of crimes requiring pretrial detention of the defendant; reenacting s. 790.065(2)(c), F.S., relating to the sale and delivery of firearms to incorporate the amendment made to s. 907.041, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 854**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a task force on affordable housing; creating a task force on affordable housing; directing the task force to be assigned to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for administrative purposes; directing the task force to convene no later than a specified date; providing membership requirements; directing the corporation to provide administrative and staff support services to the task force; requiring members of the task force to serve without compensation; providing members certain entitlements to reimbursement, subject to certain requirements; directing the task force to develop recommendations for the state's affordable housing needs, subject to certain requirements; directing the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; terminating the task force by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Broxson—

**SB 856**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1012.335, F.S.; prohibiting a district school board from awarding an annual contract for instructional personnel under certain circumstances; prohibiting a district school board from altering or limiting its authority to award or not award an annual contract; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 858**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to search warrants; amending s. 933.02, F.S.; expanding the grounds for issuance of a search warrant to include blood if it constitutes evidence relevant to proving that misdemeanor driving under the influence has been committed; providing that specified rights or privileges do not preclude the issuance of a search warrant for blood in a driving under the influence case which is considered an additional method to secure evidence subsequent to various other methods; authorizing the issuance of a search warrant for blood in a misdemeanor driving under the influence case only after a condition has been met; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 860**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building code administrators and inspectors; amending s. 468.603, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 468.609, F.S.; creating an internship path to certification as an inspector or plans examiner; specifying requirements for the internship periods; requiring the board to authorize specified candidates for certification as building code inspectors or plans examiners to perform duties during a specified period after initial application, to apply for a 1-year provisional certificate under certain circumstances, and to apply for standard certification within a certain time before completing the internship period; deleting being newly hired or promoted as a condition for eligibility to qualify for a provisional certificate; requiring rulemaking; requiring the board to develop a form to transfer internship periods completed in other jurisdictions under certain circumstances; requiring the board to develop an electronic application for standard certification for certain persons; authorizing persons to seek additional certifications if they meet certain requirements; conforming cross-references; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “private provider”; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 471.045 and 481.222, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 862**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 97.0585, F.S., and reenacting subsection (3), relating to a public records exemption for information regarding voters and voter registration; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are minors; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 864**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; requiring that requests to inspect or copy records in the custody of a law enforcement agency be made to a certain individual; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 497.140, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; amending ss. 627.311 and 627.351, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Baxley—

**SJR 866**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector

votes required to approve an amendment or a revision to the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 and 2/3 percent.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 868**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educational options and services; amending s. 413.011, F.S.; providing that a participant in an adult or youth work experience activity in the Division of Blind Services is considered an employee of the state for workers’ compensation coverage; creating s. 413.209, F.S.; providing that a participant in an adult or youth work experience activity in vocational rehabilitation programs is considered an employee of the state for workers’ compensation coverage; amending ss. 1002.37 and 1002.45, F.S.; revising student eligibility requirements for the Florida Virtual School and virtual instruction programs; repealing s. 1002.455, F.S., relating to student eligibility for K-12 virtual instruction; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; specifying diploma designation and work experience options available for a student with a disability; amending s. 1003.52, F.S.; revising the type of programs and participants served in Department of Juvenile Justice education programs; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; revising the membership of the Higher Education Coordinating Council; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; requiring an institution that seeks initial approval after a specified date to offer a graduate-level teacher preparation program to offer students certain options; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring Advanced International Certificate of Education Program and International General Certificate of Secondary Education Program courses that a student may receive credit for to be specified in the statewide articulation agreement; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; specifying that career dual enrollment is an option for students to earn career certificates leading to industry certifications; expanding the rulemaking authority of the State Board of Education; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to approve a statewide dual enrollment articulation agreement for the Florida Virtual School; amending ss. 1002.33, 1003.498, and 1011.62, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 870**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Internet access; providing a short title; creating s. 847.0143, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting covered businesses from manufacturing, distributing, or selling certain devices unless the devices contain an active and operating filter that blocks Internet access to specified types of sexually oriented material, prostitution, assignation, lewdness, and human trafficking; providing for injunctive relief for violations; providing requirements for a consumer to have such filter deactivated; requiring a filter deactivation fee and providing for the collection and distribution thereof; prohibiting the distribution or sale of certain devices without filters to minors and adults; providing criminal penalties; providing for jurisdiction to prosecute violations; providing for continuing duties of covered businesses; requiring covered businesses to respond to reports of obscene material that has breached the filter; providing for civil penalties for violations; providing for attorney fees and costs; requiring covered businesses to unblock nonobscene material; providing for declaratory relief; exempting certain websites from filtering; amending s. 16.56, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Statewide Prosecution to prosecute violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 872**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer finance loans; creating s. 516.40, F.S.; establishing the Access to Responsible Credit Pilot Program within the Office of Financial Regulation; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 516.41, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 516.42, F.S.; prohibiting a person from certain activities relating to program loans unless the person obtains a pilot



program license from the office; providing criteria for participation in the pilot program; specifying application requirements and fees; providing for construction; specifying a renewal fee; requiring that branch offices of a program licensee be licensed; specifying requirements and a fee for applications for a program branch office license; specifying a branch office renewal fee; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; creating s. 516.43, F.S.; providing requirements and limitations for program loans; authorizing certain documents to be provided in the language in which the loan was negotiated; requiring a program licensee to provide specified disclosures; authorizing a program licensee to contract for and receive a specified nonrefundable origination fee from a borrower on a program loan; authorizing a program licensee to collect specified insufficient funds fees and delinquency charges; requiring a program licensee to provide specified credit education to a borrower before disbursing program loan proceeds; requiring a program licensee to report borrowers' payment performance to at least one specified consumer reporting agency and provide borrowers with the names of such agencies; prohibiting the office from approving a person for the program before the person is accepted as a data furnisher by a consumer reporting agency; requiring a program licensee to underwrite each program loan; prohibiting a program licensee from making a program loan under certain circumstances; providing required and authorized procedures for a program licensee to determine a borrower's ability and willingness to repay the program loan; prohibiting a program licensee from requiring certain waivers from a borrower or from certain acts against a borrower who refuses certain waivers; providing requirements for authorized waivers; providing for applicability and construction; creating s. 516.44, F.S.; requiring arrangements between a program licensee and a referral partner to be specified in a written agreement; providing requirements for such agreement; specifying authorized services for referral partners; providing requirements for a referral partner who accepts loan payments from a borrower; providing for construction; prohibiting specified activities by a referral partner; requiring a referral partner to provide a specified notice to an applicant for a program loan and certain assistance to the applicant under certain circumstances; specifying requirements, limitations, and prohibitions for the compensation of a referral partner by a program licensee; requiring a program licensee to provide a specified notice to the office after entering into a contract with a referral partner; requiring a referral partner to provide written notice to the program licensee of certain information within a specified time; specifying the program licensee's responsibility for acts of its referral partner; requiring a program licensee to pay a specified fee to the office to file a referral partner notice; requiring rulemaking by the commission; creating s. 516.45, F.S.; requiring the office to examine program licensees at specified intervals beginning on a specified date; providing an exception; requiring program licensees to pay the cost of examinations; authorizing the office to maintain an action for recovery of the cost; authorizing a method to determine the cost of examinations; limiting the scope of investigations into program licensees or referral partners; providing that a program licensee is subject to certain disciplinary action for certain violations; authorizing the office to take certain disciplinary actions; requiring rulemaking by the commission; creating s. 516.46, F.S.; requiring a program licensee to file a specified annual report with the office beginning on a certain date; requiring the office to post a report to its website summarizing the use of the program by a certain date; specifying information to be contained in the office's report; providing for conditional future repeal of the program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Young—

**SB 874**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nutrient pollution from onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; specifying an appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to reduce nutrient pollution by offsetting or partially offsetting property owner costs incurred to retrofit certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, to connect certain properties to central sewer systems, and for certain muck dredging and stormwater improvements; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make certain grants; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; defining "onsite sewage treatment and disposal system"; requiring the department, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage

treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions; specifying parameters for selecting priority focus areas for remediation; specifying the parameters for developing and adopting a remediation plan; specifying requirements for the installation, repair, modification, or upgrade of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Young—

**SB 876**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to programs for impaired health care practitioners; amending s. 456.076, F.S.; revising provisions related to impaired practitioner programs; providing definitions; deleting a requirement that the Department of Health designate approved programs by rule; deleting a requirement authorizing the department to adopt by rule the manner in which consultants work with the department in intervention, in evaluating and treating professionals, in providing and monitoring continued care of impaired professionals, and in expelling professionals from the program; authorizing, instead of requiring, the department to retain one or more consultants to operate its impaired practitioner program; requiring the department to establish the terms and conditions of the program by contract; providing contract terms; requiring consultants to establish the terms of monitoring impaired practitioners; authorizing consultants to consider the recommendations of certain persons in establishing the terms of monitoring; authorizing consultants to modify monitoring terms to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; requiring consultants to assist the department and licensure boards on matters relating to impaired practitioners; requiring the department to refer practitioners to consultants under certain circumstances; authorizing consultants to withhold certain information about self-reporting participants from the department under certain circumstances to encourage self-reporting; requiring consultants to disclose all information relating to practitioners who are terminated from the program for material non-compliance; providing that all information obtained by a consultant retains its confidential or exempt status; providing that consultants, and certain agents of consultants, may not be held liable financially or have a cause of action for damages brought against them for disclosing certain information or for any other act or omission relating to the program; authorizing consultants to contract with a school or program to provide services to certain students; amending s. 401.411, F.S.; providing that an impaired practitioner may be reported to a consultant rather than the department under certain circumstances; amending s. 455.227, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 456.072, 457.109, 458.331, 459.015, 460.413, 461.013, 462.14, 463.016, and 464.018, F.S.; providing that an impaired practitioner may be reported to a consultant rather than the department under certain circumstances; amending s. 464.204, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 465.016, 466.028, 467.203, 468.217, and 468.3101, F.S.; providing that an impaired practitioner may be reported to a consultant rather than the department under certain circumstances; amending s. 474.221, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 483.825, F.S.; providing that certain persons may be reported to a consultant rather than the department under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 878**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Supreme Court reporting requirements; creating s. 25.052, F.S.; requiring the Supreme Court to issue an annual report regarding certain cases; specifying data to be included in such report; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 880**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to government accountability; amending s. 11.40, F.S.; specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; amending s. 11.45, F.S.; defining the terms "abuse," "fraud," and "waste"; revising definitions; removing a cross-reference; authorizing the Auditor General to conduct audits of tourist development councils and county tourism promotion agencies; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Auditor General; amending s. 43.16, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; amending ss. 129.03, 129.06, and 166.241, F.S.; requiring counties and municipalities to maintain certain budget documents on the entities' websites for a specified period; amending s. 215.86, F.S.; revising the purposes for which management systems and internal controls must be established and maintained by each state agency and the judicial branch; amending s. 215.97, F.S.; revising certain audit threshold requirements; amending s. 215.985, F.S.; revising the requirements for a monthly financial statement provided by a water management district; amending s. 218.32, F.S.; revising the requirements of the annual financial audit report of a local governmental entity; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to request additional information from a local governmental entity; requiring a local governmental entity to respond to such requests within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of noncompliance; amending s. 218.33, F.S.; requiring local governmental entities to establish and maintain internal controls to achieve specified purposes; amending s. 218.39, F.S.; requiring an audited entity to respond to audit recommendations under specified circumstances; amending s. 286.0114, F.S.; prohibiting a board or commission from requiring an advance copy of testimony or comments from a member of the public as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring water management districts to maintain certain budget documents on the districts' websites for a specified period; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; authorizing additional internal audits as directed by the district school board; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of the governing board of a charter school to include the establishment and maintenance of internal controls; amending s. 1010.01, F.S.; requiring each school district, Florida College System institution, and state university to establish and maintain certain internal controls; amending s. 1010.30, F.S.; requiring a district school board, Florida College System institution board of trustees, or university board of trustees to respond to audit recommendations under certain circumstances; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SJR 882**—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Sections 3 and 4 of Article IV and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Secretary of State and his or her inclusion as a member of the Cabinet.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 884**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sharks; creating s. 379.2426, F.S.; prohibiting the possession, sale, offer for sale, trade, or distribution of shark fins or shark tails; providing definitions; providing an exemption for certain licensees or permit holders under specified circumstances; requiring any shark fin or shark tail seized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to be destroyed; providing penalties; authorizing the commission to adopt rules to administer the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 886**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 397.6815, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for involuntary assessment and stabilization, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding substance abuse impaired persons; providing exceptions authorizing the release of such petitions, orders, records, and identifying information to certain persons and entities; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 888**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prescription drug price transparency; amending s. 408.062, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to collect data on the retail prices charged by pharmacies for the 300 most frequently prescribed medicines; requiring the agency to update its website monthly; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 890**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review of the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation; repealing s. 413.615(14), F.S., which provides for future review and repeal of provisions governing the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation; abrogating the scheduled repeal; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 892**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to youthful offenders; amending s. 958.04, F.S.; revising the criteria allowing a court to sentence as a youthful offender a person who is found guilty of, or who pled nolo contendere or guilty to, committing a felony before the person turned 21 years of age; reenacting ss. 958.03(5), 958.045(8)(a), and 985.565(4)(c), F.S., relating to the definition of "youthful offender," the youthful offender basic training program, and classification as a youth offender, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 958.04, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 894**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to arrest warrants for state prisoners; creating s. 948.33, F.S.; authorizing a prisoner in a state prison who has an unserved violation of probation or an unserved violation of community control warrant to file a notice of unserved warrant in the circuit court where the warrant was issued; requiring the prisoner to serve notice on the state attorney; requiring the state attorney to schedule a status hearing within a certain time after receiving notice; specifying procedures and requirements for the status hearing; providing for prosecution of the violation; requiring the court to send the order to the county sheriff; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

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

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Simmons and Artiles—

**SB 898**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil remedies for terrorism; creating s. 772.13, F.S.; creating a cause of action relating to terrorism; specifying a measure of damages; prohibiting claims by specified individuals; providing for attorney fees and court costs; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 900**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state group insurance program; amending s. 110.123, F.S.; revising applicability of certain definitions; defining the term “plan year”; authorizing the program to include additional benefits; authorizing an employee to use a specified portion of the state’s contribution to purchase additional program benefits and supplemental benefits under certain circumstances; providing for the program to offer health plans in specified benefit levels; requiring the Department of Management Services to develop a plan for implementation of the benefit levels; providing reporting requirements; providing for expiration of the implementation plan; creating s. 110.12303, F.S.; authorizing additional benefits to be included in the program; requiring the department to contract with at least one entity that provides comprehensive pricing and inclusive services for surgery and other medical procedures; providing contract and reporting requirements; requiring the department to contract with an entity to provide enrollees with online information on health care services and providers; providing contract and reporting requirements; creating s. 110.12304, F.S.; directing the department to contract with an independent benefits consultant; providing qualifications and duties of the independent benefits consultant; providing reporting requirements; providing that the department shall determine and recommend premiums for enrollees for the 2018 plan year; providing requirements for the determination of premiums; requiring the department to submit premium rates to the Legislative Budget Commission by a specified date for review and approval; requiring premium rates to be consistent with the total budgeted amount for the program in the General Appropriations Act for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; providing an appropriation and authorizing positions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 902**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Gardiner Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.385, F.S.; redefining the terms “disability” and “IEP”; revising program eligibility requirements; prohibiting a student who is enrolled in the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind from being eligible for the program; authorizing a parent to select certain additional specialized services; revising the date upon which certain private schools must submit a required report; specifying that certain actions of the private school are a basis for program ineligibility; revising funding calculation requirements; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SJR 904**—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 17 of Article III and Section 7 of Article IV and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to authorize the House of Representatives to impeach state attorneys and public defenders for misdemeanors in office and subject them to trial by the Senate, if impeached; preserve the Governor’s existing authority to suspend state attorneys and public defenders from office; and to provide that state attorneys and public defenders who hold office on or after the amendment’s effective date are subject to impeachment.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 906**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student assessments; requiring that the Commissioner of Education periodically publish on the Department of Education’s website any assessment administered or adopted during the previous school year; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 908**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 311.12, F.S.; authorizing persons holding licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms to carry concealed weapons or firearms in secure and restricted areas of seaports; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; deleting restrictions on places where persons holding licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms may carry such weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; authorizing persons holding licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms to carry concealed weapons or firearms at school-sponsored events or on school property; amending s. 790.145, F.S.; authorizing persons holding licenses to carry concealed firearms to carry concealed firearms in pharmacies; amending s. 790.251, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senators Baxley and Mayfield—

**SJR 910**—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 8 of Article I and Section 5 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to exempt law enforcement officers from the 3-day waiting period for handgun purchases under state law and under any county ordinance requiring a waiting period for handgun purchases.

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

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By Senators Baxley and Mayfield—

**SB 912**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to exceptions to requirements for the purchase and sale of firearms; amending s. 790.0655, F.S.; exempting certain qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers from the 3-day waiting period for purchasing a handgun; creating s. 790.0656, F.S.; exempting concealed weapon or concealed firearm licensees and certain current and retired law enforcement officers from certain county criminal history and waiting period requirements when purchasing a firearm; providing a contingent effective date.

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

By Senator Baxley—

**SB 914**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public meetings; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; defining terms; specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 916**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the statewide Medicaid managed care program; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; deleting the fee-for-service option as a basis for the reimbursement of Medicaid provider service networks; amending s. 409.964, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 409.966, F.S.; requiring that a required databook consist of data that is consistent with actuarial rate-setting practices and standards; revising the designation and county makeup of regions of the state for purposes of procuring health plans that may participate in the Medicaid program; adding a factor that the Agency for Health Care Administration must consider in the selection of eligible plans; deleting a requirement related to fee-for-service provider service networks; amending s. 409.968, F.S.; requiring provider service networks to be prepaid plans; deleting a fee-for-service option for Medicaid reimbursement for provider service networks; amending s. 409.971, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 409.974, F.S.; revising the number of eligible Medicaid health care plans the agency must procure for certain regions in the state; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 409.978, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 409.981, F.S.; revising the number of eligible Medicaid health care plans the agency must procure for certain regions in the state; deleting a requirement that the agency consider a specific factor relating to the selection of managed medical assistance plans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 918**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving under the influence; amending s. 316.1939, F.S.; providing penalties for a first-time refusal of a chemical or physical test of a person's breath, blood, or urine; providing that a subsequent refusal by a person who has previously had a license suspension for a prior refusal is a misdemeanor of the first degree; requiring the court to impose certain mandatory ignition interlock devices on the vehicles of convicted persons for a specified time under certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from suspending, deferring, or withholding adjudication of guilt or the imposition of a sentence or penalty for a specified offense; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SCR 920**—A concurrent resolution acknowledging the grave injustice perpetrated against Charles Greenlee, Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd, and Ernest Thomas, who came to be known as the "Groveland Four," exonerating the four men, offering a formal and heartfelt apology to these victims of racial hatred and to their families; and urging the Governor and Cabinet to pardon Walter Irvin and Charles Greenlee.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 922**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance adjusters; amending s. 624.501, F.S.; deleting a fee for an original or renewal license for an adjusting firm; amending s. 626.015, F.S.; redefining the term "adjuster"; amending s. 626.022, F.S.; revising applicability of the Licensing Procedures Law to include adjusting firms; amending s. 626.112, F.S.; prohibiting certain entities from acting as insurance adjusting firms without specified licenses; providing an exemption; providing construction; specifying that an unlicensed firm is subject to a certain administrative penalty; deleting a requirement for the Department of Financial Services to automatically convert a certain registration to an insurance agency license as of a certain date; amending s. 626.854, F.S.; redefining the term "public adjuster"; deleting a certain prohibited act of a public adjuster; deleting a provision specifying the method for an insured or claimant to provide certain notice to an insurer; redefining the term "written advertisement"; providing construction relating to a certain limitation on public adjuster compensation; revising a prohibition against certain entities relating to a contract or power of attorney that vests certain authority in a property insurance claim; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 626.8541, F.S., relating to public adjuster apprentices; amending s. 626.8548, F.S.; redefining the term "all-lines adjuster"; creating s. 626.8561, F.S.; defining the term "public adjuster apprentice"; amending s. 626.8584, F.S.; redefining the term "nonresident all-lines adjuster"; amending s. 626.861, F.S.; revising construction; amending s. 626.864, F.S.; revising the permissible appointments of all-lines adjusters; amending s. 626.865, F.S.; revising the qualifications for licensure for public adjusters; amending s. 626.8651, F.S.; replacing public adjuster apprentice licensing provisions with public adjuster apprentice appointment provisions; specifying qualifications for such appointments; revising requirements and limitations for public adjusting firms and public adjusters that supervise public adjuster apprentices; revising certain prohibited acts and exceptions to such acts of a public adjuster apprentice; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.8695, F.S.; revising requirements for certain entities in designating primary adjusters; redefining the term "primary adjuster"; revising the accountability of a primary adjuster for persons under his or her supervision; revising a prohibition against an adjusting firm location conducting insurance business under certain circumstances; providing for construction relating to expiration of a firm license under certain circumstances; revising procedures for an adjusting firm to determine a person's current licensure status; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.8696, F.S.; revising conditions for an adjusting firm license; revising application requirements for such license; providing rulemaking authority of the department; prohibiting the department from requiring certain information on an application; providing construction; repealing s. 626.872, F.S., relating to temporary licenses; amending s. 626.874, F.S.; revising conditions for the department to issue licenses for catastrophe or emergency adjusters; amending s. 626.875, F.S.; revising the minimum time period in a records retention requirement for adjusters; amending s. 626.876, F.S.; revising certain prohibitions relating to exclusive employment of public adjusters and certain all-lines adjusters; repealing s. 626.879, F.S., relating to pools of insurance adjusters; amending s. 626.9953, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 924**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children's initiatives; amending s. 409.147, F.S.; creating the Tampa Success Zone within the City of Tampa; providing for the projects to be managed by a corporation not for profit that is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by any agency of the state; providing legislative intent; requiring the corporation 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 area included in the success zone be determined based on the corporation's ability to provide programs and services to participants; providing for implementation of the success zone; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Flores and Bradley—

**SB 926**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to K-12 student assessments; requiring the Commissioner of Education to review specified college entrance examinations to determine their alignment with the core curricular content for high school level English Language Arts and mathematics established in state standards; requiring the commissioner to submit a report on the results of such review to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education by a specified date; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising provisions relating to achievement levels for certain statewide, standardized assessments; providing requirements for administration of the statewide, standardized English Language Arts and mathematics assessments in specified grades; revising provisions relating to reporting requirements for local assessments required by school districts; providing reporting requirements for certain student assessment results; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 928**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water protection and sustainability; creating the “Heartland Headwaters Protection and Sustainability Act”; creating s. 373.462, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; exempting an entity created by a specified interlocal agreement from the requirement that the Secretary of Environmental Protection must approve the interlocal agreement; creating s. 373.463, F.S.; requiring the Polk Regional Water Cooperative to prepare an annual report concerning water resource projects within a specified area; specifying requirements for such report; requiring the inclusion of such report in the appropriate consolidated water management district annual report; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; authorizing certain entities to expend proceeds of local government infrastructure surtaxes for certain purposes; providing for annual appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 930**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to access to capital; amending s. 215.84, F.S.; redefining the term “revenue bonds”; amending s. 288.9602, F.S.; revising legislative findings; amending s. 288.9604, F.S.; expanding the authority of the Florida Development Finance Corporation to function within the corporate limits of this state as opposed to the corporate limits of an agency with which it has entered into an interlocal agreement; authorizing meetings of the directors of the corporation to be conducted through teleconference; ratifying certain actions taken by the board of directors of the Florida Development Finance Corporation on a specified date without regard to vacancies on the board; amending s. 288.9605, F.S.; deleting a requirement that interlocal agreements entered into by the corporation be executed pursuant to specified provisions of ch. 163, F.S.; authorizing the execution of documents by electronic signature; amending s. 288.9606, F.S.; increasing the maximum maturation date for specified bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness; deleting a requirement that the Florida Development Finance Corporation receive authority to issue revenue bonds from a public agency; specifying that bonds issued by the corporation are not a debt, liability, or obligation of the state or of any political subdivision thereof; providing requirements for the issuance of specified bonds; amending s. 288.9610, F.S.; revising the entities to which the corporation must submit an annual report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Thurston—

**SB 932**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a special assessment for law enforcement services; creating s. 166.225, F.S.; authorizing a municipality to levy a special assessment to fund the costs of providing law enforcement services under certain circumstances; providing a methodology for apportionment of the special assessment; providing a limitation on the amount of assessment per residential unit; providing a maximum rate for assessment increases; requiring the municipality to reduce its ad valorem millage to levy the special assessment; requiring the property appraiser to list the special assessment on the notice of proposed property taxes; specifying exceptions to the reduction of the ad valorem millage by more than a certain percentage; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules and forms; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Thurston—

**SB 934**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restoration of civil rights; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and purpose; creating s. 944.294, F.S.; defining the term “completion of sentence”; providing for automatic restoration of a former felon’s civil rights, other than the right to own, possess, or use firearms, after completion of his or her sentence of incarceration and conditions of supervision; providing conditions for and exemptions from automatic restoration; requiring a court to notify a defendant of specified information under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State to develop and implement a program to educate the public about the civil rights of people who have felony convictions; amending ss. 944.292 and 944.705, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing retroactive applicability; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 936**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regional rural development grants; amending s. 288.018, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Regional Rural Development Grants Program; revising the entities an economic development organization may assist with a grant; providing a maximum amount for grants received by specified economic development organizations; deleting a provision authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to contract for the development of certain enterprise zone web portals or websites; increasing the maximum amount the department may expend from funds appropriated to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for certain expenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Rader—

**SJR 938**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution to establish minimum salaries for full-time public school teachers.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 940**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; amending s. 163.3167, F.S.; requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; amending s. 163.3177, F.S.; requiring the comprehensive plan to include a private property rights element that sets forth principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies to achieve certain objectives; requiring counties and municipalities to adopt within a specified period land development regulations consistent with the private property

rights element; providing deadlines for each local government to adopt a private property rights element; requiring the state land planning agency to approve the private property rights element adopted by each local government if it is substantially in a specified form; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Rules.

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By Senator Thurston—

**SB 942**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0515, F.S.; specifying that certain information retained by the Criminal Justice Information Program relating to juvenile offenders is exempt from public records requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; amending s. 943.053, F.S.; deleting exceptions from an exemption from public records requirements for certain information relating to juvenile offenders; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Bean—

**SM 944**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to amend certain federal laws to remove obstacles to states exercising their authority and obligation, under state and federal law, to protect the integrity of elections by ensuring that only United States citizens are registered to vote.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Stewart—

**SB 946**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child care facilities; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “child care facility” to exclude facilities offering programs for children which are owned and operated by a county or municipal government under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Stewart—

**SB 948**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the assessment of properties affected by imported or domestic drywall; amending s. 193.1552, F.S.; extending the expiration date of provisions specifying requirements for property appraisers to adjust assessed values of certain properties that are affected by certain imported or domestic drywall; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stewart—

**SB 950**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homeowners’ associations; amending s. 720.305, F.S.; prohibiting certain fines, special assessments, and interest and late charges from being imposed against certain parcels; providing liability for attorney fees and costs; providing notice requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 952**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the resign-to-run law; amending s. 99.012, F.S.; revising the resign-to-run law to require an officer who qualifies for federal public office to resign from the office he or she presently holds if the terms, or any part thereof, run concurrently; prescribing requirements for the written resignation; providing for an automatic irrevocable resignation in the event of non-compliance; specifying that a resignation creates a vacancy in office; revising an exception to the resign-to-run law; amending s. 121.121, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Passidomo and Braynon—

**SB 954**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; deleting an obsolete date; modifying and clarifying provisions governing the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots; authorizing use of the vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit if an elector’s signature does not match the signature in the registration books or precinct register; requiring the supervisor of elections to immediately notify an elector upon receipt of a vote-by-mail ballot with a missing or mismatched signature; revising terminology; revising the cure affidavit instructions with respect to acceptable forms of identification; specifying that a Florida driver license or Florida identification card are acceptable forms of identification for purposes of curing a vote-by-mail ballot; expanding the scope of post-election signature update requests to include electors who cured a vote-by-mail ballot with a mismatched signature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 956**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to concealed weapons or concealed firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to issue a license if, in addition to other specified criteria, the applicant has undergone a mental health evaluation conducted by certain licensed professionals and has been determined to be competent; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Thurston—

**SB 958**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial institutions; amending s. 658.21, F.S.; revising an applicable timeframe of a minimum financial institution experience requirement for certain proposed directors of a bank or trust company applicant; amending ss. 658.23 and 658.30, F.S.; revising applicability of the Florida Business Corporations Act to include parts II and III of ch. 607, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 960**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement certification; amending s. 943.13, F.S.; requiring law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers to pass a job-related psychological evaluation performed by a mental health professional before initial employment or appointment; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 943.135, F.S.; requiring all officers to pass such psychological evaluation every 4 years as a condition of continued employment or appointment; amending s. 943.14, F.S.; requiring all criminal justice training schools to receive a specified national accreditation by a certain date; amending ss. 409.1757, 943.131, 943.1395, 943.1397, 943.17296, 943.173, 943.19, and 943.253, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 962**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juries for criminal cases; amending s. 913.10, F.S.; requiring 12-person jury trials for all life felony cases; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Montford, Garcia, Lee, Stewart, and Mayfield—

**SB 964**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education accountability; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring an application and charter for a high school charter school to require the administration of a specified assessment for graduation purposes; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the mathematics and social studies requirements for student promotion to high school and for certain high school credits; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the requirements for a standard high school diploma; deleting provisions requiring a student or transfer student to take a statewide, standardized Algebra II assessment or a Geometry or United States History end-of-course (EOC) assessment; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.; revising the standard high school diploma designation requirements for mathematics and social studies; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising the grades in which the statewide, standardized Reading assessment must be administered; revising the administration of the statewide, standardized Mathematics and Science assessments and the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment; deleting requirements that a student take an EOC assessment in Geometry, Algebra II, United States History, or Civics; deleting a provision authorizing the Commissioner of Education to establish a schedule for the development and administration of additional statewide, standardized EOC assessments; authorizing the Department of Education to expand languages in which statewide, standardized assessments are administered; requiring that such assessments be provided at no cost to the school districts; requiring the commissioner to provide a nonelectronic option for the administration of specified assessments; requiring the commissioner to implement contracts for the selection of nationally recognized alternate high school assessments; requiring the department to conduct a study regarding student performance on assessments; requiring specified ELA and Mathematics assessments to be held within a specified timeframe; requiring a report to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the commissioner to provide a specified analysis to each school district regarding student achievement levels and Learning Gains on each statewide, standardized assessment; requiring the department to include a summary of a specified analysis in a report to the Governor and the Legislature; creating s. 1008.223, F.S.; providing a purpose; providing responsibilities of the commissioner to select and approve a nationally recognized high school assessment to administer in lieu of the Florida Standards Assessment; authorizing school districts to select the assessment; providing requirements for the assessment; requiring the commissioner to use an invitation to negotiate to fulfill certain requirements; requiring the commissioner to require certain entities to include specified information; requiring the commissioner to consult with, and receive recommendations for alternate assessments from, specified entities; providing that the nationally recognized high school assessment satisfies the high school graduation requirements; providing responsibilities of school districts; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; requiring each district school board to include the results of a specified analysis in its annual report to parents; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; redefining the term “Learning Gains”; revising the calculation for school grades; requiring that the commissioner develop models for a specified purpose; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 1008.345, F.S.; requiring the commissioner’s report to the Legislature on education accountability to include a specified analysis; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring the department to approve the evaluation systems for instructional personnel and school administrators; revising the performance evaluation systems for instructional personnel and school administrators; requiring the board to adopt rules for the monitoring, rather than for the submission, review, and approval, of such systems; deleting provisions relating to the transition to statewide, standardized assessments; amending ss. 1002.331, 1012.341, and 1012.562, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 966**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eligibility for victim compensation awards; amending s. 960.065, F.S.; providing that certain persons adjudicated guilty of burglary are eligible for such awards under certain circumstances; making technical changes; reenacting s. 960.07(1), F.S., relating to the filing of claims for compensation, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 960.065, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 968**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 406.136, F.S.; expanding a public records exemption for photographs, videos, or audio recordings that depict or record the killing of a law enforcement officer to include the killing of any person; redefining a term; expanding restrictions on the viewing, copying, listening to, or other handling of a photograph or video or audio recording that depicts the killing of any person rather than only depicting the killing of a law enforcement officer who was acting in accordance with his or her official duties; expanding a public records exemption to include records depicting the killing of any person; providing retroactive application of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 970**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.062, F.S.; creating the Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of Human Trafficking within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 972**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; creating s. 787.061, F.S.; providing a short title; providing Legislative findings and intent; defining terms; creating a civil cause of action for minors who are victims of human trafficking; authorizing such minors to recover actual and punitive damages; authorizing the seizure and forfeiture of personal and real property used in human trafficking; providing for recovery by a prevailing victim or the Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of Human Trafficking of attorney fees, investigative expenses, court costs, economic and noneconomic damages, forfeited personal and real property, and other applicable civil penalties; requiring the court to impose specified civil penalties in certain circumstances; making personal or real property of certain persons subject to civil forfeiture upon disposition of certain leases, mortgages, or liens; requiring the Governor to appoint an administrator and a panel to evaluate and pay claims; requiring the trust fund administrator to establish guidelines and prepare and submit to the Governor an implementation plan; requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to issue an annual report on the compliance of the trust fund with its duties; requiring that applications for compensation be made available in at least English and Spanish; requiring closed hearings and the redaction or sealing of personal identifying information of the victim, upon the victim’s request; providing that there is no statute of limitation for bringing an action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 974**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public utility environmental remediation costs; creating s. 366.8256, F.S.; defining the term “county”; authorizing a municipality or a county operating under a home rule charter to file a request with the Public Service Commission for a hearing for a determination of prudence on environmental damage caused by a public utility; prohibiting the commission from conducting any hearing regarding recovery for remediation of such environmental damage until after the commission makes such determination or until the request is dismissed; requiring that pending hearings regarding recovery for remediation of such environmental damage be stayed until after the commission makes such determination or until the request is dismissed; requiring the public utility to submit a cost estimate for certain remediation expenses; requiring the commission to make a determination as to the prudence of a utility’s actions leading up to and in response to the environmental damage; prohibiting the utility from recovering expenditures to remedy the damage upon a finding that the utility did not act prudently; requiring the utility to develop a plan to remedy damages under certain circumstances; requiring the utility to specify how certain expenditures will be internalized; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Rules.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 976**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public electric utility rates; amending s. 366.06, F.S.; requiring public electric utilities to charge specified electric rates as of a certain date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Powell—

**SB 978**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits earned upon completion of a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship to satisfy specified high school graduation credit requirements; requiring that the State Board of Education approve and identify apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs for such purpose; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 980**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunging and sealing criminal history records; creating s. 943.0584, F.S.; establishing a nonjudicial expunction process within the Department of Law Enforcement for specified criminal history records; specifying the circumstances under which the department is required to approve such expunctions and under which an applicant’s records are ineligible for expunction; providing that there is no limit on the number of times that persons may obtain nonjudicial expunction for certain records; providing for the processing of such expunctions; providing that an expunction under this section has the same effect as a record expunged under s. 943.0585, F.S.; providing that any reference to any other chapter, section, or subdivision of the Florida Statutes constitutes a general reference under the doctrine of incorporation by reference; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; providing jurisdiction of the courts over expunction procedures; specifying the circumstances under which a court may order expunction; limiting the authority of the courts to expunge certain records; requiring persons seeking expunction to apply to the department for a certificate of eligibility; specifying documentation that must be submitted to the court with a petition to expunge; providing a criminal

penalty for providing false information on a required sworn statement; providing guidelines for the processing of an order to expunge; providing the effect of orders to expunge; requiring criminal justice agencies to destroy copies of records that have been expunged; specifying exceptions to the confidential and exempt status of an expunged criminal history record; specifying that a person who has been granted expunction does not commit perjury and is not liable for giving a false statement under certain circumstances; providing that any reference to any other chapter, section, or subdivision of the Florida Statutes constitutes a general reference under the doctrine of incorporation by reference; specifying that no right to expunction is created; amending s. 943.059, F.S.; establishing a nonjudicial process within the department for the sealing of specified records; requiring the department to approve the nonjudicial sealing of certain records when certain conditions are met; limiting the authority of the department to seal certain records; specifying documentation that must be submitted to the department with an application to seal; providing a criminal penalty for providing false information on a required sworn statement; specifying how the nonjudicial sealing must be processed; providing for the effect of a record that has been nonjudicially sealed; providing that any reference to any other chapter, section, or subdivision of the Florida Statutes constitutes a general reference under the doctrine of incorporation by reference; amending ss. 776.09, 790.23, 943.053, 943.0582, 948.08, 948.16, 961.06, 985.04, 985.045, and 985.345, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 982**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; 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.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Bean, Broxson, Mayfield, and Brandes—

**SB 984**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the shared use of public school playground facilities; creating s. 1013.101, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; requiring the Department of Education to provide specified assistance to school districts; providing for funding as established in the General Appropriations Act; specifying funding allocation guidelines; requiring the department to annually post information regarding specified allocations on its website and report to the Legislature; requiring the department to develop an application process for school districts; requiring funding priority to be given to high-need communities; creating the Shared Use Task Force within the department; specifying the purpose and membership of the task force; providing requirements for electing a task force chair and vice chair and conducting its meetings; requiring the department to provide the task force with necessary staff; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the task force; providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 986**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Financial Services; amending s. 17.575, F.S.; replacing, within the Division of Treasury, the Treasury Investment Committee with the Treasury Investment Council; specifying the composition and term length of members; specifying duties of the council; providing that members shall serve without additional compensation or honorarium but may receive per diem and travel expense reimbursement; amending



s. 215.422, F.S.; providing applicability of certain requirements relating to payments, warrants, and invoices to payments made in relation to certain agreements funded with federal or state assistance; reordering and amending s. 554.1021, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 554.103, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Financial Services to adopt amendments and interpretations of a specified code into the State Boiler Code; revising requirements that installers, rather than owners, must comply with before installing a boiler; authorizing the department to adopt rules; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 554.104, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to boilers of special design which is recreated in s. 554.103, F.S.; requiring certification of boiler inspectors; requiring an application for a certification examination; specifying qualifications and requirements for the certification examination; requiring the department to adopt a specified training course; providing authorized methods and requirements for the training course; requiring the chief boiler inspector to issue a certificate of competency to a person meeting certain requirements; providing procedures for renewing a certificate; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 554.105, F.S.; renaming the chief inspector as the chief boiler inspector; revising requirements for the department through the state boiler inspection program; amending s. 554.106, F.S.; renaming deputy inspectors as deputy boiler inspectors; specifying required and authorized duties of deputy boiler inspectors; amending s. 554.107, F.S.; renaming special inspectors as special boiler inspectors; revising entities that may employ special boiler inspectors; specifying required inspection intervals for special boiler inspectors; amending s. 554.108, F.S.; providing an exemption, under certain conditions, from inspection requirements; specifying duties of an owner or an owner's designee to allow an inspector to conduct inspections; specifying requirements for boiler inspections and inspection reports; providing a penalty against an insurance carrier if certain followup inspections are not conducted; revising conditions that require a boiler to be shut down; revising requirements and procedures for a boiler that must be shut down; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 554.1081, F.S.; revising requirements for boiler inspections by insurance companies and local governmental agencies; amending s. 554.109, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising boilers that are exempt from regulation under the chapter; revising requirements for certain exempt boilers and water heaters; amending s. 554.1101, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring a boiler insurance company to notify, within a specified timeframe, the chief boiler inspector under certain circumstances; requiring a certificateholder to submit a certain certificate of insurance to the chief boiler inspector under certain circumstances; amending s. 554.111, F.S.; requiring an application for a boiler permit to include a specified fee; requiring the chief boiler inspector to deposit fines into a specified trust fund; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 554.112 and 554.113, F.S., relating to examinations, and certification of inspectors and renewals, respectively; amending s. 554.114, F.S.; revising prohibited acts; providing penalties for a boiler insurance company or authorized inspection agency that fails to conduct certain inspections; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 554.115, F.S.; adding authorized disciplinary actions for the department; adding specified grounds for disciplinary action against an owner of a boiler; revising grounds for disciplinary action against a boiler inspector; deleting a provision requiring a chief inspector to report certain persons to the state attorney; deleting a provision authorizing certain administrative action by the chief inspector; deleting a provision relating to the duration of a suspended certificate of compliance; creating s. 554.1151, F.S.; authorizing the department to impose specified administrative fines in lieu of or in addition to certain disciplinary actions; authorizing procedures for payment of fines by a certificateholder; requiring a certificate to be revoked under certain circumstances; creating s. 554.116, F.S.; requiring a boiler insurance company to annually file a specified report with the chief boiler inspector; requiring the department to adopt a form by rule; amending s. 624.307, F.S.; authorizing the department to expend funds for professional development of its employees; amending s. 626.015, F.S.; defining terms; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 626.207, F.S.; defining the term "applicant"; revising a list of felonies subject to a permanent bar from licensure; revising a condition for when certain disqualifying periods begin; conforming cross-references; providing an exception from a permanent bar on or disqualifying periods for cases of executive clemency; providing construction; amending s. 626.9954, F.S.; revising a list of felonies subject to a permanent bar from licensure; revising conditions for when certain disqualifying periods begin; conforming

cross-references; providing an exception from a permanent bar on or disqualifying periods for cases of executive clemency; providing construction; amending s. 626.2815, F.S.; authorizing the department to approve a certain number of elective continuing education credits for certain insurance licensees; providing an exception from a certain continuing education requirement for such licensees; amending s. 626.611, F.S.; deleting a condition for the involvement of moral turpitude in felonies or certain crimes in relation to compulsory disciplinary actions by the department against certain entities' licenses or appointments; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 626.621, F.S.; revising grounds for the department's discretionary refusal, suspension, or revocation of the license or appointment of certain persons; amending s. 626.7845, F.S.; revising an exception to the prohibition against the unlicensed transaction of life insurance; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 626.8305, F.S.; revising an exception to the prohibition against the unlicensed transaction of health insurance; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 626.861, F.S.; authorizing certain insurer employees to adjust specified claim losses or damage; amending s. 626.9543, F.S.; removing the scheduled expiration of a requirement for insurers to permit claims from a Holocaust victim or certain related persons irrespective of certain conditions; removing the scheduled expiration of an exception from statutes of limitations or laches for certain actions brought by Holocaust victims or certain related persons; amending s. 633.516, F.S.; authorizing the Division of State Fire Marshal within the division to contract for studies of, rather than to make a continuous study of, occupational diseases of firefighters; adding persons in other fire-related fields to such studies; authorizing the division to release confidential information of an individual firefighter or a person in another fire-related field to certain parties under certain circumstances; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; providing exceptions in tort claims against a subdivision of the state from requirements that a claimant present the written claim to the department within a specified timeframe and serve process upon the department; amending ss. 288.706, 626.7315, and 627.351, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 988**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the cigarette surcharge and tax; amending ss. 210.011 and 210.02, F.S.; revising the amounts and applicability of the cigarette surcharge and tax, respectively, which are levied upon the sale, receipt, purchase, possession, consumption, handling, distribution, and use of cigarettes; defining the term "standard package of cigarettes"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; amending s. 210.04, F.S.; deleting provisions that authorize the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to authorize manufacturers to distribute specified free sample packages of cigarettes without affixing surcharge and tax stamps under certain circumstances and that provide the basis for a certain surcharge and tax; amending ss. 210.06 and 210.085, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 215.5602, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 990**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal election dates; amending s. 100.3605, F.S.; requiring municipal elections to be held on certain dates determined by the supervisor of elections or on alternative fixed dates agreed to by the supervisor of elections and all municipalities within the county; providing applicability; preempting to the state the authority to establish election dates for municipal elections; providing construction; amending s. 100.361, F.S.; requiring municipal recall elections to be held concurrently with municipal elections under certain conditions; repealing s. 101.75, F.S., relating to change of dates for cause in municipal elections; providing that the terms of incumbent elected municipal officers are extended until the next municipal election; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Thurston—

**SB 992**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Lauderhill, Broward County; providing that a city ordinance creating a neighborhood improvement district may authorize the district to borrow money, contract loans, and issue bonds, certificates, warrants, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness and may pledge the special assessment power of the district to pay such debts for the purpose of financing certain capital projects; conditioning the exercise of such power by a neighborhood improvement district on approval by the governing board of the district, city commission, and electors of the district; establishing requirements for a referendum; specifying characteristics of bonds and loans authorized by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 994**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; establishing an annual use fee for National Pan-Hellenic Council Sorority or Fraternity license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop the license plates; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Perry—

**SB 996**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative proceedings; amending s. 57.111, F.S.; revising legislative findings and purpose; defining terms; requiring an award of attorney fees and costs to be made to a prevailing party in specified administrative proceedings subject to certain requirements; requiring an administrative law judge to conduct an evidentiary hearing and issue a final order on application for such award; providing a limit on an award of attorney fees and costs; amending ss. 379.502 and 403.121, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 998**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the statute of limitations for criminal offenses against minors; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; extending the statute of limitations periods for certain kidnapping offenses involving minor victims based on the age of the victim at the time of the offense; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Campbell—

**SB 1000**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firesafety standards; amending s. 633.208, F.S.; authorizing certain buildings to have specified balcony guard openings; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

**SB 1002**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; adding ioflupane as an excepted substance to Schedule II of the standards and schedules of controlled substances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 1004**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public meetings and public records; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; exempting meetings between two members of certain boards or commissions from public meetings and public records requirements; providing restrictions on such meetings; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Baxley—

**SB 1006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the humanity of the unborn child; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; requiring the Department of Health to develop and annually update an electronic form containing certain information regarding assistance available to expectant mothers; providing requirements for such form; requiring the department to develop and distribute certain educational and informational materials; requiring the department to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations to prevent and promote awareness of elective terminations of pregnancies; requiring certain facilities providing obstetrical and birth control services to conspicuously display signs containing specified statements; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, to develop an instructional program for public school students regarding the humanity of the unborn child; authorizing district school boards to implement such instructional program; prohibiting such instructional program from including any component of human sexuality education other than the curricular content established in the state standards; prohibiting referrals of any student to a medical facility or provider offering abortion services; requiring the Department of Health to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Perry and Bradley—

**SB 1008**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 440.185, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying information of an injured or deceased employee which is contained in certain notices or reports filed with the Division of Workers' Compensation of the Department of Financial Services; authorizing the division to disclose such information under certain circumstances; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1010**—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 Dan Marino Foundation license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Dan Marino Foundation license plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1012**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to investigative and forensic services; amending s. 440.50, F.S.; deleting the Justice Administrative Commission from a list of entities whose unencumbered or undisbursed funds appropriated from the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund must be reverted to the trust fund at specified intervals; reordering and amending s. 626.9891, F.S.; requiring insurers to designate primary anti-fraud employees; requiring certain insurers to adopt an anti-fraud plan and investigate possible fraudulent insurance acts; revising requirements for information to be filed by insurers with the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services of the Department of Financial Services; revising requirements for insurer anti-fraud plans; requiring insurers to submit specified anti-fraud statistics at certain intervals; revising requirements for reports to the department by insurers writing workers' compensation insurance; providing requirements for anti-fraud training for insurer anti-fraud investigative units or contractors; providing a penalty for violations; creating s. 626.9896, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating the Insurance Fraud Dedicated Prosecutor Program; requiring the division to accept and administer appropriated moneys for a certain purpose; requiring a state attorney's office that desires a grant under the program to apply to the department; providing criteria for the department's awarding of grants; providing grant limits; requiring the department to track, monitor, and report on the use of funds by state attorney offices; requiring state attorney offices to submit certain information to the department; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 641.3915, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1014**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 626.9891, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services of the Department of Financial Services, or the department, relating to insurer anti-fraud plans, descriptions, contracts, related documents, anti-fraud statistics, and information reported by insurers writing workers' compensation insurance; 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 Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1016**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family self-sufficiency; creating s. 414.393, F.S.; requiring the department to implement an asset verification service to verify eligibility for public assistance; amending s. 445.004, F.S.; requiring CareerSource Florida, Inc., to include certain data relating to the performance outcomes of local workforce development boards and associated pilot programs in an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; requiring CareerSource Florida, Inc., to contract with a vendor to develop a pilot program to increase employment among certain persons receiving temporary cash assistance by a specified date; providing criteria for selecting a vendor; providing criteria for selecting local workforce development boards to conduct the pilot program; requiring CareerSource Florida, Inc., to submit a comprehensive report on the outcome of the pilot program to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 1018**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contaminated site cleanup; amending s. 376.30713, F.S.; revising legislative findings; providing an exception to a requirement that an applicant for advanced cleanup demonstrate an ability to pay cost share; requiring that the Department of Environmental Protection determine whether specified requirements are acceptable under certain circumstances; providing that the application for the cleanup of individual redevelopment sites is not subject to certain application period limitations and cost-share provisions; specifying the application requirements for such sites; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; increasing the amount per year the department may use for advanced cleanup work; specifying expenditure limitations; amending s. 376.3078, F.S.; authorizing the department to initiate site assessment and remediation activities under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public interest; authorizing site assessments in advance of site priority ranking under certain circumstances; specifying criteria for sites to be eligible for such assessments; specifying what must be demonstrated through such assessments; specifying criteria for the assignment of assessment tasks; specifying funding limitations; specifying the prioritization of requests; amending s. 376.86, F.S.; requiring that certain funds not pledged as loan guarantees or loan loss reserves be made available for certain voluntary tax credit authorizations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 1020**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to collective bargaining impasses; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; revising notice requirements for issues at impasse; providing an effective date.

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

By Senators Stewart and Torres—

**SB 1022**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 296.11 and 296.38, F.S.; requiring moneys received from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates to be used for certain purposes; 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; revising disposition of moneys received from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates; requiring the likeness of the Prisoner of War Medal to appear on the Ex-POW license plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

**SB 1024**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 420.6231, F.S.; creating a public records exemption for individual identifying information of a person contained in a Point-in-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System; defining the term "individual identifying information"; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; specifying that the exemption does not preclude the release of aggregate information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1026**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring students to earn one-half credit in health education, independent of the physical education credit requirements, for high school graduation; authorizing a waiver for students who request to take and successfully complete a health education assessment developed by the Department of Education; reducing the number of required credits in elective courses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thurston—

**SB 1028**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer credit; creating s. 501.0119, F.S.; defining the term “predatory lending scheme”; requiring consumer credit reporting agencies to report certain adverse credit information as neutral credit information; requiring persons, entities, and creditors to treat certain adverse credit information as neutral credit information; prohibiting creditors from denying credit to a consumer based solely upon certain adverse credit information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

**SB 1030**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screening of refugees; amending s. 187.201, F.S.; adopting a policy concerning background screening of potential refugees as a part of the State Comprehensive Plan; amending s. 216.151, F.S.; specifying duties of the Office of State-Federal Relations concerning background screening of refugees; amending s. 402.86, F.S.; specifying requirements for background screening of refugees as a condition of state participation in certain refugee resettlement or assistance programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 1032**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unfair insurance trade practices; amending s. 626.9541, F.S.; revising provisions to permit a licensed insurer or its agent to give promotional or advertising items under a certain value; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 1034**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal justice; repealing s. 843.085, F.S.; deleting a prohibition against wearing or displaying certain badges or indicia of authority of certain federal, state, county, or municipal agencies without authorization; deleting a prohibition against owning or operating a motor vehicle marked or identified with certain indicia of a criminal justice agency; deleting a prohibition against selling, transferring, or giving away an authorized badge of a criminal justice agency; deleting an exception; deleting a penalty; repealing s. 918.19, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the prosecuting attorney open the closing arguments after the closing of evidence in a criminal prosecution; deleting a provision authorizing the accused or the accused’s attorney to reply; deleting a provision authorizing the prosecuting attorney to reply in rebuttal; deleting a provision requiring

such criminal procedures method to control under certain circumstances; repealing s. 922.095, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a person convicted and sentenced to death pursue all possible collateral remedies in state court in accordance with specified rules; repealing s. 922.108, F.S.; deleting prohibitions against specifying a particular method of execution in a sentence of death and against reversing any sentence over the wording or form of the sentencing order; repealing s. 924.051, F.S.; deleting definitions of terms; deleting requirements that the terms and conditions of direct appeals and collateral review in criminal cases be strictly enforced; amending s. 925.12, F.S.; deleting provisions specifying that the Legislature intends that the Supreme Court adopt certain rules of procedure; amending s. 948.01, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the Department of Corrections, in consultation with the Office of the State Courts Administrator, develop and disseminate uniform order of supervision forms annually for the courts to use for persons placed on community supervision; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing a court to impose a sanction with a term of a certain duration upon the revocation or modification of probation or community control; amending s. 948.09, F.S.; deleting provisions authorizing the department, at its discretion, to require offenders under any form of supervision to submit to and pay for urinalysis testing; deleting a provision that makes a failure to make such payment grounds for revocation of supervision or removal from a pretrial intervention program; deleting an exemption to the payment requirement; deleting a requirement that the department establish a payment plan for all costs ordered by a court for collection by the department and a priority order for victim restitution payments over all other court-ordered payments; deleting a provision authorizing the department not to disburse cumulative amounts of less than a specified value to certain payees; amending s. 985.534, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 1036**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to permits for mangrove alteration and trimming; amending s. 403.9328, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to issue permits for mangrove alteration and trimming to the owner of certain residential property; providing conditions for issuance of such permits; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Hukill and Passidomo—

**SB 1038**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the assignment of property insurance benefits; creating s. 627.7152, F.S.; defining the term “assignment agreement”; prohibiting certain awards of attorney fees to certain persons or entities in suits based on claims arising under property insurance policies; providing that an assignment agreement is not valid unless specified conditions are met; prohibiting certain provisions in an assignment agreement; specifying requirements for an assignee or transferee; requiring an assignee to meet certain requirements as a condition precedent to filing suit under a policy; providing construction; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 1040**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to beer or malt beverages; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; authorizing a manufacturer or importer of beer or malt beverages to give or sell specified glassware to vendors licensed to sell beer or malt beverages for on-premises consumption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

**SR 1042**—Not introduced.

By Senators Garcia and Campbell—

**SB 1044**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; defining the term “legal father” and redefining the term “parent”; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; providing that central abuse hotline information may be used for employment screening of residential group home caregivers; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; requiring a safety plan to be issued for a perpetrator of domestic violence only if the perpetrator can be located; specifying what constitutes reasonable efforts; requiring that a child new to a family under investigation be added to the investigation and assessed for safety; amending s. 39.302, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing that central abuse hotline information may be used for certain employment screenings; amending s. 39.402, F.S.; requiring a court to inquire as to the identity and location of a child’s legal father at the shelter hearing; specifying what types of information fall within the scope of such inquiry; amending s. 39.503, F.S.; requiring a court to conduct under oath the inquiry to determine the identity or location of an unknown parent; requiring a court to seek additional information relating to a legal father’s identity in such inquiry; requiring the diligent search to determine a parent’s or prospective parent’s location to include a search of the Florida Putative Father Registry; authorizing the court to order scientific testing to determine parentage if certain conditions exist; amending s. 39.504, F.S.; requiring the same judge to hear a pending dependency proceeding and an injunction proceeding; providing that the court may enter an injunction based on specified evidence; amending s. 39.507, F.S.; requiring a court to consider maltreatment allegations against a parent in an evidentiary hearing relating to a dependency petition; amending s. 39.5085, F.S.; revising eligibility guidelines for the Relative Caregiver Program with respect to relative and nonrelative caregivers; amending s. 39.521, F.S.; providing new time guidelines for filing with the court and providing copies of case plans and family functioning assessments; providing for assessment and program compliance for a parent who caused harm to a child by exposing the child to a controlled substance; providing in-home safety plan requirements; providing requirements for family functioning assessments; providing supervision requirements after reunification; amending s. 39.522, F.S.; providing conditions for returning a child home with an in-home safety plan; amending s. 39.523, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring children placed in out-of-home care to be assessed to determine the most appropriate placement; requiring the placement assessments to be documented in the Florida Safe Families Network; requiring a court to review and approve placements; requiring the Department of Children and Families to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the number of children placed with relatives and the number placed in out-of-home care; amending s. 39.6011, F.S.; providing requirements for confidential information in a case planning conference; providing restrictions; amending s. 39.6012, F.S.; providing for assessment and program compliance for a parent who caused harm to a child by exposing the child to a controlled substance; amending s. 39.6221, F.S.; providing that relocation requirements for parents in dissolution proceedings do not apply to permanent guardianships; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; providing safety assessment requirements for children coming into a home under court jurisdiction; granting rulemaking authority; amending s. 39.801, F.S.; providing an exception to the notice requirement regarding the advisory hearing for a petition to terminate parental rights; amending s. 39.803, F.S.; requiring a court to conduct under oath the inquiry to determine the identity or location of an unknown parent after the filing of a termination of parental rights petition; requiring a court to seek additional information relating to a legal father’s identity in such inquiry; revising minimum requirements for the diligent search to determine the location of a parent or prospective parent; authorizing the court to order scientific testing to determine parentage if certain conditions exist; amending s. 39.806, F.S.; revising circumstances under which grounds for the termination of parental rights may be established; amending s. 39.811, F.S.; revising circumstances under which the rights of one parent may be terminated without terminating the rights of the other parent; amending s. 125.901, F.S.; creating an exception to the requirement that, for an independent special district in existence on a certain date and serving a population of a specified size, the governing body of the county submit the question of the district’s retention or dissolution to the electorate in a specified general election; amending s. 395.3025, F.S.; revising requirements for access to patient records; amending s. 402.40, F.S.; defining the term

“child welfare trainer”; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 409.992, F.S.; limiting compensation from state-appropriated funds for administrative employees of community-based care agencies; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; revising requirements for access to patient records; repealing s. 409.141, F.S., relating to equitable reimbursement methodology; repealing s. 409.1677, F.S., relating to model comprehensive residential services programs; amending ss. 39.524, 394.495, 409.1678, and 960.065, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 409.1679 and 1002.3305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 483.181(2), F.S., relating to acceptance, collection, identification, and examination of specimens, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 456.057, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1046**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to covenants and restrictions; amending ss. 125.022 and 166.033, F.S.; deleting provisions specifying that a county or municipality is not prohibited from providing information to an applicant regarding other state or federal permits that may apply under certain circumstances; specifying that the imposition or acceptance of certain restrictions or covenants does not preclude a county or municipality from exercising its police power, in its sole discretion, to later amend, release, or terminate such restrictions or covenants; prohibiting a county or municipality from delegating its police power to a third party by restriction, covenant, or otherwise; declaring any such purported delegation void; providing for retroactive applicability; creating s. 712.001, F.S.; providing a short title; amending s. 712.01, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 712.04, F.S.; providing that a marketable title is free and clear of all covenants or restrictions, the existence of which depends upon any act, title transaction, event, zoning requirement, building or development permit, or omission that occurred before the effective date of the root of title; providing for construction; providing applicability; amending s. 712.05, F.S.; revising the notice filing requirements for a person claiming an interest in land and other rights; authorizing a property owners’ association to preserve and protect certain covenants or restrictions from extinguishment, subject to specified requirements; providing that a failure in indexing does not affect the validity of the notice; extending the length of time certain covenants or restrictions are preserved; deleting a provision requiring a two-thirds vote by members of an incorporated homeowners’ association to file certain notices; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.06, F.S.; exempting a specified summary notice from certain notice content requirements; revising the contents required to be specified by certain notices; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 712.12, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing the parcel owners of a community not subject to a homeowners’ association to use specified procedures to revive certain covenants or restrictions, subject to certain exceptions and requirements; authorizing a parcel owner to commence an action by a specified date under certain circumstances for a judicial determination that the covenants or restrictions did not govern that parcel as of a specified date and that any revitalization of such covenants or restrictions as to that parcel would unconstitutionally deprive the parcel owner of rights or property; providing applicability; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; requiring a board to take up certain provisions relating to notice filings at the first board meeting; creating s. 720.3032, F.S.; providing recording requirements for an association; providing a document form for recording by an association to preserve certain covenants or restrictions; providing that failure to file one or more notices does not affect the validity or enforceability of a covenant or restriction or alter the time before extinguishment under certain circumstances; requiring a copy of the filed notice to be sent to all members; requiring the original signed notice to be recorded with the clerk of the circuit court or other recorder; amending ss. 702.09 and 702.10, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 712.095, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 720.403, 720.404, 720.405, and 720.407, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 1048**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to linear facilities; amending s. 163.3221, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; revising the definition to exclude the creation or termination of distribution and transmission corridors; amending s. 380.04, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; revising the definition to exclude the creation or termination of distribution and transmission corridors; amending s. 403.511, F.S.; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines; amending s. 403.531, F.S.; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of a proposed transmission line corridor; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Community Affairs.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1050**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to memory disorder clinics; amending s. 430.502, F.S.; establishing a memory disorder clinic at Florida Hospital in Orange County; reenacting s. 1004.445(3), F.S., relating to providing assistance to memory disorder clinics, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 430.502, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1052**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to justifiable use of force; amending s. 776.013, F.S.; specifying that a person who is attacked or threatened with the use of force in a dwelling, residence, or vehicle in which the person has the right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground by using or threatening to use force upon a reasonable belief of necessity to prevent imminent death, great bodily harm, or a forcible felony; conforming a cross-reference; deleting provisions relating to using or threatening to use force under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 1054**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Community Task Force on Student Behavior and Discipline; creating s. 1006.093, F.S.; creating the Florida Community Task Force on Student Behavior and Discipline within the Department of Education; providing for the membership, duties, and meeting requirements of the task force; requiring the task force to hold its first meeting by a specified date; requiring the department to provide administrative support to the task force; requiring an annual report to the Legislature and the State Board of Education; providing for expiration of the task force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1056**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to home health care agency licenses; amending s. 400.471, F.S.; removing a prohibition against the issuance of an initial home health agency license to an applicant who shares common controlling interests with another licensed home health agency located within 10 miles of the applicant and in the same county; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 1058**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to required K-12 instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the requirements for instruction relating to the history of the continent of Africa to include specified contents relating to the enslavement of African persons; revising the requirements for the curriculum of a required character-development program to include the history of Africa and contributions of African Americans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rader—

**SB 1060**—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 Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

**SB 1062**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for petitions, and the contents thereof, for certain protective injunctions that are dismissed in certain circumstances; requiring the removal of petitions dismissed before, on, or after a specified date from publicly accessible records; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Powell—

**SB 1064**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student discipline; creating s. 1006.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising the duties of the district school boards relating to student discipline and school safety; requiring school districts to adopt standards for intervention, rather than a code of student conduct, which standards include specified requirements; requiring a school district to meaningfully involve parents, students, teachers, and the community in creating and applying certain policies; requiring a school district to fund and support the implementation of school-based restorative justice practices; requiring a school district to hire staff members to improve the school climate and safety; requiring a school district to annually survey parents, students, and teachers regarding school safety and discipline issues; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; revising the qualifications of a school resource officer and a school safety officer; authorizing a school resource officer and a school safety officer to arrest a student only for certain violations of law; requiring a school resource officer and a school safety officer to immediately notify the principal or the principal's designee if the officer arrests a student in a school-related incident; prohibiting an officer from arresting or referring a student to the criminal justice system or juvenile justice system for petty acts of misconduct; providing an exception; requiring written documentation of an arrest or referral to the criminal justice system or juvenile justice system; requiring each law enforcement agency that serves a school district to enter into a cooperative agreement with the district school board, ensure the training of school resource officers and school safety officers as specified, and develop minimum qualifications for the selection of such officers; amending s. 1006.13, F.S.; requiring each district school board to adopt a policy on referrals to the criminal justice system

or the juvenile justice system, rather than a policy of zero-tolerance for crime and victimization; revising and providing requirements for a policy on referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system; providing that a school's authority and discretion to use other disciplinary consequences and interventions is not limited by specified provisions; conforming terminology; requiring each district school board, in collaboration with students, educators, parents, and stakeholders, to enter into cooperative agreements with a county sheriff's office and a local police department for specified purposes; revising the requirements for these agreements; requiring each school district to annually review the cost, effectiveness, and necessity of its school safety programs and to submit findings to the Department of Education; requiring a school district to arrange and pay for transportation for a student in certain circumstances; requiring, rather than encouraging, a school district to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to a law enforcement agency unless the use of such alternatives poses a threat to school safety; requiring each school district to submit to the department its policies and agreements by a specified date each year; requiring the department to develop by a specified date a model policy for referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system; requiring the Commissioner of Education to report by a specified date each year to the Governor and the Legislature on the implementation of policies on referrals to law enforcement agencies; amending ss. 1002.20, 1002.23, 1002.33, 1003.02, 1003.32, 1003.53, 1003.57, 1006.09, 1006.10, 1006.147, 1006.15, 1006.195, 1007.271, and 1012.98, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Education; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1066**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to autonomous vehicles; amending s. 316.85, F.S.; authorizing a person to engage autonomous technology to operate an autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode; providing that autonomous technology is deemed to be the operator of an autonomous vehicle operating in autonomous mode for purposes of determining compliance with traffic and motor vehicle laws; providing construction and applicability with respect to specific statutory provisions; amending s. 319.145, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1068**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; creating s. 950.021, F.S.; authorizing a court to sentence certain offenders to a county jail for up to 24 months if the offender meets specified criteria and if the county has a contract with the Department of Corrections; providing contractual requirements; requiring specific appropriations; providing for such appropriations; requiring validation of per diem rates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 1070**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Secretary of State; amending s. 97.012, F.S.; requiring the secretary to enter into certain agreements with other states to maintain the statewide voter registration system; providing responsibilities of the secretary; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

**SB 1072**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; specifying that certain voter registration information and data from another state obtained by the Secretary of State, which is confidential under the laws of such state, is confidential and exempt from public records requirements; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 1074**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 381.004, F.S.; clarifying that certain requirements related to the reporting of positive HIV results to county health departments apply only to testing performed in a nonhealth care setting; removing the requirement in a health care setting of notification to a test subject of the availability and location of sites at which anonymous testing for HIV is performed; amending s. 381.0202, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health to perform certain laboratory testing for a fee; amending s. 381.4018, F.S.; requiring the department to follow federal requirements in the implementation of a specified program; amending s. 381.983, F.S.; redefining the term “elevated blood-lead level”; amending s. 381.984, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, certain government actions related to public information initiatives about lead poisoning; amending s. 381.985, F.S.; requiring the State Surgeon General to establish guidelines, rather than a program, related to identifying risks of blood-lead levels; requiring the State Surgeon General to follow certain established national guidelines or recommendations; removing a specific blood-lead level standard; requiring the department, rather than the State Surgeon General, to maintain certain records; removing a requirement that records be indexed to determine the location of high incidence of lead poisoning; requiring health care providers to report all screening results to the affected individuals; removing the requirement that such screening results be reported to the State Surgeon General; amending s. 382.0255, F.S.; authorizing the waiver of fees for juvenile offenders acquiring a specific state identification card; amending s. 395.3025, F.S.; authorizing the disclosure of certain patient records, without consent, to the Agency for Health Care Administration, rather than to the department; requiring the department, rather than the agency, to make certain patient records available under specified circumstances; amending s. 456.013, F.S.; requiring the dates of birth of applicants to be included in applications for licensure examinations; removing provisions relating to the size and format of licenses; prohibiting the issuance or renewal of certain licenses by the department or specified boards to applicants who have not paid all fines and costs imposed by certain final orders; amending s. 456.025, F.S.; authorizing the department to waive specified fees when trust fund moneys exceed a certain amount; amending s. 456.065, F.S.; authorizing the transfer from the operating fund of a profession when necessary to pay for unlicensed activity enforcement costs; amending ss. 458.3265 and 459.0137, F.S.; removing provisions that exempt certain pain-management clinics from registration; exempting certain clinics from registration and operational requirements of the department; exempting certain clinics from registration fees; creating s. 465.0195, F.S.; requiring a pharmacy or outsourcing facility to obtain a permit before engaging in specified activities related to compounded sterile products; providing permit application requirements; providing standards and operational requirements for permitholders; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to adopt by rule standards of practice for sterile compounding and outsourcing facilities; requiring the board to consider certain standards and regulations in adopting such rules; providing applicability; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; removing requirements that licensing examinations be graded by dentists who are licensed in this state and employed by the department for the purpose of grading examinations; amending s. 466.007, F.S.; removing requirements that licensing examinations be graded by dentists and dental hygienists who are licensed in this state and employed by the department for the purpose of grading examinations; amending s. 468.803, F.S.; revising requirements for registration in both orthotics and prosthetics; providing for a combined license in prosthetics and orthotics; providing licensing requirements; amending s. 480.041, F.S.; removing a requirement that the Board of Massage Therapy deny certain license renewals and requiring the department to deny those license renewals under certain circumstances; amending s. 491.0045, F.S.; authorizing the Board of

Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling to make an exception to intern registration requirements under certain circumstances; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising the amount of time of clinical experience required for a marriage and family therapist applicant; making technical changes; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, rather than the department, to enter an order denying licensure or impose penalties against an applicant for licensure under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to enter such order or impose penalties against a licensure applicant in the case of a certified master social worker; deleting a provision granting such authority to the board in the case of a psychologist; amending s. 893.055, F.S.; redefining the term “health care practitioner” or “practitioner”; providing effective dates.

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

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1076**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida government support organizations; amending s. 14.29, F.S.; prohibiting the Florida Commission on Community Service from entering into a contract if a commission member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; requiring the commission to establish and maintain public access to specified information for a specified purpose; amending s. 20.60, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to establish annual performance standards for the Florida Sports Foundation; amending s. 288.017, F.S.; authorizing the department, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc., to establish a cooperative advertising matching grants program, make certain expenditures, and enter into contracts with local governments and nonprofit corporations for a specified purpose; deleting a requirement that the department approve certain grants based on the recommendation of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; authorizing the department to contract with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.122, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.1226, F.S.; defining terms; providing that the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation is a direct-support organization of the department, rather than a direct-support organization of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring the department to contract with the corporation for specified purposes; requiring the department to assist in maintaining and implementing such contract; providing that the corporation is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the department; specifying that the corporation is not a unit of government or an instrumentality of the state; requiring the board of directors of the corporation to be appointed by the Governor, rather than by Enterprise Florida, Inc.; providing that specified acts by officers or members of the board of directors of the corporation are not prohibited; expanding responsibilities and duties of the corporation to include maintaining and implementing a contract with the department subject to certain requirements, advising the department on specified matters, developing a specified marketing plan, drafting and submitting a specified annual report, and making and entering into certain contracts subject to specified conditions; deleting a provision requiring the corporation to provide support staff to the Division of Tourism Promotion of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; providing matching requirements for private to public contributions for the marketing and advertising activities of the corporation; providing a process for determining the required match; requiring the corporation to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.12265, F.S.; providing that the responsibility of welcome centers is assigned to the department, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc.; deleting a provision authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to contract with the corporation for the management and operation of the welcome centers; reviving, readopting, and amending s. 288.1229, F.S.; requiring the department to establish a direct-support organization known as the Florida Sports Foundation to assist the department, rather than the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, with specified duties; providing incorporation requirements for the foundation; requiring the foundation to be governed by a board of directors; specifying membership requirements of the board; prohibiting the board from entering into a contract if a board member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from

such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; requiring the foundation to operate under contract with the department; requiring the department to enter into a contract with the foundation by a specified date; authorizing the department, rather than the office, to review the foundation’s articles of incorporation; requiring the foundation to draft and submit a specified annual report; requiring the foundation to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; revising requirements for the foundation to promote amateur sports and physical fitness; requiring the Florida Senior Games to be patterned after the Summer Olympics with variations under certain circumstances; deleting a requirement that participants of the Sunshine State Games and the Florida Senior Games be residents of the state; deleting a provision requiring specified regional competitions; providing that the department, rather than the Executive Office of the Governor, is authorized to permit the use of certain property, facilities, or services; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.124, F.S.; providing that the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc., is authorized to establish a convention grants program to make specified recommendations to the department; providing that the department, rather than Enterprise Florida, Inc., is required to establish guidelines for the award of grants and administration of the program; creating s. 288.72, F.S.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop, maintain, and market a small business liaison service; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to furnish information or direct a requester to appropriate sources regarding how to start, maintain, or further develop a small business in this state; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to collect and compile specified data on users of the service; amending s. 288.901, F.S.; revising the purposes of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; revising the composition of the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; amending s. 288.9015, F.S.; deleting a requirement that Enterprise Florida, Inc., integrate its efforts to market the state for tourism and sports; prohibiting the board from entering into a contract if a board member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; amending s. 288.904, F.S.; revising what constitutes private sector support in operating Enterprise Florida, Inc.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.92, F.S.; revising the areas for which Enterprise Florida, Inc., is required to create divisions to carry out its mission; deleting provisions prohibiting the board from performing certain acts; repealing s. 288.923, F.S., relating to the Division of Tourism Marketing; amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; amending s. 331.310, F.S.; prohibiting the board of directors of Space Florida from entering into a contract if a board member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; amending s. 420.504, F.S.; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; amending s. 420.507, F.S.; prohibiting the board of directors of the corporation from entering into a contract if a board member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; amending s. 445.004, F.S.; requiring CareerSource Florida, Inc., to establish and maintain public access on its website to specified information for a specified purpose; prohibiting the board of directors of CareerSource Florida, Inc., from entering into a contract if a board member or his or her immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit from such contract; defining the term “immediate family”; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1078**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to international financial institutions; amending s. 655.005, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 655.059, F.S.; revising requirements for confidential books and records of financial institutions that must be made available for inspection and examination; revising examination requirements; revising a definition; providing applicability; amending s. 663.01, F.S.; revising a definition to conform to changes made by the act; providing a



directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 663.530, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 663.531, F.S.; authorizing a limited service affiliate to engage in specified activities; prohibiting a limited service affiliate from engaging in specified activities; providing the Office of Financial Regulation with certain powers; providing applicability; creating s. 663.532, F.S.; providing limited service affiliate registration requirements; creating s. 663.533, F.S.; providing applicability of the financial institutions codes; creating s. 663.534, F.S.; providing registrant reporting requirements; creating s. 663.535, F.S.; providing limited service affiliate notice requirements; creating s. 663.536, F.S.; providing registrant recordkeeping requirements; creating s. 663.537, F.S.; authorizing the office to conduct an examination or investigation of a limited service affiliate; providing powers of the office; providing fee requirements; creating s. 663.538, F.S.; providing for the suspension, revocation, or voluntary surrender of registration; creating s. 663.539, F.S.; providing registration renewal requirements; creating s. 663.540, F.S.; providing that an international trust entity's limited service affiliate is not required, in response to a subpoena, to produce certain books or records under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1080**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 655.057, F.S.; revising definitions; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Office of Financial Regulation relating to international trust entities and limited service affiliates; authorizing release of such information under certain circumstances; authorizing the publication of certain information; providing a penalty; 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 Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1082**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring a minimum specified amount of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection for specified water supply, water restoration, and water resource development projects; requiring such distribution to be reduced by an amount equal to the debt service paid on certain bonds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighter certifications; amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing certain firefighters to complete specified continuing education training in lieu of a specified instruction requirement; exempting firefighters holding current Firefighter Certificates of Compliance from certain periodic requirements under specified circumstances; exempting volunteer firefighters holding current Volunteer Firefighter Certificates of Completion from certain periodic requirements under specified circumstances; authorizing the Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Financial Services to investigate, in a specified manner, certain reports or complaints against firefighters claiming such exemptions; providing an effective date.

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

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1086**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the transportation disadvantaged; amending s. 427.011, F.S.; redefining the term “non-sponsored transportation disadvantaged services”; defining the term “designated service area”; amending s. 427.0157, F.S.; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities with specific consideration given to nonsponsored transportation disadvantaged services that include services between specific origins and destinations selected by the individual user which may require travel across designated service areas to enhance access to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and other life-sustaining activities; amending s. 427.0159, F.S.; authorizing certain funds to be used to purchase services between specific origins and destinations selected by individual users that may require travel across designated service areas to enhance access to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and other life-sustaining activities; prohibiting a cash or in-kind match from being required if services between specific origins and destinations selected by a disadvantaged person require such travel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Torres—

**SB 1088**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers’ compensation for first responders; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; revising the standard by which a mental or nervous injury involving a first responder must be demonstrated for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits for employment-related accidents and injuries; removing the limitation that only medical benefits are payable for a mental or nervous injury unaccompanied by a physical injury; revising eligibility for certain payments provided under the Workers’ Compensation Law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1090**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Energy Economic Zone Program; amending s. 377.809, F.S.; specifying that the Energy Economic Zone Program is no longer a pilot program and shall be administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity; correcting a cross-reference; deleting a provision that required the department to consult with the Department of Transportation in implementing the program; deleting a requirement that at least one application be selected for the program; deleting obsolete provisions; deleting a provision specifying that certain residency requirements be based on residency in the economic zone; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gainer—

**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; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to enter into a performance agreement with the Walton County Sheriff to perform child protective investigations in Walton County; requiring the state to disburse funds for providing child protective investigations in Walton County directly to the Walton County Sheriff; prohibiting such funds from being required to go through the Department of Children and Families; requiring the Walton County Sheriff to establish specific accounts to track child protective investigation budgets and expenditures in compliance with certain standards; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gainer—

**SB 1094**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program; amending s. 916.185, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in Okaloosa County in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gainer—

**SB 1096**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to obstruction of traffic during a protest or demonstration; creating s. 316.128, F.S.; prohibiting a person from obstructing or interfering with traffic during a certain protest or demonstration; providing criminal penalties; exempting a motor vehicle operator from liability for injury or death to a person who is obstructing or interfering with traffic under certain circumstances; specifying burden of proof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

**SJR 1098**—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 22 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide for legislative review of a judicial ruling declaring a legislative act void.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 1100**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the repeal of nuclear cost recovery; repealing s. 366.93, F.S., relating to cost recovery mechanisms for the siting, design, licensing, and construction of nuclear and integrated gasification combined cycle power plants, including mechanisms that promote utility investment in, and allow for recovery in electric utility rates of certain costs of, such plants; repealing s. 366.95, F.S., relating to financing for certain nuclear generating asset retirement or abandonment costs; amending s. 403.519, F.S.; deleting provisions limiting challenges to a utility's right to recover costs incurred before commercial operation of certain plants; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 1102**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal offenses; amending s. 212.15, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for failure to remit taxes offenses; amending s. 812.014, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for theft offenses; amending s. 812.015, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for retail theft; amending s. 812.0195, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for dealing in stolen property by use of the Internet offenses; amending ss. 832.04 and 832.041, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for stopping payment offenses; amending s. 832.05, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for offenses involving giving worthless checks, drafts, and debit card orders; amending s. 832.062, F.S.; revising threshold amounts for offenses involving payments to the Department of Revenue; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 634.319, 634.421, 636.238(3), 642.038(2), 705.102(4), 812.0155(1), 985.11(1)(b), and 985.557(1)(a), F.S., relating to reporting and accounting for funds by insurance sales representatives, reporting and accounting for funds by insurance sales representatives or agents, penalties for certain violations involving

discount medical plans, reporting and accounting for funds, reporting lost or abandoned property, suspension of a driver license following an adjudication of guilt for theft, fingerprinting and photographing of juveniles, and direct filing of an information against a juvenile, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made by the act in cross-references to amended provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

**SB 1104**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to resource recovery and management; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; revising definitions; defining the terms “gasification to fuels, chemicals, and feedstocks,” “post-use polymers,” “pyrolysis,” and “pyrolysis facility”; amending s. 403.7045, F.S.; providing that materials recovered via pyrolysis or gasification to fuels, chemicals, and feedstocks are to be considered used or reused materials; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 171.205, 316.003, 377.709, and 487.048, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

**SM 1106**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to propose to the states an amendment to the United States Constitution that allows Congress to deem a law that has been declared void by certain federal courts active and operational.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 1108**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; expanding an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of certain firefighters and their spouses and children to include the personal identifying and location information of former firefighters and their spouses and children; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

By Senators Brandes and Rodriguez—

**SB 1110**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; amending s. 20.60, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to contract with a specified direct-support organization to guide, stimulate, and promote the sports industry, the participation of residents in amateur athletic competitions, and this state as a host for national and international athletic competitions; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to calculate the net state gross domestic product per state dollar of certain programs; revising analysis requirements; amending s. 288.001, F.S.; requiring the Network Lead Center within the University of West Florida to develop, by a certain date, a guide to starting a business; requiring the guide to be made available to specified agencies and corporations; providing requirements for the guide; requiring the Network Lead Center to develop a statewide call center, known as the Florida Business Information Center, within the Network Lead Center as a source for general business information, inquiries, and referrals; amending s. 288.005, F.S.; redefining the term “economic benefits”; amending s. 288.061, F.S.; deleting an obsolete date; making technical changes; providing requirements for contracts between the department and applicants for economic development incentives; prohibiting the department from entering into an agreement or contract that has a term greater than 10 years; providing an exemption; prohibiting the department from making specified amendments to a contract or

agreement; creating s. 288.103, F.S.; specifying residency requirements for certain projects; providing applicability; amending s. 288.1045, F.S.; providing exceptions to allow the Department of Economic Opportunity to distribute certain refunds to certain businesses; amending s. 288.11621, F.S.; transferring certain duties from Enterprise Florida, Inc., to the Florida Sports Foundation; amending s. 288.1201, F.S.; requiring the department to retain funds appropriated for specified programs until performance requirements for incentives are submitted and verified; requiring the department to return certain unexpended funds to the State Treasury; requiring such funds to be deposited into specified accounts; requiring the department to return such funds by a specified date and to notify the Governor and the Legislature of the status of compliance; requiring the department to provide the Legislature with lists of potential and actual claims for payment by specified dates; creating the Quick Action Closing Fund Escrow Account within the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; specifying moneys to be deposited to the account; providing appropriation requirements for moneys in the account; providing that a balance in the account at the end of the fiscal year remains in the account to continue carrying out the purpose of the account; authorizing the department to make a payment from the account subject to certain requirements; requiring the department to determine whether the account contains moneys from specified agreements or contracts that have terminated or expired, or for which the applicant has not met performance conditions; requiring such funds to be returned to the trust fund within 10 days after such determination; providing management and investment requirements for specified moneys; requiring the department to quarterly transfer interest earnings to the trust fund; reviving, readopting, and amending s. 288.1229, F.S.; requiring the department to establish a direct-support organization known as the Florida Sports Foundation to assist the department, rather than the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, with specified duties; providing incorporation requirements for the foundation; requiring the foundation to be governed by a board of directors; specifying membership requirements of the board; requiring the foundation to operate under contract with the department; requiring the department to enter into a contract with the foundation by a specified date; authorizing the department, rather than the office, to review the foundation's articles of incorporation; revising requirements for the foundation to promote amateur sports and physical fitness; requiring the Florida Senior Games to be patterned after the Summer Olympics with variations under certain circumstances; deleting a requirement that participants of the Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games be residents of this state; deleting a provision requiring specified regional competitions; providing that the department, rather than the Executive Office of the Governor, is authorized to allow the use of certain property, facilities, or services; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 288.1259, F.S.; creating the Start-Up Florida Grant Program; providing legislative purpose; defining terms; requiring the program to provide startup and operating assistance to qualified small business incubators; requiring the department to award grants to qualified small business incubators for specified purposes; requiring the department to require grant recipients to provide matching funds or in-kind contributions for a project at least equal to the grant award; requiring the department to require grant recipients to show that they have certain resources to complete a project in a timely manner; requiring rulemaking; requiring the department to accept and receive grants, gifts, and pledges of funds for specified purposes; requiring the department to integrate the promotion of small business incubators in its specified strategic plan; amending s. 288.901, F.S.; requiring a representative from the rural economic development community and a representative from the Small Business Development Center Network to be appointed members of the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring the board to include at least one director with expertise in the area of rural economic development, rather than sports marketing; amending s. 288.9015, F.S.; requiring a two-thirds vote of the entire board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., to approve certain contracts with other organizations if certain persons in the organization are affiliated with board members; amending s. 288.904, F.S.; revising funding requirements for Enterprise Florida, Inc.; amending s. 288.905, F.S.; requiring the president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., to be subject to confirmation by the Senate; authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to award goal- or result-oriented incentives to an employee under certain circumstances; requiring such goal or result to be quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable; creating s. 288.9938, F.S.; repealing part XIV of ch. 288, F.S., relating to micro-finance programs, on a specified date, subject to certain conditions; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information;

amending ss. 288.92 and 320.08058, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1112**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; amending s. 288.1201, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to retain funds appropriated for specified programs until performance requirements for incentives are submitted and verified; requiring the department to return certain unexpended funds to the State Treasury; requiring such funds to be deposited into specified accounts; requiring the department to return such funds by a specified date and to notify the Governor and the presiding officers of the Legislature of the status of compliance; requiring the department to provide the Legislature with lists of potential and actual claims for payment by specified dates; creating the Quick Action Closing Fund Escrow Account within the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; specifying moneys to be deposited to the account; providing appropriation requirements for moneys in the account; providing that a balance in the account at the end of the fiscal year remains in the account to continue carrying out the purpose of the account; authorizing the department to make a payment from the account subject to certain requirements; requiring the department to determine whether the account contains moneys from specified agreements or contracts that have terminated or expired or for which the applicant has not met performance conditions; requiring such funds to be returned to the trust fund within 10 days after such determination; providing management and investment requirements for specified moneys; requiring the department to quarterly transfer interest earnings to the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1114**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the termination of pregnancies; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.; removing a restriction on the use of public funds for the termination of pregnancies; amending s. 390.012, F.S.; removing a requirement that the Agency for Health Care Administration adopt a rule requiring it, when performing a license inspection of a clinic, to inspect at least a certain percentage of patient records generated since the clinic's last inspection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Book—

**SB 1116**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain building in a specified municipality; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gainer—

**SB 1118**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; providing for the calculation of fines for unlawful weight and load for a vehicle fueled by natural gas; requiring the vehicle operator to present a certain written certification upon request by a weight inspector or law enforcement officer; prescribing a maximum actual gross vehicle weight for vehicles fueled by natural gas; providing a penalty; providing applicability; amending s. 335.074, F.S.;

requiring bridges on public transportation facilities to be inspected for certain purposes at regular intervals as required by the Federal Highway Administration; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; increasing the allowable amount for contracts for construction and maintenance that the Department of Transportation may enter into, in certain circumstances, without advertising and receiving competitive bids; amending s. 338.227, F.S.; providing that certain bonds are not required to be validated but may be validated at the option of the Division of Bond Finance; providing filing, notice, and service requirements for complaints and circuit court orders concerning such validation; amending s. 339.135, F.S.; providing an additional exception related to the amendment of adopted work programs when an emergency exists; amending s. 339.2405, F.S.; replacing the Florida Highway Beautification Council within the department with the Florida Highway Beautification Grant Program; providing the purpose of the program; providing duties of the department, including the establishment of rules related to grant requests; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 343.52, F.S.; defining the term “department”; amending s. 343.54, F.S.; prohibiting the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority from entering into, extending, or renewing certain contracts or other agreements without the department’s prior review and written approval if such contracts or agreements may be funded with funds provided by the department; amending s. 343.58, F.S.; prohibiting specified funds provided to the authority by the department from being committed by the authority without the prior review and written approval by the department of the authority’s expenditures; deleting requirements relating to notification by the authority to the department of a proposed procurement or of a renewal of any existing contract that will rely on state funds for payment; requiring the authority to promptly provide the department any documentation or information, in addition to the proposed annual budget, which is required by the department for its evaluation of the proposed uses of state funds; prohibiting certain funding from being provided to the authority by the department until the authority terminates a Notice of Intent of Contract Award for a specified request for proposal; requiring the authority, before entering into a new contract for the services that were the subject of such request for proposal, to obtain the department’s written approval of all terms and conditions of the new procurement and contract for such services; amending s. 215.82, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 343.53, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Artiles—

**SB 1120**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse programs; amending s. 397.406, F.S.; specifying that the Agency for Health Care Administration, and not the Department of Children and Families, shall make rules providing for the licensure and regulation of certain substance abuse programs; requiring the agency to establish criteria defining levels of care; requiring the agency to provide the definitions to treatment providers and insurance companies; requiring certain adoption of the definitions; amending s. 397.753, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 1122**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use or operation of a drone by certain offenders; creating s. 810.146, F.S.; prohibiting the use or operation of a drone by certain offenders for the purpose of viewing or recording an image of a minor in specified locations; providing a definition; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; assigning an offense severity ranking in the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

**SB 1124**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health, upon the advice of the Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council, to expand within a specified period the statewide screening of newborns to include any condition on the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel; requiring the council to determine whether a condition should be included in the state’s screening program within a specified period after its addition to the federal panel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Broxson—

**SB 1126**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer reporting agencies; creating s. 501.0052, F.S.; requiring a consumer reporting agency to provide certain creditor information to a consumer upon written request; providing liability; providing civil penalties; authorizing the award of costs and attorney fees to a prevailing plaintiff in certain actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1128**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school attendance policies; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing a parent to request and be granted permission for a student’s absence from school for treatment of autism spectrum disorder by a licensed health care practitioner; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; requiring each district school board to adopt an attendance policy authorizing a student’s absence for treatment of autism spectrum disorder; amending s. 1003.24, F.S.; revising an exemption relating to parental responsibility for non-attendance of a student to include treatment for autism spectrum disorder; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1130**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the pregnancy support services; creating s. 381.96, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Health to contract with a not-for-profit statewide alliance of organizations to provide pregnancy support services through subcontractors; providing duties of the department; providing contract requirements; requiring the contractor to spend a specified percentage of funds on direct client services; requiring the contractor to annually monitor subcontractors; providing for subcontractor background screenings under certain circumstances; specifying the entities eligible for a subcontract; requiring services to be provided in a noncoercive manner and forbidding the inclusion of religious content; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gainer—

**SB 1132**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing a Florida College System institution to waive any portion of certain postsecondary fees for active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States using military tuition assistance; specifying that the student who receives such waiver may be reported for state funding purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

**SB 1134**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 1136**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cottage food operations; amending s. 500.80, F.S.; removing the annual gross sales limitation for exempting cottage food operations from certain food and building permitting requirements; removing the prohibition for selling or offering for sale cottage food products over the Internet, by mail order, or at wholesale; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 1138**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tobacco products; amending s. 569.008, F.S.; revising legislative intent to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 569.101, F.S.; revising the prohibited age for provisions related to the sale, bartering, furnishing, delivery, gift, and possession of tobacco products; amending ss. 210.095, 386.212, 569.002, 569.007, 569.0075, 569.11, 569.12, 569.14, and 569.19, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1140**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of pregnancies; creating s. 390.035, F.S.; creating a cause of action for physical and emotional injury resulting from a termination of pregnancy under certain circumstances; providing that this cause of action is not an exclusive remedy; providing that laws on medical malpractice actions do not apply to this cause of action; providing a statute of limitations for an action for damages and statute of repose; providing for tolling of the limitations periods; authorizing an award of attorney fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff; defining the term “damages”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 1142**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax credit for hiring veterans; creating s. 220.197, F.S.; providing a short title; establishing a tax credit for hiring veterans; providing eligibility requirements; establishing an additional credit for hiring disabled veterans; providing an application process; providing a cap on the total amount of tax credits allowed per year; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; authorizing the department to establish guidelines for qualifying credits; providing for expiration of the tax credits; providing applicability; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order in which credits against the corporate income tax or franchise tax may be taken to include credits for hiring veterans; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; revising the term “adjusted federal income” to include certain tax credits taken relating to hiring veterans; authorizing the executive director of the department to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 1144**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to laboratory screening; amending s. 381.004, F.S.; clarifying that certain requirements related to the reporting of positive HIV test results to county health departments apply only to testing performed in a nonhealth care setting; amending s. 381.0202, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health to perform laboratory testing for other states; amending s. 381.983, F.S.;

redefining the term “elevated blood-lead levels”; amending s. 381.984, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, that the Governor, in conjunction with the State Surgeon General, sponsor a public information initiative on lead-based paint hazards; amending s. 381.985, F.S.; revising requirements for the State Surgeon General’s program for early identification of persons at risk of having elevated blood-lead levels; requiring the department to maintain records showing elevated blood-lead levels; requiring that health care providers report to the individual who was screened the results that indicate elevated blood-lead levels; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; authorizing the State Public Health Laboratory to release the results of a newborn’s hearing and metabolic tests to certain individuals; requiring the department to promote the availability of services to promote detection of genetic conditions; clarifying that the membership of the Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council must include one member representing each of four medical schools in this state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Broxson—

**SB 1146**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to representation by the Public Counsel; amending s. 350.0611, F.S.; authorizing the Public Counsel to provide representation in proceedings of municipal and other government utilities; authorizing the Public Counsel to represent residential ratepayers in rate proceedings before the Public Service Commission determining rate structure; authorizing the Public Counsel to represent customers living outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a local government utility in ratesetting proceedings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Rader—

**SB 1148**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 443.091, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to designate an alternative base period in certain circumstances for benefit years commencing after a specified date; defining the term “alternative base period”; providing for the determination of eligibility for benefits when certain information is inaccessible; authorizing the department to consider an affidavit from the claimant attesting to wages; requiring that benefits be adjusted in certain circumstances; requiring the department to request by mail information on wages from employers in certain circumstances; requiring employers to provide wage information to support an individual’s eligibility for benefits upon request of the department; providing a penalty for employers who fail to timely provide that information; providing that certain wages in a base period may not be used in the calculation of eligibility for benefits in a subsequent benefit year; amending s. 443.101, F.S.; redefining the term “good cause”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Artilles—

**SB 1150**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of water damage restoration; amending s. 468.8411, F.S.; defining the terms “professional water damage restorer” and “water damage restoration”; amending s. 468.8414, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to license applicants who are qualified to practice water damage restoration; specifying qualifications for licensure; providing applicability of certain prohibitions and penalties to professional water damage restorers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1152**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to continuing education for barbers, cosmetologists, and specialists; amending ss. 476.154 and 477.019, F.S.; requiring a 1-hour course on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness as a condition of license or registration renewal; providing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Student Loan Forgiveness Program; creating s. 1009.951, F.S.; creating the Student Loan Forgiveness Program; providing for administration of the program; providing eligibility requirements; providing for application for program participation and funding and loan payment distribution for the program; providing that a student loan must meet certain criteria; providing that a payment under the program is not taxable income; providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1156**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; adopting the 2017 version of the Internal Revenue Code; providing retroactive operation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1158**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of commerce, trade, and labor; creating ss. 125.003, 166.015, and 189.0125, F.S.; reserving to the state the exclusive right to regulate matters of commerce, trade, and labor under certain circumstances; prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts from engaging in specified actions that regulate commerce, trade, or labor, unless otherwise expressly authorized to do so by special or general law; providing that an ordinance, rule, or regulation that violates a specified provision is null and void; authorizing a local government to seek nullification of an ordinance, rule, or regulation of another county, municipality, or special district upon the affirmative vote of the governing body of the local government that the ordinance, rule, or regulation violates a specified provision; requiring the local government to notify the county, municipality, or special district that the local government is initiating the process of nullification; specifying requirements for such notification; requiring the county, municipality, or special district to provide certain responses to the local government within specified periods, subject to certain requirements; requiring the local government to notify the county, municipality, or special district that adopted the ordinance, rule, or regulation that it intends to submit a copy of the ordinance, rule, or regulation to the Legislature for its nullification within a specified period, subject to certain requirements; requiring the local government to submit a copy of the ordinance, rule, or regulation and a certain written explanation of how the ordinance, rule, or regulation violates a specified provision to the Legislature within a specified period; providing that such submission is void under certain circumstances; providing that the ordinance, rule, or regulation is nullified and repealed on the last day of the next regular session if the Legislature does not ratify it on or before the last day of that regular session; providing for retroactive application; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1160**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “marksense ballot”; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; requiring a candidate to provide a money order or cashier’s check drawn upon his or her campaign account to the filing officer if not qualifying by petition; deleting provisions regarding returned checks, to conform; amending s. 100.011, F.S.; specifying conditions under which a court may extend the time of the official closing of the polls; amending s. 101.131, F.S.; prohibiting an elected official from being designated as a poll watcher; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; specifying applicability of ballot layout requirements with respect to voting systems using a voter interface device to designate an elector’s ballot selections; amending s. 101.20, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that the supervisor of elections publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation if a sample ballot is mailed to a registered voter’s household by a specified time; amending s. 101.5603, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “marking device”; amending s. 101.56075, F.S.; revising a reference regarding the use of a marking device; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; deleting an obsolete date; modifying and clarifying provisions governing the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots; authorizing use of the vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit if an elector’s signature does not match the signature in the registration books or precinct register; requiring the supervisor of elections to immediately notify an elector upon receipt of a vote-by-mail ballot with a missing or mismatched signature; revising terminology; revising the cure affidavit instructions with respect to acceptable forms of identification; specifying that a Florida driver license or Florida identification card are acceptable forms of identification for purposes of curing a vote-by-mail ballot; expanding the scope of post-election signature update requests to include electors who cured a vote-by-mail ballot with a mismatched signature; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; requiring certain nonpartisan candidates to provide a money order or cashier’s check drawn upon his or her campaign account to the filing officer if not qualifying by petition; deleting provisions regarding returned checks, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Rader—

**SB 1162**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Companion Animal Protection Act; providing definitions; directing animal shelters to take certain measures relating to the holding, care, treatment, and euthanasia of animals; providing exceptions; providing for declaratory or injunctive relief actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; providing that a right of action founded on the design, planning, or construction of an improvement to real property does not pass to subsequent purchasers of the real property when purchased as-is; providing applicability; amending s. 558.004, F.S.; requiring a claimant and not the claimant’s attorney or agent to sign the notice of claim; requiring a claimant to bear its own attorney fees under certain circumstances; providing that a notice of claim is invalid and insufficient under certain circumstances; requiring a claimant or his or her agent and any experts he or she retains to be present for an inspection to identify the location of the alleged construction defects; revising with whom a person served with certain notice is required to coordinate regarding inspections; requiring rather than authorizing a person served with notice to serve a copy of such notice to specified entities; requiring a claimant and not the claimant’s attorney or agent to sign the notice of acceptance or rejection; specifying mediation requirements under certain circumstances before a claimant may reject a settlement offer; revising when a claimant’s service of written notice of claim tolls the applicable statute of limitations and any bond surety; reenacting s. 627.441(2), F.S., relating to commercial general liability policies and coverage to contractors for completed operations, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 95.11, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 1166**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag; creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing that the flag be displayed at specified locations, on specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring displayed flags to be manufactured in the United States; authorizing local governments to display the flag; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1168**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to optometry; amending s. 463.002, F.S.; redefining and defining terms; amending s. 463.005, F.S.; specifying that the Board of Optometry has the sole authority to determine what constitutes the practice of optometry; authorizing the board to issue specified advisory opinions and declaratory rulings; providing construction for ch. 463, F.S.; amending s. 463.0055, F.S.; restricting what a licensed practitioner may administer or prescribe if he or she does not complete a certain board-approved course and examination; revising the date after which a formulary rule becomes effective; deleting provisions related to the creation of a statutory formulary of oral ocular pharmaceutical agents; revising the conditions under which an ocular pharmaceutical agent is deleted from the formulary; revising the controlled substances that a certified optometrist in pharmaceutical agents is prohibited from prescribing and administering; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 463.0056, F.S.; requiring a licensed practitioner to complete a board-approved course and examination to become a certified optometrist in ophthalmic surgery; authorizing a certified optometrist in ophthalmic surgery to perform laser and non-laser ophthalmic surgery; requiring a certified optometrist in ophthalmic surgery to provide proof of completion of a certain course and examination before he or she may perform such surgeries; providing requirements for the development and offering of such course and examination; requiring the board to review and approve the content of the initial course and examination if it determines the course and examination satisfy certain requirements; requiring an annual review thereafter; authorizing the successful completion of the course and examination to be used by a licensed practitioner to satisfy continuing education requirements; prohibiting a certified optometrist in ophthalmic surgery from performing specified surgery procedures; amending s. 463.014, F.S.; providing that specified prohibited acts may be authorized by the State Health Officer during a public emergency; deleting a provision prohibiting surgery of any kind by a certified optometrist; amending ss. 463.007, 463.009, 463.013, 463.0135, and 641.31, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hutson—

**SB 1170**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act; amending s. 280.02, F.S.; redefining terms, which includes the addition of credit unions as qualified public depositories under the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act; amending s. 280.07, F.S.; specifying the mutual responsibility and contingent liability of certain credit unions designated as qualified public depositories; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending ss. 280.03, 280.05, 280.052, 280.053, 280.055, 280.08, 280.085, 280.10, 280.13, and 280.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 17.57(7)(a); 24.114(1); 125.901(3)(e); 136.01; 159.608(11); 175.301; 175.401(8); 185.30; 185.50(8); 190.007(3); 191.006(16); 215.34(2); 218.415(16)(c), (17), and (23)(a); 255.502(4)(h); 331.309(1) and (2); 373.553(2); 631.221; and 723.06115(3)(c), F.S., relating to deposits and investments of state money; bank deposits and control of lottery transactions; children's services and independent

special districts; county depositories; powers of housing finance authorities; depositories for pension funds; retiree health insurance subsidies; depositories for retirement funds; retiree health insurance subsidies; board of supervisors; general powers; state funds and noncollectible items; local government investment policies; definitions; treasurers, depositories, and a fiscal agent; a treasurer of the board, payment of funds, and depositories; deposit of moneys collected; and the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 280.02, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to directional signs for veterans' facilities; creating s. 295.25, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to install directional signs for specified facilities operated and maintained by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1174**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage equality; repealing s. 741.212, F.S., relating to marriages between persons of the same sex; removing a prohibition on the recognition of marriages entered into between persons of the same sex in this state, another state, or another jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign; removing a prohibition on giving effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of another jurisdiction respecting a marriage or relationship not recognized in this state or a claim arising from such a marriage or relationship; removing the definition of the term "marriage," which limits marriage only to a legal union between one man and one woman; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 1176**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dangerous goods and hazardous materials certification; creating s. 501.938, F.S.; providing requirements for the use of professional titles and abbreviations by certified dangerous goods professionals, hazardous materials managers, and hazardous materials practitioners; providing definitions; providing that a violation of such requirements is a deceptive and unfair trade practice and a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Mayfield—

**SB 1178**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term "contribution" to conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 106.07 and 106.0703, F.S.; modifying and clarifying the schedule governing campaign finance reporting for candidates, political committees, and electioneering communications organizations; revising reporting requirements regarding transfers made by political committees and electioneering communications organizations, to conform; creating s. 106.38, F.S.; prohibiting a political committee or an electioneering communications organization from transferring funds to certain entities; providing a transitional provision regarding final monthly reports by candidates, political committees, and electioneering communications organizations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 1180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacists; amending s. 465.003, F.S.; expanding the practice of pharmacy to include consultation with patients regarding certain preparations, health care products, and services; providing that the practice of pharmacy includes making recommendations in communication with other health care providers; providing that the practice of pharmacy includes services relating to the treatment of influenza under certain conditions; amending s. 465.0125, F.S.; authorizing consultant pharmacists to provide additional services when authorized by a medical director or within the context of a patient-specific order or treatment protocol, or at the request of or referral from a patient's treating health care provider; removing a certain limitation on the ordering of laboratory or clinical testing; removing a training and qualifications requirement relating to the practice of institutional pharmacy; removing certain requirements relating to persons under the care of a licensed home health agency; removing a continuing education requirement; amending s. 465.189, F.S.; authorizing qualified pharmacists to provide certain services related to the treatment of influenza within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising physician; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Book—

**SB 1182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rape crisis centers; amending s. 90.5035, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “rape crisis center” and “trained volunteer”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1184**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.06, F.S.; redefining the term “dealer,” for purposes of the tax, to include certain persons who do not have a place of business in this state and sell into this state certain personal property, products, or services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1186**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homeowners' associations; amending s. 720.306, F.S.; specifying requirements for amending a homeowners' association declaration; providing that non-material errors or omissions do not invalidate a properly adopted amendment; providing that an amendment to a recorded governing document is effective when recorded; providing that an amendment restricting a parcel owner's ability to rent his or her property applies only to certain parcel owners; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1188**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racial and ethnic impact statements; creating s. 11.52, F.S.; defining terms; requiring that, upon the request of a member of the Legislature, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability prepare a racial and ethnic impact statement describing the anticipated effects of proposed legislation or a proposed amendment to the State Constitution on certain minority persons; providing requirements for the statement;

requiring the office to file a statement relating to a proposed amendment to the State Constitution with the Secretary of State by a certain date; requiring the secretary to hold a hearing to solicit suggestions for changes to the statement and file such statement by a certain date; requiring that the statement be made available to the public; providing that a failure to file a statement does not prevent the inclusion of the measure on the ballot; amending s. 101.161, F.S.; requiring a ballot to include a racial and ethnic impact statement under certain circumstances; creating s. 120.90, F.S.; defining the term “minority person”; requiring an agency that awards grants to require each grant application to include a racial and ethnic impact statement; providing requirements for the statement; requiring the Department of Management Services to create a racial and ethnic impact statement form for distribution to state agencies; providing an effective date.

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

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1190**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to use of deadly force; creating s. 943.087, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement agency to collect and report certain information regarding the use of deadly force to the Department of Law Enforcement; specifying information to be collected and reported; requiring the department to develop and provide a standardized reporting form and to provide for electronic submission of such information; requiring the department, in consultation with specified associations, to develop and maintain a database for the retention of such information; specifying a minimum retention period for such information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1192**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a state law enforcement trust fund; creating s. 945.21505, F.S.; creating the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund; specifying the funds that the Department of Corrections may deposit into the trust fund; specifying that balances in the trust fund may carry over to the following fiscal year; exempting the trust fund from specified service charges; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1194**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; specifying requirements for sentencing and appeals of sentences for offenses committed on or after a certain date; authorizing upward departures of sentences under certain circumstances; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; providing applicability; creating requirements for permissible sentences for nonstate prison sanctions and state prison sanctions; authorizing a judge to depart from the guidelines under certain circumstances; prohibiting departure sentences under certain circumstances; creating s. 921.00261, F.S.; providing applicability; defining the term “upward departure sentence”; specifying requirements for imposing an upward departure sentence; providing a circumstance under which a sentence is subject to appellate review; providing aggravating circumstances under which an upward departure sentence is reasonably justified; amending s. 924.06, F.S.; authorizing a defendant to appeal a sentence outside a specified range; amending s. 924.07, F.S.; authorizing the state to appeal a sentence outside a specified range; reenacting s. 958.04(3), F.S., relating to judicial disposition of youthful offenders, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 924.06 and 924.07, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.



By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1196**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firearm purchases; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to include questions concerning a potential firearm buyer's criminal history or other information relating to the person's eligibility to make the purchase on a standard form for potential buyers; requiring the department to notify law enforcement officials when a potential sale or transfer receives a nonapproval number; providing requirements for such notice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1198**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to presentencing information; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a study on the presentencing information provided to judges in this state and the manner by which that information is provided; requiring the office to examine alternative means of providing such information; requiring the Department of Corrections and the Office of the State Courts Administrator, upon request, to assist OPPAGA with the study; requiring OPPAGA, on or before a certain date, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal sentencing; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; providing that the sentencing guidelines of the Criminal Punishment Code are recommendations for sentencing and are not mandatory; revising provisions concerning departures from recommended sentences; amending ss. 921.0024, 921.0026, and 921.00265, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 1202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a veterans' annual sales tax holiday; creating an annual sales tax holiday for veterans; specifying items that are eligible for the sales tax holiday; defining the term "veteran" for purposes of the sales tax holiday; specifying documents that demonstrate proof of military status; specifying reporting requirements of retailers; authorizing certain retailers to elect not to participate in the sales tax holiday; specifying procedures for a retailer to opt out; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Montford and Baxley—

**SB 1204**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school board direct-support organizations; amending s. 1001.453, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to contract with a district school board direct-support organization for personal services or operations; providing for annual review of certain district school board direct-support organizations; authorizing district school boards to contract with vendors for annual audits of district school board direct-support organizations; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 1206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the rights and responsibilities of patients; amending s. 381.026, F.S.; requiring health care facilities and providers to authorize patients to bring in any person of the patients' choosing to specified areas of the facilities or providers' offices under certain circumstances; requiring health care facilities and providers to include such authorization as an additional patient standard in the statement of rights and responsibilities made available to patients by health care providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Book—

**SB 1208**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual crimes; amending s. 794.011, F.S.; redefining the term "sexual battery" to include the intentional touching in a lewd or lascivious manner upon specified areas or the clothing covering such areas; amending s. 825.1025, F.S.; defining the term "disabled person" as it relates to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of a disabled person; amending s. 960.199, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to award relocation assistance to victims of specified sexual offenses, rather than only sexual battery; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 960.28, F.S.; increasing the monetary assistance that the Crime Victims' Services Office must pay for medical expenses connected with an initial forensic physical examination for specified victims; reenacting s. 39.0139(3)(a), F.S., relating to visitation or other contact and restrictions; reenacting s. 39.509(6)(a), F.S., relating to grandparents rights; reenacting s. 39.806(1)(d) and (m), F.S., relating to grounds for termination of parental rights; reenacting s. 63.089(4)(b), F.S., relating to proceedings to terminate parental rights pending adoption, hearing, grounds, dismissal of petition, and judgment; reenacting s. 90.404(2)(b), F.S., relating to character evidence when admissible; reenacting s. 92.565(2), F.S., relating to admissibility of confession in sexual abuse cases; reenacting s. 95.11(9), F.S., relating to limitations other than for the recovery of real property; reenacting s. 119.071(2)(j), F.S., relating to general exemptions from inspection or copying of public records; reenacting s. 382.356, F.S., relating to protocol for sharing certain birth certificate information; reenacting s. 394.912(9), F.S., relating to definitions; reenacting s. 395.0197(10), F.S., relating to the internal risk management program; reenacting s. 409.2355, F.S., relating to programs for prosecution of males over age 21 who commit certain offenses involving girls under age 16; reenacting s. 411.243(1)(c), F.S., relating to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Community Initiative; reenacting s. 415.102(26), F.S., relating to definitions of terms used in ss. 415.101-415.113, F.S.; reenacting s. 435.04(2)(s), F.S., relating to level 2 screening standards; reenacting s. 435.07(4)(c), F.S., relating to exemptions from disqualification; reenacting s. 456.074(5)(f), F.S., relating to certain health care practitioners and immediate suspension of license; reenacting s. 480.041(7)(f), F.S., relating to massage therapists, qualifications, licensure, and endorsement; reenacting s. 480.043(8)(f), F.S., relating to massage establishments, requisites, licensure, and inspection; reenacting s. 775.0877(1)(a), F.S., relating to criminal transmission of HIV, procedures, and penalties; reenacting s. 775.15(13) and (14), F.S., relating to time limitations, general time limitations, and exceptions; reenacting s. 775.21(4)(a) and (10)(b), F.S., relating to The Florida Sexual Predators Act; reenacting s. 775.215(2) and (3), F.S., relating to residency restriction for persons convicted of certain sex offenses; reenacting s. 784.048(7) and (8), F.S., relating to stalking, definitions, and penalties; reenacting s. 787.06(3)(g), F.S., relating to human trafficking; reenacting s. 794.022, F.S., relating to the rules of evidence; reenacting s. 794.0235(1), F.S., relating to administration of medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) to persons convicted of sexual battery; reenacting s. 794.055(2)(e), F.S., relating to access to services for victims of sexual battery; reenacting s. 794.056(1), F.S., relating to the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund; reenacting s. 856.022(1), F.S., relating to loitering or prowling by certain offenders in close proximity to children; reenacting s. 914.16, F.S., relating to child abuse and sexual abuse of victims under age 16 or who have an intellectual disability and limits on interviews; reenacting s. 921.0024(1)(b), F.S., relating to the Criminal Punishment Code, worksheet computations, and scoresheets; reenacting s. 921.244(1) and (3), F.S., relating to an order of no contact and penalties; reenacting s. 938.08, F.S., relating to additional costs to fund programs in domestic violence; reenacting s. 938.085, F.S., relating

to additional costs to fund rape crisis centers; reenacting s. 943.0435(1)(h), (11)(a), and (14)(b), F.S., relating to sexual offenders required to register with the Department of Law Enforcement and penalty; reenacting s. 943.0435(1)(a) and (3), F.S., relating to removal of the requirement to register as a sexual offender or sexual predator in special circumstances; reenacting s. 944.033(3), F.S., relating to community correctional centers, existence, location, purpose, and restriction; reenacting s. 944.053(4), F.S., relating to Forestry Work Camps; reenacting s. 944.275(4)(e), F.S., relating to gain-time; reenacting s. 944.606(1)(f), F.S., relating to sexual offenders and notification upon release; reenacting s. 944.607(1)(f), F.S., relating to notification to the Department of Law Enforcement of information on sexual offenders; reenacting s. 945.091(3), F.S., relating to extension of the limits of confinement; reenacting s. 946.40(4), F.S., relating to use of prisoners in public works; reenacting s. 948.012(5)(a), F.S., relating to a split sentence of probation or community control and imprisonment; reenacting s. 948.03(2), F.S., relating to the terms and conditions of probation; reenacting s. 948.062(1)(b), F.S., relating to reviewing and reporting serious offenses committed by offenders placed on probation or community control; reenacting s. 948.101(2), F.S., relating to the terms and conditions of community control; reenacting s. 951.24(2)(c), F.S., relating to extending the limits of confinement for county prisoners; reenacting s. 958.09(2), F.S., relating to the extension of limits of confinement; reenacting s. 960.199(1), F.S., relating to relocation assistance for victims of sexual battery; reenacting s. 1012.315(1)(p), F.S., relating to disqualifications from employment; reenacting s. 435.04(2), F.S., relating to level 2 screening standards; reenacting s. 775.15(15) and (16), F.S., relating to time limitations, general time limitations, and exceptions; reenacting s. 775.21(4), F.S., relating to The Florida Sexual Predators Act; reenacting s. 794.011(4) and (5), F.S., relating to sexual battery; reenacting s. 794.056(1), F.S., relating to the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund; reenacting s. 800.04(4) and (5), F.S., relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age; reenacting s. 856.022(1), F.S., relating to loitering or prowling by certain offenders in close proximity to children; reenacting s. 938.085, F.S., relating to additional costs to fund rape crisis centers; reenacting s. 943.0435(1), F.S., relating to sexual offenders required to register with the Department of Law Enforcement and penalty; reenacting s. 943.0585, F.S., relating to court-ordered expunction of criminal history records; reenacting s. 943.059, F.S., relating to court-ordered sealing of criminal history records; reenacting s. 944.275(4), F.S., relating to gain-time; reenacting s. 944.606(1), F.S., relating to sexual offenders and notification upon release; reenacting s. 944.607(1), F.S., relating to notification to the Department of Law Enforcement of information on sexual offenders; reenacting s. 948.012(5), F.S., relating to split sentence of probation or community control and imprisonment; reenacting s. 948.06(8), F.S., relating to violation of probation or community control, revocation, modification, continuance, and failure to pay restitution or cost of supervision; reenacting s. 960.003(2) and (3), F.S., relating to hepatitis and HIV testing for persons charged with, or alleged by petition for delinquency to have committed, certain offenses, and disclosure of results to victims; reenacting s. 1012.315(1), F.S., relating to disqualification from employment; reenacting s. 960.196(3), F.S., relating to relocation assistance for victims of human trafficking; reenacting s. 960.198(3), F.S., relating to relocation assistance for victims of domestic violence; reenacting s. 39.304(5), F.S., relating to photographs, medical examinations, X rays, and medical treatment of abused, abandoned, or neglected child; reenacting s. 624.128, F.S., relating to crime victims exemption; reenacting s. 960.13(6), F.S., relating to awards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senators Lee, Mayfield, and Steube—

**SB 1210**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to instructional materials for K-12 public education; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; revising the term “adequate instructional materials” and defining the term “instructional materials”; requiring instructional materials to meet certain standards; requiring each district school board to adopt a process allowing parents or other persons who pay ad valorem property or sales tax in Florida to object to the use of specific instructional materials based on specified criteria; requiring the process to include a right to

appeal a school district decision; specifying the appeal process; deleting a provision relating to the finality of the school board’s decision under certain circumstances; revising the standards for instructional materials to include standards that are equivalent to or better than applicable state standards; requiring that district school boards provide parents and other persons who pay ad valorem property or sales tax in Florida full access to certain services under certain circumstances; amending s. 1006.283, F.S.; revising the requirement that the district school superintendent certify that all instructional materials used by the district for core courses meet certain standards; revising the requirements for school boards that adopt rules for the implementation of the district’s instructional materials program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.31, F.S.; revising the standards that an instructional materials reviewer shall use to include instructional materials standards that are equivalent to or better than applicable state standards; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.; revising the use of a portion of the district school board annual allocation; revising the portion of the district school board annual allocation which may be used for instructional materials; revising the types of instructional materials for which a district school board is responsible; revising applicability; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1006.42, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1212**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency alerts; creating s. 316.02703, F.S.; defining the terms “serious bodily injury” and “Yellow Alert”; authorizing a law enforcement agency to request the Florida Highway Patrol to activate a Yellow Alert if a hit-and-run incident is reported to the agency and the agency determines that specified requirements are satisfied; authorizing the Florida Highway Patrol, if it concurs that the specified requirements are satisfied, to activate a Yellow Alert within the geographic area requested by the agency; providing that radio, television, and cable and satellite systems are encouraged to cooperate in disseminating the information contained in a Yellow Alert; requiring the Florida Highway Patrol, upon activation of the alert, to assist the investigating law enforcement agency by issuing the alert, in cooperation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation, using certain dynamic message signs; authorizing the Florida Highway Patrol to prioritize the activation of alerts if multiple Yellow Alerts are requested, subject to certain requirements; specifying the conditions that an agency must determine to have been satisfied in order for the agency to be allowed to request that a Yellow Alert be activated; creating s. 784.072, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to activate the Emergency Alert System and issue a Lockdown Alert to public and private schools and child care facilities under certain circumstances; specifying certain conditions under which Lockdown Alerts may be issued; requiring local law enforcement agencies to create and maintain a list of all public schools, private schools, and child care facilities within their jurisdictions, which must be included in the Lockdown Alert system; authorizing public or private schools or child care facilities to contact their local law enforcement agencies to verify that they are included on the list or to register for inclusion on the list; requiring a local law enforcement agency to take a private school or child care facility off the list if the school or facility requests that it be taken off the list; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation, to activate the Emergency Alert System and issue an Imminent Threat Alert to the public at the request of a local law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; specifying information that must be provided in Imminent Threat Alerts, if available; requiring Imminent Threat Alerts to be disseminated to the public through the Emergency Alert System and through the use of certain dynamic message signs; providing that the agency responsible for posting the Imminent Threat Alert on the dynamic message sign does not violate this section if certain traffic emergency information is displayed on the sign in lieu of the alert; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1214**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising the educational credentials and training required after a specified date for prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private prekindergarten providers; providing for the future revision of alternate educational credentials that such instructors may hold; amending ss. 1002.61 and 1007.23, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1216**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to theme park complex tickets; amending s. 817.36, F.S.; excluding theme park complex tickets from specified regulations; creating s. 817.362, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from reselling tickets to one or more theme park complexes or amusement locations in a theme park complex or related facility for more than \$1 above the admission price; exempting a person or entity expressly authorized in writing by the original ticket seller or its affiliate to offer such tickets for resale; providing that the act does not authorize a person or entity to sell or purchase tickets at any price at a complex without specified consent; requiring sales taxes due for resales to be remitted to the Department of Revenue; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1218**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property repair; amending s. 468.8411, F.S.; defining the terms “professional water damage restorer” and “water damage restoration”; amending s. 468.8414, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to license applicants who are qualified to practice water damage restoration; specifying qualifications for licensure; providing applicability to professional water damage restorers of certain prohibitions and penalties; amending s. 627.422, F.S.; prohibiting personal lines residential or commercial residential property insurance policies from prohibiting the post-loss assignment of benefits; providing that an assignment agreement is not valid unless it meets specified requirements; providing requirements and limitations for assignees of post-loss benefits; requiring insurers that have a preferred vendor or similar program to consider certain certified persons to be preferred vendors; requiring insurers to provide specified contact information on their websites and in policies; requiring assignees to deliver an executed assignment agreement to insurers within a specified timeframe; requiring insurers to make any initial inspections of the covered property within a specified time after receiving such agreement; requiring insureds or assignees to provide a certain prelitigation notice to insurers by a specified timeframe; amending s. 627.7011, F.S.; prohibiting specified acts of insurers relating to homeowners’ insurance policies under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

**SB 1220**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to work release for nonviolent and low-risk offenders; amending s. 945.091, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Corrections to adopt rules to allow inmates who are incarcerated for nonviolent offenses and who are considered low-risk offenders to participate in, unaccompanied by a custodial agent and for a prescribed time, work at paid employment, to participate in an education or a training program, or to voluntarily serve a public or nonprofit agency or faith-based service group in the community; amending ss. 944.704 and 945.0913, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 944.516(2), 945.092, and 946.503(2), F.S., relating to money or other property received for personal use by or benefit of an inmate, limits on work-release and minimum security

custody for persons who have committed the crime of escape, and the definition of the term “correctional work program,” respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.091, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1222**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school grades; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; providing that a school exhibits a feeder pattern for the purpose of designating school grades if at least a majority of its students are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

**SB 1224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; creating s. 252.64, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records requirements for portions of an emergency management plan which address a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution’s response to an act of terrorism; authorizing disclosure under specified circumstances; creating an exemption from public records requirements for portions of an emergency management plan which address a public postsecondary educational institution’s response to an act of terrorism and which are held by that institution; providing for retroactive application; creating an exemption from public meetings requirements for any portion of a meeting at which a component of an emergency management plan which addresses a postsecondary educational institution’s response to an act of terrorism is discussed; specifying that the Governor’s certification of the sufficiency of a plan’s response to an act of terrorism is not exempt; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing statements of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Education; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1226**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funds for the education of inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; removing a provision prohibiting state funds for the operation of postsecondary workforce programs from being used for the education of state or federal inmates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gainer—

**SB 1228**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Marine Turtle Protection Act; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; adding the existing offense of possession of any marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or nests to level 3 of the offense severity ranking chart for the purpose of increasing sentencing points for conviction of the offense; updating a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Appropriations.

**SR 1230**—Not introduced.

By Senator Stewart—

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

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stewart—

**SB 1234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency medical air transportation services; creating s. 401.2515, F.S.; providing a short title; providing definitions; directing the Department of Health to establish the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act Account within the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; requiring the department to use the moneys in such account for specified purposes; providing duties of the director of the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support; providing conditions for the department to increase Florida Medicaid reimbursement payments to emergency medical air transportation services providers; amending ss. 318.18 and 318.21, F.S.; requiring an additional penalty to be imposed for certain moving violations; providing for distribution and use of the moneys received; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 1236**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school district instructional and administrative personnel; creating s. 1012.08, F.S.; providing that certain school district employees have a cause of action under the Whistle-blower's Act for the disclosure of certain information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1238**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utility investments in gas reserves; amending s. 366.04, F.S.; revising the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over public utilities to include the approval of cost recovery for certain gas reserve investments; requiring the commission to adopt, by rule, standards by which it will determine the prudence of such investments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Rules.

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By Senator Rouson—

**SB 1240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to minor patients; amending s. 395.302, F.S.; requiring a hospital or medical facility to maintain and store all medical films and records of a minor patient until the patient reaches the age of 18 years; amending s. 766.306, F.S.; tolling the statute of limitations with respect to any medical-related civil or criminal action brought by, or on behalf of, an ill or injured minor until the minor reaches the age of 18 years; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1242**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurer solvency; amending s. 624.4085, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; providing exceptions from certain risk-based capital formulas for health organizations and for certain property and casualty insurers; providing an exception, until a specified date, from certain requirements for certain health organizations; providing construction; revising the conditions that define a company action level event; amending s. 631.271, F.S.; adding claims for medical treatment by certain providers under certain circumstances to a list prioritizing the distribution of claims from an insurer's estate; amending s. 631.717, F.S.; requiring a notice and certain bills relating to certain costs of activities by the association to be given to member insurers, the Department of Financial Services, and the Office of Insurance Regulation within a specified timeframe; amending s. 631.718, F.S.; providing an exception to a certain class of assessments against member insurers; specifying requirements for such class of assessments by the association's board of directors for the payment of claims under long-term care insurance policies or contracts of an impaired or insolvent insurer; providing construction and applicability; amending s. 641.201, F.S.; providing applicability to health maintenance organizations of certain provisions relating to insurers; creating s. 641.222, F.S.; prohibiting an officer or director of a certain insolvent insurer or health maintenance organization from thereafter serving in certain capacities except under certain circumstances; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Steube—

**SB 1244**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to subpoenas in investigations of sexual offenses; creating s. 775.211, F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement agency to issue and serve a subpoena in an investigation of an offense involving the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, an offense involving an unregistered sex offender, or other specified offenses; specifying and limiting the scope of production under the subpoena; defining the term "sex offender"; requiring the payment of fees and mileage to a subpoenaed witness; authorizing a person who is the subject of a summons to petition for an order modifying or setting aside the summons or a prohibition accompanying the summons; prohibiting the recipient of a subpoena from disclosing its contents to another person under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; specifying requirements regarding the nondisclosure of information; providing that nondisclosure requirements are subject to judicial review and that subpoenas issued under a nondisclosure certification must include notice of the option of judicial review; requiring the return of produced records under certain circumstances; requiring that certain recipients of such a subpoena be allowed at least a specified amount of time to produce records; specifying requirements for service of the subpoena; authorizing the issuer of the subpoena to seek enforcement of the subpoena in a court of competent jurisdiction; authorizing a court to punish noncompliance with an order with contempt; providing immunity from liability for the good faith compliance with such a subpoena; specifying the procedure for filing for judicial review of a nondisclosure requirement imposed in connection with a subpoena; requiring the law enforcement agency to apply for a nondisclosure order within a specified timeframe after receipt of notification of a filing for judicial review; requiring a district court of appeal to rule expeditiously on such filing; requiring an application for a nondisclosure order to include the law enforcement agency's certification as to possible results of disclosure; requiring the district court of appeal to issue a nondisclosure order, or an extension thereof, under certain circumstances; specifying circumstances under which a district court of appeal may issue an extension for a specified period; requiring a court to close any hearing and seal records to prevent the disclosure of specified information or records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1246**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.053, F.S.; authorizing renewed membership in the Florida Retirement System for retirees who are re-employed in a position eligible for the Elected Officers' Class under certain circumstances; amending s. 121.055, F.S.; providing for renewed membership in the retirement system for retirees of the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program who are reemployed on or after a specified date; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; revising criteria for eligibility of payment of death benefits to the surviving children of a Special Risk Class member killed in the line of duty under specified circumstances; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.122, F.S.; requiring that certain retirees who are re-employed on or after a specified date be renewed members in the investment plan; providing exceptions; specifying that creditable service does not accrue for employment during a specified period; prohibiting certain funds from being paid into a renewed member's investment plan account for a specified period of employment; requiring the renewed member to satisfy vesting requirements; prohibiting a renewed member from receiving specified disability benefits; specifying limitations and requirements; requiring the employer and the retiree to make applicable contributions to the renewed member's investment plan account; providing for the transfer of contributions; authorizing a renewed member to receive additional credit toward the health insurance subsidy under certain circumstances; prohibiting participation in the pension plan; providing that a retiree reemployed on or after a specified date in a regularly established position eligible for the State University System Optional Retirement Program or State Community College System Optional Retirement Program is a renewed member of that program; specifying limitations and requirements; requiring the employer and the retiree to make applicable contributions; amending s. 121.4501, F.S.; revising definitions; revising a provision relating to acknowledgement of an employee's election to participate in the investment plan; enrolling certain employees in the pension plan from their date of hire until they are automatically enrolled in the investment plan or timely elect enrollment in the pension plan; providing certain members with a specified time to choose participation in the pension plan or the investment plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 121.591, F.S.; authorizing payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse or surviving children of a member in the investment plan; establishing qualifications and eligibility requirements for receipt of such benefits; prescribing the method of calculating the benefit; specifying circumstances under which benefit payments are terminated; amending s. 121.5912, F.S.; revising a provision regarding program qualification under the Internal Revenue Code and rulemaking authority, to conform to changes made by the act; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Steube—

**SB 1248**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to breach of the peace; amending s. 877.03, F.S.; deleting provisions that provide criminal penalties for certain conduct constituting a breach of the peace; amending ss. 321.05 and 933.14, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1250**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cancer clinical trials; creating s. 385.2021, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; requiring cancer clinical trial programs to inform potential participants of the specified reimbursements for ancillary costs and travel expenses which may be available to them if they participate in a cancer clinical trial; authorizing corporations, individuals, public and private foundations, health care providers, and other stakeholders to offer financial assistance to support approved reimbursements of ancillary costs and travel expenses for participants in a cancer clinical trial; requiring the Department of Health to use specified criteria in reviewing and approving ancillary costs and travel expense

reimbursements; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Galvano—

**SB 1252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1003.576, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions relating to a requirement that the Department of Education have an operating electronic individual education plan system in place for potential statewide use; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; revising the membership of the Higher Education Coordinating Council; amending s. 1008.46, F.S.; revising the date by which the Board of Governors of the State University System must annually submit an accountability report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

**SB 1254**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drugs and alcohol; amending s. 768.125, F.S.; providing that a person who knowingly furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person who is visibly intoxicated is liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the furnishing of alcoholic beverages to such person; providing that a person who knowingly furnishes alcoholic beverages to a minor is liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the furnishing of alcoholic beverages to the minor; providing that a person who furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person habitually addicted to the use of alcoholic beverages is liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the furnishing of alcoholic beverages to such person; providing that the furnishing of an alcoholic beverage to a minor creates a rebuttable presumption that the alcoholic beverage was knowingly furnished to such minor; providing that the presumption may be rebutted by a showing that the person who furnished the alcoholic beverage to the minor first obtained proof of the minor's age by reviewing a specified document; amending s. 856.015, F.S.; defining the terms "open party" and "property"; deleting the definition of the term "residence"; providing a criminal penalty for a person who controls a property, has actual knowledge that an alcoholic beverage or drug is in the possession of or being consumed by a minor in or at the property, and fails to take reasonable steps to prevent the possession or consumption of the alcoholic beverage or drug by the minor and for second or subsequent violations; providing that such a person is liable for any injury or damage caused by or resulting from the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs at an open party; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 1256**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the motor vehicle insurance online verification system; creating s. 324.252, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to establish a system for the online verification of motor vehicle insurance; providing system requirements; requiring insurers to cooperate with the department in establishing and maintaining the system; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing requirements relating to the registration of motor vehicles to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 324.0221, F.S.; providing requirements relating to the reporting of insurance verification by insurers to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1258**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; authorizing fines to be assessed against condominium association officers and directors who knowingly commit certain offenses; authorizing the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to recall certain officers or board members under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 1260**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restrictions on use of public assistance benefits; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; prohibiting the use of electronic benefits transfer cards to purchase soft drinks or candy; creating s. 414.457, F.S.; directing the Department of Children and Families to request a waiver to prohibit the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to purchase soft drinks or candy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

**SB 1262**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to boating in salt water; creating s. 327.396, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting minors of a certain age from operating vessels powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater or certain sailboats or other rigged vessels in salt water, except under specified conditions; providing penalties for parents or guardians who knowingly permit their children or wards to violate the prohibition; providing penalties for persons under the influence who supervise certain minors operating a specified vessel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 1264**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing for sexual offenses; creating s. 794.10, F.S.; prohibiting the grant of early release or the suspension of execution or imposition of sentence if the victim of a sexual offense was prevented from resisting the offense due to intoxication or unconsciousness; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

**SJR 1266**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to automatically restore the voting rights of convicted felons after a specified time.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Campbell—

**SB 1268**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to noneconomic damages for wrongful death suits; repealing s. 766.118, F.S., relating to determination of noneconomic damages and limits on noneconomic damages; amending s. 766.209, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Young—

**SB 1270**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensatory damages for injury or death of a pet; providing a definition; specifying liability for compensatory damages for the injury or death of a pet; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1272**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional regulation; providing a short title; amending s. 455.02, F.S.; revising the length of time that an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States may remain in good standing with an administrative board under certain circumstances; requiring that a spouse or surviving spouse be kept in good standing and be exempt from licensure renewal provisions under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue a professional license, rather than a temporary license, to specified applicants; revising application requirements; requiring the department to waive the applicant's initial licensure application fee; authorizing licensure renewal; amending s. 455.219, F.S.; providing for a fee waiver for active duty members of the Armed Services, certain spouses or surviving spouses of an active duty member and low-income individuals; requiring an application for a fee waiver to be processed within a specified time; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 1274**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential tenancies; creating s. 83.684, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; prohibiting a landlord from evicting a tenant or terminating a residential rental agreement because the tenant or the tenant's minor child is a victim of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or stalking; specifying that a rental agreement may not contain certain provisions; authorizing a victim of such actual or threatened violence or stalking to terminate a residential rental agreement under certain circumstances; providing procedures to notify the landlord; providing for liability for payment of rent; specifying that a tenant does not forfeit any deposit money or advance rent paid to the landlord for terminating the rental agreement under certain circumstances; providing that the perpetrator's liability for rent and obligations under the rental agreement are not terminated; requiring a landlord to change the locks of the dwelling unit within a specified period, under certain circumstances; authorizing the tenant to change the locks of the dwelling unit under certain circumstances; prohibiting a landlord from refusing to enter into or to negotiate a rental agreement, from making a dwelling unit unavailable, or from retaliating in the rental of a dwelling unit under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to keep certain information related to tenants confidential; providing exceptions; providing a penalty and awards for damages, court costs, and attorney fees; prohibiting waiver of the provisions of the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1276**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary educational institution affordability; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; prohibiting the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College from increasing its transportation access fee; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; providing that Florida College System institution boards of trustees may not increase certain student fees after a specified date; requiring the Chancellor of the Florida College System to submit a report detailing the revenue generated by the distance learning course user fee to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; providing that state universities may not increase certain student fees after a

specified date; deleting obsolete language; removing a provision authorizing the Board of Governors to establish new student fees; requiring a university board of trustees to report the amount of revenue generated by the distance learning course fee to the Chancellor of the State University System by a specified date; requiring the chancellor to report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring a state university to waive certain fees for specified graduate students; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 1278**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fuel storage; amending s. 376.3071, F.S.; providing legislative findings; revising legislative intent; specifying that funds in the Inland Protection Trust Fund may be used for certain purposes relating to damage or potential damage to petroleum storage systems caused by ethanol or biodiesel; specifying the maximum funds that may be used for such purposes; specifying the process for petroleum storage system owners or operators to request approval for work and payment from the Department of Environmental Protection; authorizing the department to develop forms for certain procedures and request administrative assistance from the Department of Management Services; specifying that certain costs are not eligible for payment; providing that applications for payment may be submitted on a first-come, first-served basis, with purchase orders subject to certain remaining funds; limiting the amount a storage tank owner or operator may receive annually for such measures; specifying that the department may also pay the cost for certain previously completed repairs, replacement, or other preventive measures relating to damage or potential damage to storage tank systems caused by ethanol or biodiesel; requiring the department to ensure that petroleum storage systems approved after a certain date meet certain standards for ethanol blend, biodiesel blend, and other alternative fuel compatibility; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

**SB 1280**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mandatory retention; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; removing the requirement for mandatory retention of a third grade student based on his or her performance on the English Language Arts assessment; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; correcting a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1282**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expressway authority toll revenue; amending s. 348.0004, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; requiring an authority to provide a rebate for certain tolls paid using an electronic toll collection system; requiring transfer of a certain amount of toll revenue from an authority to a county for certain purposes; requiring a report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Perry—

**SB 7000**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Building Commission; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; requiring the commission to use the 6th edition, and subsequent editions, of the Florida Building Code as the foundation for the development of and updates to the code; requiring the commission to review, rather than update, the Florida

Building Code every 3 years; deleting a provision that specifies how long amendments or modifications to the foundation remain effective; deleting provisions limiting how long an amendment or modification is effective; deleting a provision requiring certain amendments or modifications to be carried forward into the next edition of the code, subject to certain conditions; deleting certain requirements for the resubmission of expired amendments; deleting a provision prohibiting a proposed amendment from being included in the foundation if it has been addressed in the international code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 553.76, F.S.; requiring the commission to adopt the Florida Building Code, and amendments thereto, by a minimum percentage of votes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Community Affairs—

**SB 7002**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 265.7015, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for information that identifies a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned performing arts center if the donor desires to remain anonymous; 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 Health Policy—

**SB 7004**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending ss. 215.56021 and 381.92201, F.S., relating to exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for specified portions of meetings of certain peer review panels appointed by the Department of Health, for specified records generated by such peer review panels, and for research grant applications provided to such peer review panels; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemptions; providing an effective date.

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

By the Committee on Health Policy—

**SB 7006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the direct-support organization of the prescription drug monitoring program; amending s. 893.055, F.S.; deleting language that has become obsolete due to the expiration of the task force; abrogating the repeal of provisions authorizing the Department of Health to establish a direct-support organization for the prescription drug monitoring program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security—

**SB 7008**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs direct-support organization; amending s. 292.055, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing a direct-support organization established by the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security—

**SB 7010**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Military Affairs direct-support organization; amending s. 250.115, F.S.;

abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing a direct-support organization established under the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By the Committee on Health Policy—

**SB 7012**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ratification of Department of Health rules; ratifying a rule, adopted by the Board of Medicine, relating to the standard of care for office surgery 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 on or increase in regulatory costs; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By the Committee on Agriculture—

**SB 7014**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 601.10, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for nonpublished reports or data related to certain studies or research related to citrus fruit, citrus fruit juices, and the products and byproducts thereof which is conducted, caused to be conducted, or funded by the Department of Citrus; abrogating the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

**SB 7016**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 272.136, F.S., which provides a public records exemption for identifying information of certain donors or prospective donors to the direct-support organization of the Florida Historic Capitol Museum; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

**SB 7018**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.071, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records requirements for certain personal identifying and location information of specified agency personnel, and the spouses and children thereof; revising and reorganizing the exemptions; removing redundant exemptions regarding social security numbers; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the names of the spouses and children of certified firefighters, current or former justices and judges, and certain magistrates, judges, and hearing officers; removing the requirement that specified agency personnel make reasonable efforts to protect access to personal identifying and location information in order be subject to an exemption; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the dates of birth for current or former investigators or inspectors for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and county tax collectors, and the spouses and children thereof; removing the scheduled repeal of certain exemptions; providing for retroactive application; providing statements of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

### FIRST READING

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Galvano—

**CS for SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; providing a short title; amending s. 1001.66, F.S.; revising requirements for the performance-based metrics used to award Florida College System institutions with performance-based incentives; amending s. 1001.67, F.S.; revising the Distinguished Florida College System Institution Program excellence standards requirements; amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; revising the preeminent state research universities program graduation rate requirements and funding distributions; deleting the authority for such universities to stipulate a special course requirement for incoming students; requiring the Board of Governors to establish certain standards by a specified date; amending s. 1001.92, F.S.; requiring certain performance-based metrics to include specified graduation rates; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one “2+2” Targeted Pathway articulation agreement by a specified time; providing requirements and student eligibility for the agreements; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers for the agreements; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring school districts to notify students about certain lists and equivalencies; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; providing that certain state universities may continue to provide developmental education instruction; amending ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; requiring each state university board of trustees to implement a block tuition policy for specified undergraduate students or undergraduate-level courses by a specified time; revising the conditions for differential tuition; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; specifying Florida Academic Scholars award amounts to cover tuition, fees, textbooks, and other college-related expenses; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; revising the state-to-private match requirement for contributions to the First Generation Matching Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; renaming the Florida Resident Access Grant Program; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.; extending coverage of Benacquisto Scholarships to include tuition and fees for qualified nonresident students; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

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By the Committees on Appropriations; and Education; and Senator Galvano—

**CS for CS for SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; providing a short title; amending s. 1001.66, F.S.; revising requirements for the performance-based metrics used to award Florida College System institutions with performance-based incentives; amending s. 1001.67, F.S.; revising the Distinguished Florida College System Institution Program excellence standards requirements; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring state universities to use gap analyses to identify internship opportunities in high-demand fields; amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; revising the preeminent state research universities program graduation rate requirements and funding distributions; deleting the authority for such universities to stipulate a special course requirement for incoming students; requiring the Board of Governors to establish certain standards by a specified date; amending s. 1001.92, F.S.; requiring certain performance-based metrics to include specified graduation rates; creating s. 1004.6497, F.S.; establishing the World Class Faculty and Scholar Program; providing the purpose and intent of the program; authorizing investments in certain faculty retention, recruitment, and recognition activities; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used only for authorized purposes and investments; requiring the Board of Governors to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; creating s. 1004.6498, F.S.; establishing the State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program; providing the purpose of the program; listing the quality improvement efforts that may be used to elevate the prominence of state university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used only for authorized purposes and



investments; requiring the Board of Governors to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one “2+2” Targeted Pathway articulation agreement by a specified time; providing requirements and student eligibility for the agreements; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers for the agreements; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; requiring school districts to notify students about certain lists and equivalencies; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; providing that certain state universities may continue to provide developmental education instruction; amending ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the inclusion of a technology fee in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program award; requiring each state university board of trustees to implement a block tuition policy for specified undergraduate students or undergraduate-level courses by a specified time; revising the conditions for differential tuition; amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; authorizing a student to use funds appropriated in the General Appropriations Act for summer term enrollment for Florida Academic Scholars awards; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; specifying Florida Academic Scholars award amounts to cover tuition, fees, textbooks, and other college-related expenses; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; revising the state-to-private match requirement for contributions to the First Generation Matching Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; renaming the Florida Resident Access Grant Program; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.; extending coverage of Benacquisto Scholarships to include tuition and fees for qualified nonresident students; creating s. 1009.894, F.S.; creating the Florida Farmworker Student Scholarship Program; providing a purpose; requiring the Department of Education to administer the scholarship program; providing initial and renewal scholarship student eligibility criteria; specifying award amounts and distributions; requiring the department to issue the awards annually; requiring institutions to certify certain information and remit any remaining funds to the department by a specified timeframe; requiring the department to maintain program data; providing for funding as specified in the General Appropriations Act; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; providing that certain payments from the Florida Prepaid College Board to a state university on behalf of a qualified beneficiary may not exceed a specified amount; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; revising the intent of the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; deleting the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund; authorizing the Legislature to prioritize certain funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; amending s. 267.062, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Galvano—

**CS for SB 8**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gaming; amending and reordering s. 24.103, F.S.; defining the term “point-of-sale terminal”; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create a program that authorizes certain persons to purchase a ticket at a point-of-sale terminal; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing requirements for the rules; amending s. 24.112, F.S.; authorizing the department, a retailer operating from one or more locations, or a vendor approved by the department to use a point-of-sale terminal to sell a lottery ticket; requiring a point-of-sale terminal to perform certain functions; specifying that the point-of-sale terminal may not reveal winning numbers; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from including or making use of video reels or mechanical reels or other video depictions of slot machine or casino game themes or titles for game play; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from being used to redeem a winning ticket; amending s. 285.710, F.S.; redefining the term “compact”; ratifying and approving a specified compact executed by the Governor and the Seminole Tribe of Florida contingent upon the adoption of specified amendments to the compact; superseding the compact approved by the Legislature in 2010, subject to certain requirements; directing the Governor to cooperate with the Tribe in seeking approval of the amended compact from the United States Secretary of the Interior; directing the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to provide written notice of the effective date of the compact to specified persons under certain circumstances; specifying the amendments that must be made to the compact by agreement between the Governor and the Tribe for the

compact to be deemed ratified and approved; prohibiting the incorporation of specified amendments into the compact from impacting or changing the payments required to the state by the Tribe during specified payment periods; prohibiting the compact from being amended to prorate or reduce required payments to the state; requiring specified provisions of the compact relating to required payments to the state during the initial payment period be deleted; expanding the games authorized to be conducted and the counties in which such games may be offered; amending s. 285.712, F.S.; correcting a citation; creating s. 546.11, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 546.12, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 546.13, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 546.14, F.S.; creating the Office of Contest Amusements within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring that the office be under the supervision of a senior manager who is exempt from the Career Service System and is appointed by the secretary of the department; providing duties of the office; providing for rulemaking; creating s. 546.15, F.S.; providing licensing requirements for contest operators offering fantasy contests; providing licensing application and renewal fees; requiring the office to grant or deny a license within a specified timeframe; providing that a completed application is deemed approved 120 days after receipt by the office under certain circumstances; exempting applications for a contest operator’s license from certain licensure timeframe requirements; providing requirements for the license application; providing that specified persons or entities are not eligible for licensure under certain circumstances; defining the term “convicted”; authorizing the office to suspend, revoke, or deny a license under certain circumstances; creating s. 546.16, F.S.; requiring a contest operator to implement specified consumer protection procedures under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to annually contract with a third party to perform an independent audit under certain circumstances; requiring a contest operator to submit the audit results to the office by a certain date; creating s. 546.17, F.S.; requiring contest operators to keep and maintain certain records for a specified period; providing a requirement for such records; requiring that such records be available for audit and inspection; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 546.18, F.S.; providing a civil penalty; providing applicability; exempting fantasy contests from certain provisions in ch. 849, F.S.; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; amending s. 550.002, F.S.; redefining the term “full schedule of live racing or games”; amending s. 550.01215, F.S.; revising application requirements for pari-mutuel operating licenses; authorizing a greyhound racing permitholder to specify certain intentions on its application; authorizing a greyhound racing permitholder to receive an operating license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities at another permitholder’s greyhound racing facility; authorizing a thoroughbred horse racing permitholder to elect not to conduct live racing under certain circumstances; authorizing a thoroughbred horse racing permitholder that elects not to conduct live racing to retain its permit and requiring the permitholder to specify its intention not to conduct live racing in future applications and that it is a pari-mutuel facility; authorizing such thoroughbred racing permitholder’s facility to remain an eligible facility, to continue to be eligible for a slot machine license, to be exempt from certain provisions of chs. 550 and 551, F.S., to be eligible as a guest track for intertrack wagering and simulcasting, and to remain eligible for a cardroom license; requiring, for a specified period, that such permitholder file with the division an irrevocable consent authorizing the use of certain contributions for specified purses and awards; exempting certain harness horse racing permitholders, quarter horse racing permitholders, and jai alai permitholders from specified live racing or live games requirements; authorizing such permitholders to specify certain intentions on their applications; authorizing certain permitholders that elect not to conduct live racing to retain their permits; providing that certain facilities of such permitholders that have been issued a slot machine license remain eligible facilities, continue to be eligible for a slot machine license, are exempt from certain provisions of ch. 551, F.S., are eligible to be guest tracks or, in certain cases, host tracks for certain purposes, and remain eligible for a cardroom license; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to approve changes in racing dates for permitholders under certain circumstances; providing requirements for licensure of certain jai alai permitholders; deleting a provision for conversion of certain converted permits to jai alai permits; authorizing certain limited thoroughbred racing permitholders to apply by a certain date to conduct live performances during a specified timeframe subject to certain conditions; amending s. 550.0251, F.S.; requiring the division to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature; specifying requirements for the content of the report; amend-

ing s. 550.054, F.S.; requiring the division to revoke a pari-mutuel wagering operating permit under certain circumstances; prohibiting issuance or approval of new pari-mutuel permits after a specified date; prohibiting certain revoked permits from being reissued; authorizing a permitholder to apply to the division to place a permit in inactive status; revising provisions that prohibit transfer or assignment of a pari-mutuel permit; deleting provisions authorizing a jai alai permitholder to convert such permit to conduct greyhound racing; deleting a provision requiring the division to convert such permits under certain circumstances; deleting provisions for certain converted permits; amending s. 550.0555, F.S.; authorizing specified permitholders to relocate under certain circumstances, subject to certain restrictions; deleting a provision requiring the relocation to be necessary to ensure the revenue-producing capability of the permittee without deteriorating the revenue-producing capability of any other pari-mutuel permittee within a certain distance; revising how certain distances are measured; repealing s. 550.0745, F.S., relating to the conversion of pari-mutuel permits to summer jai alai permits; amending s. 550.0951, F.S.; deleting provisions for certain credits for a greyhound racing permitholder; deleting a provision requiring a specified license fee to be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; revising the tax on handle for live greyhound racing and inter-track wagering if the host track is a greyhound racing track; amending s. 550.09512, F.S.; providing for the revocation of certain harness horse racing permits; specifying that a revoked permit may not be reissued; amending s. 550.09514, F.S.; deleting certain provisions that prohibit tax on handle until a specified amount of tax savings have resulted; revising purse requirements of a greyhound racing permitholder that conducts live racing; amending s. 550.09515, F.S.; providing for the revocation of certain thoroughbred racing permits; specifying that a revoked permit may not be reissued; amending s. 550.155, F.S.; specifying that a person who accepts certain wagers commits a felony of the third degree; providing penalties; amending s. 550.1625, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a greyhound racing permitholder pay the breaks tax; repealing s. 550.1647, F.S., relating to unclaimed tickets and breaks held by greyhound racing permitholders; amending s. 550.1648, F.S.; revising requirements for a greyhound racing permitholder to provide a greyhound adoption booth at its facility; requiring sterilization of greyhounds before adoption; authorizing the fee for such sterilization to be included in the cost of adoption; defining the term "bona fide organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds"; creating s. 550.1752, F.S.; creating the permit reduction program within the division; providing a purpose for the program; providing for funding for the program; requiring the division to purchase pari-mutuel permits from permitholders under certain circumstances; requiring that permitholders who wish to make an offer to sell meet certain requirements; requiring the division to adopt a certain form by rule; requiring that the division establish the value of a pari-mutuel permit based on the valuation of one or more independent appraisers; authorizing the division to establish a value that is lower than the valuation of the independent appraiser; requiring the division to accept the offers that best utilize available funding; prohibiting the department from accepting an offer to purchase a permit or from executing a contract to purchase a permit under certain conditions; requiring, by a specified date, that the division certify an executed contract to the Chief Financial Officer and request a distribution to be paid to the permitholder; limiting such distributions; providing for expiration of the program; creating s. 550.1753, F.S.; creating the thoroughbred purse and awards supplement program within the division as of a specified date; providing a purpose for the program; providing for funding of the program; requiring the division, within a specified timeframe, to certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount of the purse and awards supplement funds to be distributed to eligible thoroughbred racing permitholders and request distribution of such funds from the General Revenue Fund to such permitholders; limiting the amount of distributions in any given fiscal year; specifying intended uses of the funds; prohibiting certain thoroughbred horse racing permitholders from receiving purse and awards supplements unless they provide a copy of a certain agreement; specifying percentages of the funds that must be used for certain purposes; requiring the division to apportion purse and awards supplement funds in a specified manner; providing conditions under which certain limited thoroughbred racing permitholders may make annual application for and receive certain funds; providing that funding must be allocated on a pro rata share basis; providing that certain funding is conditioned on limited thoroughbred racing permitholders applying for a limited number of performances; providing that limited thoroughbred permitholders under the program are treated

as other thoroughbred permitholders applying for funding after a certain date; authorizing such funds to be used to supplement purses and subsidize certain costs; requiring the division to distribute a specified percentage of funds to a specified organization for payment of specified racing awards; authorizing certain supplemental funds to be returned to thoroughbred horse racing permitholders to allow them to distribute special racing awards under certain circumstances under terms established in a required written agreement; requiring the division to adopt a form to apply to receive supplement purse funds under the program; authorizing the division to adopt rules; providing for expiration of the program; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; revising the actions that mark the commencement of certain administrative actions; requiring the division to adopt certain rules; deleting a provision specifying the version of the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule which must be used by the division to adopt certain rules; requiring the division rules to include a penalty system for the use of certain drugs, medications, and other foreign substances; requiring the classification and penalty system included in division rules to incorporate specified documents; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported within a certain timeframe on a form adopted by the division; requiring such form to be completed and signed under oath or affirmation by certain individuals; providing penalties; specifying information that must be included on the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms as public records for a specified time; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation who makes false statements on an injury form or who fails to report an injury; exempting injuries to certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring the division to adopt rules; amending s. 550.26165, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 550.3345, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; revising requirements for a permit previously converted from a quarter horse racing permit to a limited thoroughbred racing permit; authorizing certain holders of limited thoroughbred racing permits to apply for and be issued an operating license for a specified purpose under certain circumstances; amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; deleting a provision that limits the number of out-of-state races on which wagers are accepted by a greyhound racing permitholder; deleting a provision requiring certain permitholders to conduct a full schedule of live racing to receive certain full-card broadcasts and accept certain wagers; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; prohibiting a permitholder from leasing from certain pari-mutuel permitholders; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to requirements for thoroughbred permitholders; deleting a provision prohibiting a thoroughbred racing permitholder from beginning a race before a specified time; amending s. 550.615, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for certain pari-mutuel facilities to qualify to receive certain broadcasts; providing that certain greyhound racing permitholders are not required to obtain certain written consent; deleting requirements that intertrack wagering be conducted between certain permitholders; deleting a provision prohibiting certain intertrack wagering in certain counties; specifying conditions under which greyhound racing permitholders may accept wagers; amending s. 550.6308, F.S.; revising the number of days of thoroughbred horse sales required for an applicant to obtain a limited intertrack wagering license; revising eligibility requirements for such licenses; revising requirements for such wagering; deleting provisions requiring a licensee to make certain payments to the daily pari-mutuel pool; amending s. 551.101, F.S.; revising the facilities that may possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming; deleting certain provisions requiring a countywide referendum to approve slot machines at certain facilities; amending s. 551.102, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 551.104, F.S.; prohibiting the division from issuing a slot machine license to certain pari-mutuel permitholders; revising conditions of licensure and conditions for maintaining authority to conduct slot machine gaming; exempting a summer thoroughbred racing permitholder from certain purse requirements; providing applicability; providing an expiration for a provision requiring certain slot machine licensees to remit a certain amount for the payment of purses on live races; deleting a provision prohibiting the division from issuing or renewing a license for an applicant holding a permit under ch. 550, F.S., under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 551.1042, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of a slot machine license or relocation of a slot machine facility; providing an exception; creating s. 551.1043, F.S.; providing legislative findings; authorizing two additional slot machine licenses to be awarded and renewed annually to persons located in specified counties; providing that no more than one license may be awarded in each of those counties; authorizing certain persons to apply for such licenses; providing that

certain persons are ineligible to apply for the additional slot machine licenses; providing a license application fee; requiring the deposit of the fee in the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; requiring the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to award the license to the applicant that best meets the selection criteria; providing selection criteria; requiring the division to complete a certain evaluation by a specified date; specifying grounds for denial of an application; providing that certain protests be forwarded to the Division of Administrative Hearings; providing requirements for appeals; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to adopt certain emergency rules; authorizing the licensee of the additional slot machine license to operate a cardroom and a specified number of house banked blackjack table games at its facility under certain circumstances; providing that such licensee is subject to specified provisions of ch. 849, F.S., and exempt from specified provisions of chs. 550 and 551, F.S.; creating s. 551.1044, F.S.; authorizing blackjack table games at certain pari-mutuel facilities; specifying limits on wagers; requiring a permitholder that offers banked blackjack to pay a tax to the state; providing that such tax is subject to certain provisions of ch. 849, F.S.; amending s. 551.106, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; revising the tax rate on slot machine revenues under certain conditions; revising the taxes to be paid to the division for deposit into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; requiring certain funds to be transferred into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and to specified entities; requiring certain permitholders and licensees to pay a slot machine guarantee fee if certain taxes and fees paid to the state during certain periods fall below a specified amount; amending s. 551.108, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 551.114, F.S.; revising the areas where a designated slot machine gaming area may be located; amending s. 551.116, F.S.; deleting a restriction on the number of hours per day that slot machine gaming areas may be open; amending s. 551.121, F.S.; authorizing the serving of complimentary or reduced-cost alcoholic beverages to persons playing slot machines; authorizing the location of an automated teller machine or similar device within designated slot machine gaming areas; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; revising legislative intent; revising definitions; authorizing the division to establish a reasonable period to respond to certain requests from a licensed cardroom; providing that the division must approve certain requests within 45 days; requiring the division to review and approve or reject certain revised internal controls or revised rules within 10 days after submission; revising certain license renewal requirements; deleting provisions relating to restrictions on hours of operation; authorizing certain cardroom operators to offer certain designated player games; requiring the designated player and employees of the designated player to be licensed; requiring the designated player to pay certain fees; prohibiting cardroom operators from serving as the designated player in a game and from having a financial interest in a designated player; authorizing a cardroom operator to collect a rake, subject to certain requirements; requiring the dealer button to be rotated under certain circumstances; prohibiting a cardroom operator from allowing a designated player to pay an opposing player under certain circumstances; prohibiting the rules of the game or of the cardroom to require a designated player to cover all wagers of opposing players; prohibiting a cardroom or cardroom licensee from contracting with or receiving certain compensation from a player to allow that player to participate in any game as a designated player; revising requirements for a cardroom license to be issued or renewed; requiring a certain written agreement with a thoroughbred permitholder; providing contract requirements for the agreement; requiring a thoroughbred permitholder to remit a percentage of specified funds to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Inc., subject to certain requirements; revising requirements to transfer or reissue certain cardroom gaming licenses; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 849.0931, F.S.; authorizing certain veterans' organizations engaged in charitable, civic, benevolent, or scholastic works or similar endeavors to conduct bingo using electronic tickets on specified premises; requiring that electronic tickets for instant bingo meet a certain requirement; making the sale of such tickets by veterans' organizations contingent upon certification of software by a nationally recognized independent gaming laboratory; directing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to revoke certain pari-mutuel permits; specifying that the revoked permits may not be re-issued; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Flores—

**CS for SB 18**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of “Survivor” and the Estate of “Victim”; providing an appropriation to compensate Survivor and the Estate of Victim for injuries and damages sustained as result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing that the amount already paid by the department and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the injuries of Survivor and the death of Victim; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Simmons—

**CS for SB 28**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of J.D.S.; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate J.D.S. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, as successor agency of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Gibson and Bracy—

**CS for SB 32**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Danielle Maudsley; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Danielle Maudsley for Ms. Maudsley's death, sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of Trooper Daniel Cole and the Florida Highway Patrol, a division of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the alleged acts; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Montford—

**CS for SB 36**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jennifer Wohlgenuth by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Benacquisto—

**CS for SB 38**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.T.; providing an appropriation to compensate L.T. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing legislative intent regarding certain Medicaid liens; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Montford—

**CS for SB 42**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Angela Sanford by Leon County; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Leon County; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Braynon—

**CS for SB 48**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Wendy Smith and Dennis Darling, Sr., parents of Devaughn Darling, deceased; providing an appropriation to compensate the parents for the loss of their son, Devaughn Darling, whose death occurred while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University

campus; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Gibson and Bracy—

**CS for SB 50**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Eddie Weekley and Charlotte Williams, individually and as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Franklin Weekley, their deceased son, for the disappearance and death of their son while he was in the care of the Marianna Sunland Center, currently operated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; providing an appropriation to compensate them for the disappearance and death of Franklin Weekley, which were due to the negligence of the Department of Children and Families; providing a limitation on the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 56**—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 Ducks Unlimited license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising the distribution of proceeds for the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers License Plate; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Ducks Unlimited license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Grimsley—

**CS for SB 58**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cardiac programs; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a technical advisory panel to develop procedures and standards for measuring outcomes of pediatric cardiac catheterization programs and pediatric open-heart surgery programs; establishing membership of the technical advisory panel; requiring the agency to develop and adopt rules for pediatric cardiac catheterization programs and pediatric open-heart surgery programs based on recommendations of the technical advisory panel; amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; establishing additional criteria that must be included by the Agency for Health Care Administration in rules relating to adult cardiovascular services at hospitals seeking licensure for a Level I program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senators Bean and Rodriguez—

**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.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Bean—

**CS for SB 62**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pediatric cardiac care in the Children's Medical Services program; creating s. 391.224, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating the Pediatric Cardiac Care Advisory Council within the Department of Health; specifying the council membership; providing for election of the council chair and vice chair; providing for per diem and travel expenses; specifying the duties of the council; requiring the State Surgeon General to designate certain facilities as Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence; establishing prerequisites for the designation of a facility as a center of excellence; requiring that the council provide an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Surgeon General; requiring the department to develop rules relating to pediatric cardiac care and facilities in the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules relating to the council and the designation of facilities as Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 64**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state park fees; creating s. 258.0142, F.S.; providing certain discounts on state park fees to specified foster and adoptive families; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks within the Department of Environmental Protection to establish certain documentation standards and create a procedure for obtaining the discounts; requiring the division to continue a partnership with the Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and adoption of special needs children with certain events; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Grimsley and Latvala—

**CS for SB 68**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tourist development tax; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; authorizing counties imposing the tourist development tax to use those tax revenues for auditoriums that are publicly owned but operated by specified organizations under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Steube—

**CS for SB 80**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.12, F.S.; requiring a complainant to timely provide written notice of a public records request in order to be entitled to the reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorney fees, in certain civil actions for enforcement of ch. 119, F.S.; providing that the award of such attorney fees is within the discretion of the court; specifying factors for a court to consider in determining whether an agency unlawfully refused to permit a public record to be inspected or copied; authorizing a court to assess and award attorney fees against a complainant if certain conditions exist; specifying circumstances under which a court must assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 90**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy source devices; amending s. 193.624, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "renewable energy source device"; prohibiting the consideration of just value of property attributable to a renewable energy source device in determining the assessed value of any real property; deleting a provision relating to applicability as of a specified date; creating s. 196.182, F.S.; exempting a renewable energy source device from the tangible personal property tax; providing for expiration; reenacting ss. 193.155(4)(a) and 193.1554(6)(a), F.S., relating to homestead assessments and nonhomestead residential property assessments, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 193.624, F.S., in references thereto; providing that specified amendments made by the act expire on a certain date; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Flores—

**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 an effective date.

By the Committees on Rules; and Regulated Industries; and Senator Flores—

**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.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Steube—

**CS for SB 118**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history records; prohibiting a person or entity engaged in publishing or disseminating arrest booking photographs from soliciting or accepting a fee or other payment to remove, correct, or modify such photograph; requiring a person or entity, within a specified timeframe, to remove an arrest booking photograph after receipt of a written request; authorizing a person to bring a civil action to enjoin such publishing of a photograph; authorizing a court to impose a civil penalty and award attorney fees and court costs; providing applicability; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; revising the eligibility requirements for expunction of criminal history records to include instances in which a judgment of acquittal or a verdict of not guilty is rendered; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Hutson, Steube, and Perry—

**CS for SB 120**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses by aliens unlawfully present in the United States; creating s. 775.0864, F.S.; requiring specified offenses to be reclassified if committed by such aliens; specifying the reclassification of these offenses; specifying the enhancement of the level of the ranking for purposes of sentencing and gain-time eligibility; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; revising references to offense reclassification provisions to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Bradley, Simpson, Bean, Baxley, Steube, Mayfield, Brandes, Broxson, and Benacquisto—

**CS for SB 128**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-defense immunity; amending s. 776.032, F.S.; providing that the state has the burden of proving that a defendant is not immune from prosecution under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SJR 134**—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 sheriff in a manner other than by election or to alter the duties of the sheriff or abolish the office of the sheriff.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Garcia—

**CS for SB 148**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students remaining on school grounds during school hours; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; providing that a district school board may adopt policies for releasing students for the school lunch period; requiring schools in certain districts to obtain written parental consent before permitting students to leave school grounds during the lunch period; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to autism awareness training for law enforcement officers; creating s. 943.1727, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish a continued employment training component relating to autism spectrum disorder; specifying instruction to be included in the training component; providing that completion of the training may count toward continued employment instruction requirements; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Grimsley and Baxley—

**CS for SB 164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of title for motor vehicles; amending s. 319.32, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and tax collector from charging any fee or service charge, except for the expedited title fee, if applicable, for a certificate of title issued for a motor vehicle solely to remove a deceased coowner from a title registered in the name of two persons if the other coowner is the surviving spouse; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Steube, Brandes, Hutson, and Young—

**CS for SB 166**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; providing that the ownership, management, operation, or control of up to three vendor's licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages by a designated Florida Craft Distillery is not prohibited under specified laws; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to issue permits to designated Florida Craft Distilleries to conduct certain tastings and sales; requiring such distilleries to pay entry fees and have a representative present during certain events; authorizing the transfer of wine and distilled spirits to vendors by specified wineries and distilleries under certain circumstances; requiring the division to approve certain storage areas; requiring wineries and distilleries to report all such transfers to the division and to include them in monthly excise tax payments; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; redefining the term "craft distillery"; specifying authorized products for sale by craft distilleries; providing limitations on retail sales by craft distilleries to consumers; permitting craft distilleries to retain and renew a vendor's license under specified circumstances; authorizing craft distilleries to transfer distilled spirits under certain conditions; requiring the division to approve certain storage areas; requiring distilleries to report all such transfers to the division and to include them in monthly excise tax payments; deleting certain prohibitions on the transfer of a distillery license and affiliated ownership; authorizing craft distilleries to apply for a sales room location under certain circumstances; amending s. 565.17, F.S.; authorizing craft distilleries to conduct tastings under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senators Passidomo, Mayfield, and Powell—

**CS for SB 172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianship; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; requiring each examining committee member in a proceeding to determine incapacity to file his or her report with the clerk of the court within a specified timeframe after appointment; requiring the clerk of the court to serve each report on specified persons within a specified timeframe; requiring the clerk of the court to file a certificate of service of each report in the incapacity proceeding; revising the timeframe before the hearing on the petition within which specified parties must be served with all reports; authorizing the petitioner and the alleged incapacitated person to move for a continuance if service is not timely effectuated and to object to the introduction of all or any part of a report by filing and serving a written objection to admissibility on the other party within a specified timeframe; specifying that the admissibility of the report is governed by the rules of evidence; requiring that the adjudicatory hearing be conducted within a specified timeframe after the filing of the last filed report; amending s. 744.367, F.S.; increasing the time that a guardian has to file a required annual guardianship plan with the court if the court does not require filing on a calendar year basis; decreasing the time that a guardian has to file a required annual guardianship plan with the court if the court requires calendar-year filing; amending s. 744.3725, F.S.; eliminating the requirement that a court must first find that a ward's spouse has consented to dissolution of marriage before the court may authorize a guardian to exercise specified rights; amending s. 744.441, F.S.; removing the cap on funeral expenses that may be paid from a ward's estate; reenacting s. 744.3215(4), F.S., relating to the rights of persons determined incapacitated, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 744.3725, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Mayfield—

**CS for SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection from nonmedical changes to prescription drug formularies; creating s. 627.42393, F.S.; limiting changes to a health insurance policy prescription drug formulary during a policy year; providing applicability and construction; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to limit changes to prescription drug formularies under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; limiting changes to a health maintenance contract prescription drug formulary during a contract year; providing applicability and construction; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Health Policy; and Banking and Insurance; and Senator Mayfield—

**CS for CS for SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection from nonmedical changes to prescription drug formularies; creating s. 627.42393, F.S.; limiting, under specified circumstances, changes to a health insurance policy prescription drug formulary during a policy year; providing construction and applicability; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to limit changes to prescription drug formularies under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; limiting, under specified circumstances, changes to a health maintenance contract prescription drug formulary during a contract year; providing construction and applicability; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Artilles—

**CS for SB 190**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to low-voltage electric fences; amending s. 553.793, F.S.; redefining the term "low-voltage alarm system project" to include low-voltage electric fences; defining the term "low-voltage electric fence"; providing requirements for a low-voltage electric fence to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm system project; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Powell and Rouson—

**CS for SB 192**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 944.292, F.S.; creating an exception to the suspension of civil rights upon the conviction of a felony for children convicted as adults; amending s. 985.556, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring that a state attorney request the court to transfer and certify a child for prosecution as an adult under certain circumstances; revising the factors that a court must consider when determining whether a child should be transferred to adult court; amending s. 985.557, F.S.; revising the list of crimes for which children of specified ages who are charged with committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit may have an information filed against them by a state attorney; requiring a state attorney to document in writing the reasons for prosecuting or not prosecuting a child as an adult; requiring the state attorney to file the document with the court and include specified information for his or her written decision; deleting provisions requiring that a child be prosecuted as an adult if the child committed or attempted to commit specified crimes; deleting provisions relating to sentencing of a child who commits or attempts to commit such crimes; authorizing a child who is transferred to adult court to request, in writing, a hearing before the court to determine whether the child remains in adult court; requiring the court to make specified considerations in determining whether the public safety would be served by retaining jurisdiction; authorizing the court to transfer a child back to a juvenile court; prohibiting the transfer of an eligible child to adult court if the child has previously been found incompetent but has not had competency restored until child's competency is restored; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice, beginning on a certain date, to collect specified information relating to children who qualify for prosecution as adults and for children who are transferred for criminal prosecution as adults; requiring the department to work with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to generate a report analyzing the data of juveniles transferred for prosecution as adults during a certain period; requiring the department to provide the report to the Governor and the Legislature by a certain date; requiring the department to work with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to generate an annual report to include certain information and provide it to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing a child 14 years of age but who has not yet reached the age of 18 and is convicted and sentenced to the Department of Corrections must be kept completely separated from adult offenders in the facility; amending s. 985.56, F.S.; limiting the age to children 14 years of age or older, rather than children of any age, who are subject to the jurisdiction of a court if charged with a violation of law punishable by death or life imprisonment; prohibiting the transfer of a child to adult court for prosecution if the child has a pending competency hearing in juvenile court or has previously been found incompetent and has not had his or her competence restored by a court until the child's competency is restored; providing the tolling of time limits for specified purposes; making technical changes; amending s. 985.565, F.S.; revising the criteria to be used in determining whether to impose juvenile or adult sanctions; deleting provisions requiring the sentencing of children who commit offenses punishable by death or life imprisonment or who are found to have committed lesser included offenses; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 985.03, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 985.15, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 985.514(3), F.S., relating to responsibility for cost of care and fees, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 985.565, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Flores, Bracy, Garcia, Baxley, Gibson, Steube, Rodriguez, and Perry—

**CS for SB 196**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile civil citation and similar diversion programs; amending s. 985.12, F.S.; requiring the establishment of civil citation or similar diversion programs for juveniles; providing definitions; specifying program eligibility, participation, and implementation requirements; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending ss. 943.051 and 985.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court records; amending s. 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from liability for the release of certain information by the clerk of court under certain circumstances; deleting obsolete language; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Passidomo—

**CS for SB 206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic wills; amending s. 731.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “will” to include electronic wills; amending s. 732.506, F.S.; excepting electronic wills from revocation provisions; creating s. 732.521, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 732.522, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 732.523, F.S.; specifying requirements that must be satisfied in the execution of electronic wills; creating s. 732.524, F.S.; providing that electronic wills may be made self-proved at the time of execution; providing requirements for self-proof of electronic wills; creating s. 732.525, F.S.; specifying the circumstances under which a person is deemed to be in the presence of another; providing that an electronic signature satisfies the requirement that a document be signed; providing requirements for certain documents to be deemed executed in this state; creating s. 732.526, F.S.; authorizing an electronic will that is properly executed in this or another state to be offered for and admitted to probate in this state; providing the venue for the probate of such electronic will; creating s. 732.527, F.S.; specifying requirements for service as a qualified custodian; requiring qualified custodians to provide access to or information concerning the electronic will or the electronic record containing the electronic will, only to specified persons; authorizing the qualified custodian to deposit an electronic will with the clerk of court; authorizing a qualified custodian to destroy the electronic record of an electronic will after a certain date; providing for cessation of service of a qualified custodian; requiring that a qualified custodian who elects to cease serving in such capacity provide written notice to the testator under certain circumstances; requiring a qualified custodian to deliver certain documents to specified persons when he or she ceases to serve in such capacity; requiring a qualified custodian to cease serving in such capacity under certain circumstances; requiring that a successor qualified custodian agree in writing to serve in that capacity for an electronic will before succeeding to office; specifying what constitutes an affidavit of the qualified custodian; requiring a qualified custodian to deliver certain documents upon request from a testator; providing that a qualified is liable for certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring a qualified custodian to keep certain information confidential; amending s. 733.201, F.S.; providing for the proof of electronic wills; providing requirements for admitting an electronic will that is not self-proved into probate; providing that a paper copy of an electronic will constitutes an “original” of the electronic will subject to certain conditions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 210**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 744.21031, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former public guardians and the spouses and children thereof; providing for retroactive application; 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 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Passidomo—

**CS for CS for SB 210**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 744.21031, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former public guardians and the spouses and children thereof; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and 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.

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

**CS for SB 230**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonnative animals; creating s. 379.2311, F.S.; defining the terms “pet dealer” and “priority invasive species”; requiring the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a pilot program for the eradication of priority invasive species; providing legislative findings; providing goals for the pilot program; authorizing the commission to enter into specified contracts; specifying parameters for the implementation of the pilot program; specifying procedures for handling captures and the disposal of the animals; requiring the commission to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring certain nonnative species to be implanted with a passive integrated transponder before sale, resale, or being offered for sale by a pet dealer; requiring the commission to adopt rules; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senators Bradley, Bean, Gibson, Hutson, and Stewart—

**CS for SB 234**—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 St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Lake Region; 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 Banking and Insurance; and Senators Lee and Mayfield—

**CS for SB 240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct primary care; creating s. 624.27, F.S.; defining terms; specifying that a direct primary care agreement does not constitute insurance and is not subject to ch. 636, F.S., relating to prepaid limited health service organizations and discount medical plan organizations, or any other chapter of the Florida Insurance Code; specifying that entering into a direct primary care agreement does not constitute the business of insurance and is not subject to ch. 636, F.S., or any other chapter of the code; providing that certain certificates of authority and licenses are not required to market, sell, or offer to sell a direct primary care agreement; specifying requirements for direct primary care agreements; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Health Policy; and Banking and Insurance; and Senators Lee and Mayfield—

**CS for CS for SB 240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct primary care; amending s. 409.977, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide specified financial assistance to certain Medicaid recipients; requiring the agency to resubmit, by a specified date, certain federal waivers or waiver amendments to specified federal entities to incorporate recipient elections of certain direct primary care agreements; creating s. 456.0625, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing primary care providers or their agents to enter into direct primary care agreements for providing primary care services; providing applicability; specifying requirements for direct primary care agreements; creating s. 624.27, F.S.; providing construction and applicability of the Florida Insurance Code as to direct primary care agreements; providing an exception for primary care providers or their agents from certain requirements under the code under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Book and Passidomo—

**CS for SB 252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax exemption for diapers and incontinence products; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting from the sales and use tax the sale for human utilization of diapers, incontinence undergarments, incontinence pads, or incontinence liners; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Artilles—

**CS for SB 264**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-storage; amending s. 83.806, F.S.; providing that a lien sale may be conducted on certain websites; providing that a self-storage facility owner is not required to have a license to post property for online sale; providing limits for the maximum valuation of property under certain circumstances; providing options for the disposition of motor vehicles or watercraft claimed to be subject to a lien; amending s. 83.808, F.S.; authorizing an owner to impose and collect a late fee from a tenant under certain circumstances; specifying that late fees in a specified amount are deemed reasonable and do not constitute a penalty; authorizing an owner to charge the tenant certain reasonable expenses incurred in rent collection or lien enforcement; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Rouson—

**CS for SB 290**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal justice; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; requiring that a court sentence a defendant who is convicted of a primary offense of possession of a controlled substance committed on or after a specified date to a nonstate prison sanction under certain circumstances; defining the term “possession of a controlled substance”; authorizing a defendant to move the sentencing court to depart from a mandatory minimum prison sentence and a mandatory fine if the offense is committed on or after a specified date; authorizing the state attorney to file an objection to the motion; authorizing the sentencing court to grant the motion if the court finds that the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that specified criteria are met; defining the term “coercion”; providing applicability; creating s. 921.00215, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Sentencing Commission within the Supreme Court; providing for commission membership and terms of office; providing that commission membership does not disqualify a member from holding any other public office or from being employed by a public entity; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the Office of the State Courts Administrator to act as staff for the commission; requiring the commission to meet annually or upon the call of the chair for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Corrections to perform specified duties upon request of the commission; requiring the commission to annually, by a specified date, make recommendations to the Governor, the justices of the Supreme Court, and the Legislature; amending s. 921.00241, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which an offender may be sentenced to a nonstate prison sanction; authorizing a nonstate prison sanction under a prison diversion program for certain offenders who commit a nonviolent felony of the second degree on or after a specified date; amending s. 921.0026, F.S.; revising the mitigating circumstances under which a departure from the lowest permissible sentence is reasonably justified; making technical changes; amending s. 948.01, F.S.; requiring a sentencing court to place certain defendants who commit an offense on or after a specified date into a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program, into residential drug treatment, or on drug offender probation; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 775.08435(1)(b) and (c), 921.002(3), and 921.00265(1), F.S., relating to the prohibition on withholding adjudication in felony cases, the Criminal Punishment Code, and recommended and departure sentences, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.0026, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 394.47892(2) and (4)(a), 397.334(3)(a) and (5), 910.035(5)(a), 921.187(1)(c), and 943.04352, F.S., relating to mental health court programs, treatment-based drug court programs, transfer for participation in a problem-solving court, offender probation with or without adjudication of guilt, and court placement of a defendant on misdemeanor probation, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Brandes, Rouson, Young, and Steube—

**CS for SB 302**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to penalties and fees; amending s. 27.52, F.S.; adding a financial information requirement for a certain application form; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; requiring a clerk of court to solicit competitive bids from private attorneys or collection agents for collection services, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting the clerk from assessing a certain surcharge; prohibiting the collection agency or private attorney from imposing certain additional fees or surcharges; amending s. 316.650, F.S.; requiring traffic citation forms to include certain language relating to payment of a penalty; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered unable to pay; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; requiring a court to inquire at the time a certain civil penalty is ordered whether the person is able to pay it; amending s. 322.055, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons convicted of certain drug offenses; deleting provisions authorizing a driver to petition the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for restoration of his or her driving privilege; amending s. 322.056, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain drug offenses; deleting a provision authorizing a court to direct the department to issue a license for certain restricted driving privileges under certain circumstances; deleting requirements relating to the revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain alcohol or tobacco offenses; repealing s. 322.057, F.S., relating to discretionary revocation or suspension of a driver license for certain persons who provide alcohol to persons under a specified age; amending s. 322.09, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting the issuance of a driver license or learner's driver license under certain circumstances; repealing s. 322.091, F.S., relating to attendance requirements for driving privileges; amending s. 322.245, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; providing applicability; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered unable to pay; repealing s. 322.251(7), F.S., relating to notice of suspension or revocation of driving privileges, reasons for reinstatement of such driving privileges, and certain electronic access to identify a person who is the subject of an outstanding warrant or capias for passing worthless bank checks; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; providing that a person whose driver license or privilege to drive has been suspended may have his or her driver license or driving privilege reinstated on a restricted basis under certain circumstances; providing the period of validity of such restricted license; amending s. 322.34, F.S.; revising the underlying violations resulting in driver license or driving privilege cancellation, suspension, or revocation for which specified penalties apply; amending s. 562.11, F.S.; revising penalties for selling, giving, serving, or permitting to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under a specified age or permitting such person to consume such beverages on licensed premises; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 562.111(3), F.S., relating to withholding issuance of, or suspending or revoking, a driver license or driving privilege for possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under a specified age; amending s. 569.11, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products; authorizing, rather than requiring, the court to direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; revising penalties relating to suspending, revoking, or withholding issuance of driver licenses or driving privileges for minors under a specified age who possess firearms under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to penalties for certain offenses involving the use or possession of a firearm by a minor under a specified age; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to certain penalties for criminal mischief by a minor; repealing s. 812.0155, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license following an adjudication of guilt for theft;



repealing s. 832.09, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license after warrant or *capias* is issued in worthless check cases; amending s. 877.112, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase or attempt to purchase any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device; authorizing, rather than requiring, the court to direct the department to withhold issuance of or suspend a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 938.30, F.S.; authorizing a judge to convert certain statutory financial obligations into court-ordered obligations to perform community service by reliance upon specified information under certain circumstances; amending s. 1003.27, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to procedures and penalties for nonenrollment and nonattendance cases; amending ss. 318.14, 322.05, 322.27, and 1003.01, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Baxley—

**CS for SB 312**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eyewitness identification; creating s. 92.70, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; requiring state, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agencies that conduct lineups to follow specified procedures; requiring eyewitnesses to sign an acknowledgment that they have received the instructions about the lineup procedures from the law enforcement agency; requiring lineup administrators to document the refusal of an eyewitness to acknowledge such receipt; specifying remedies for failing to adhere to the eyewitness identification procedures; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to create educational materials and provide training programs on how to conduct lineups; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Steube—

**CS for SB 334**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s. 55.035, F.S.; requiring a court to include interest in a final judgment in an action from which a plaintiff recovers economic or noneconomic damages; specifying the dates from which interest accrues; requiring a court to include interest on attorney fees and costs in the final judgment, if recovered; specifying the rate at which interest accrues; providing for construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Hutson, Book, and Young—

**CS for SB 336**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to household movers; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to deny or refuse to renew the registration of a mover under certain circumstances; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from knowingly refusing or failing to disclose in writing specified criminal information under certain circumstances; amending ss. 507.09 and 507.10, F.S., relating to administrative remedies and civil penalties, respectively; requiring the department to impose either a civil penalty or an administrative fine for failure to disclose in writing specified criminal information; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Stargel—

**CS for SB 346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fictitious name registration; reordering and amending s. 865.09, F.S.; defining the term “registrant”; revising the information required to register a fictitious name; revising requirements for a change in registration; revising provisions concerning the expiration of a registration; prohibiting a renewal of a registration if the registered fictitious name is prohibited by specified provisions; specifying additional forms of business organization that may not be required to register under certain circumstances; revising provisions concerning penalties for violations; clarifying that the Division of Corporations administers the provisions of ch. 865, F.S., relating to fictitious name registration; specifying additional terms that may not be included in a fictitious name; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Stargel—

**CS for CS for SB 346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fictitious name registration; reordering and amending s. 865.09, F.S.; defining the term “registrant”; revising the information required to register a fictitious name; revising requirements for a change in registration; revising provisions concerning the expiration of a registration; prohibiting a renewal of a registration if the registered fictitious name is prohibited by specified provisions; specifying additional forms of business organization that may not be required to register under certain circumstances; revising provisions concerning penalties for violations; clarifying that the Division of Corporations administers the provisions of ch. 865, F.S., relating to fictitious name registration; specifying additional terms that may not be included in a fictitious name; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 352**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment; creating s. 97.029, F.S.; providing that candidate qualifying, nomination, and election for certain offices must proceed using current district boundaries if revisions to districts subject to a court challenge are not made as of a certain date; specifying public oversight procedures that a court is encouraged to follow when drafting a remedial redistricting plan; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 362**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agency for State Technology; amending s. 20.61, F.S.; establishing within the agency a chief data officer position and the Geographic Information Office; amending s. 282.0051, F.S.; adding specified powers, duties, and functions of the agency; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Montford—

**CS for SB 368**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing honorary designations of various transportation facilities in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; amending chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida; revising the name of an honorary designation of a transportation facility in a specified county; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Stargel—

**CS for SB 370**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; amending s. 252.55, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain employers to provide Civil Air Patrol leave; prohibiting specified public and private employers from discharging, reprimanding, or penalizing a Civil Air Patrol member because of his or her absence by reason of taking Civil Air Patrol leave; providing procedures for and requirements of employees and employers with respect to Civil Air Patrol leave and employment following such leave; specifying rights and entitlements of a Civil Air Patrol member who returns to work following Civil Air Patrol leave; providing for a civil action; specifying damages; authorizing the award of attorney fees and costs; specifying conditions under which a certification of probable cause of a violation of the act may be issued; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Hukill, Galvano, and Simpson—

**CS for SB 374**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education; providing a short title; renaming the Florida College System as the Florida Community College System; creating the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the Governor to appoint the membership of the board; providing that the appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate; requiring the Division of Florida Colleges to provide administrative support to the board until a specified date;

transferring the Florida College System and the Division of Florida Colleges to the State Board of Community Colleges by a specified date; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to appoint a Chancellor of the Florida Community College System by a specified date; amending s. 20.15, F.S.; removing the Division of Florida Colleges from within the Department of Education; requiring the department to provide support to the State Board of Community Colleges; creating s. 20.156, F.S.; creating the State Board of Community Colleges and assigning and housing it for administrative purposes, only, within the department; providing the personnel for the state board; providing the powers and duties of the state board; requiring the state board to conduct an organizational meeting by a specified date; amending s. 1000.03, F.S.; revising the function and mission of the Florida K-20 education system; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to oversee enforcement of Florida Community College System laws and rules; amending s. 1000.05, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the Commissioner of Education, to make certain determinations regarding equal opportunities at Florida Community College System institutions; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1001.02, F.S.; revising the general powers of the State Board of Education to exempt provisions relating to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; revising certain articulation accountability and enforcement measures; requiring the State Board of Education to collect information in conjunction with the Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges; deleting duties of the State Board of Education regarding the Florida Community College System; amending ss. 1001.10 and 1001.11, F.S.; revising the general powers and duties of the Commissioner of Education to exempt certain powers and duties related to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; revising duties of the Office of Inspector General within the department regarding the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1001.28, F.S.; providing that the powers and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges are not abrogated, superseded, altered, or amended by certain provisions relating to the department's duties for distance learning; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; prohibiting a technical center governing board from approving certain types of courses and programs; amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; providing the primary mission of a career center operated by a district school board; prohibiting specified career centers from offering certain courses and programs; amending s. 1001.60, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 1001.601, F.S.; establishing the State Board of Community Colleges; providing the membership of the board; creating s. 1001.602, F.S.; providing the responsibilities and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the board to coordinate with the State Board of Education; amending ss. 1001.61, 1001.64, 1001.65, 1001.66, and 1001.67, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; revising cooperation duties of the Board of Governors to include requirements for working with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing the primary mission of a charter technical career center; prohibiting specified career centers or charter technical career centers from offering certain courses and programs; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1003.491, F.S.; revising the Florida Career and Professional Education Act to require the State Board of Community Colleges to recommend, jointly with the Board of Governors and the Commissioner of Education, certain deadlines for new core courses; amending s. 1003.493, F.S.; revising department duties regarding articulation and the transfer of credits to postsecondary institutions to include consultation with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; providing that the Higher Education Coordinating Council serves as an advisory board to, in addition to other bodies, the State Board of Community Colleges; revising council reporting requirements to include a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, in addition to other entities, to provide administrative support for the council; amending ss. 1004.02 and 1004.03, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.04, F.S.; revising department reporting requirements regarding teacher preparation programs to require a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.07, F.S.; providing that the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education, provide guidelines for Florida Community College System institution boards of trustees' policies; amending ss. 1004.084, 1004.085, 1004.096, 1004.0961, 1004.35, and 1004.6495, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.65, F.S.; revising Florida Community College System institution governance, mission, and responsibilities to provide au-

thority and duties to the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; providing that offering upper-level instruction and awarding baccalaureate degrees are a secondary and not a primary role of a Florida Community College System institution; amending ss. 1004.67, 1004.70, and 1004.71, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.74, F.S.; requiring the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System, jointly with the Commissioner of Education, to appoint members of the Council for the Florida School for the Arts; amending ss. 1004.78 and 1004.80, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education, to provide certain rules for Florida Community College System institutions regarding requirements for career education program basic skills; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; providing accountability for career education for the State Board of Community Colleges; revising the department's accountability for career education; requiring the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1004.925, F.S.; revising industry certification requirements for automotive service technology education programs to include the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1004.93, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.60, F.S.; authorizing sanctions for violations of certain rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; amending ss. 1006.61, 1006.62, and 1006.71, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.01, F.S.; revising the role of the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors in the statewide articulation system to include the State Board of Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to execute at least one "2 +2" targeted pathway articulation agreement by a specified time; providing requirements and student eligibility for the agreements; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors to collaborate to eliminate barriers for the agreements; amending s. 1007.24, F.S.; revising the statewide course numbering system to include participation by and input from the State Board of Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the Florida Community College System; amending ss. 1007.25, 1007.262, 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, and 1007.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to collaborate with the State Board of Community Colleges regarding certain articulation agreements; amending s. 1007.273, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to enforce compliance with certain provisions relating to the collegiate high school program by a specified date each year; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; prohibiting Florida Community College System institutions from offering bachelor of arts degree programs; deleting provisions relating to an authorization for the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College to establish certain baccalaureate degree programs; revising the approval process for baccalaureate degree programs proposed by Florida Community College System institutions; requiring a Florida Community College System institution to annually report certain information to the State Board of Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the State University System, and the Legislature; revising the circumstances under which a baccalaureate degree program may be required to be modified or terminated; requiring the termination of a baccalaureate degree program under certain circumstances; restricting total upper-level, undergraduate full-time equivalent enrollment at Florida Community College System institutions under certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges, rather than the State Board of Education, to develop and implement a specified common placement test and approve a specified series of meta-majors and academic pathways with the Board of Governors; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; revising the legislative intent of Florida's K-20 education performance and accountability system to include recommendations from and reports to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.32, F.S.; removing the oversight enforcement authority of the State Board of Education relating to the Florida Community College System; amending s. 1008.345, F.S.; removing provisions requiring the department to maintain a listing of certain skills associated with the system of educational accountability; amending s. 1008.37, F.S.; revising certain student reporting requirements of the Commissioner of Education to also require a report to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.38, F.S.; revising the articulation accountability process to include participation by the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1008.405, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules for the maintaining of specific in-

formation by Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1008.44, 1008.45, 1009.21, 1009.22, 1009.23, and 1009.25, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring that certain information regarding fee waivers be reported to the State Board of Community Colleges; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1009.28, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1009.90 and 1009.91, F.S.; revising the duties of the department to include reports to the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1009.971, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1010.01, F.S.; requiring the financial records and accounts of Florida Community College System institutions to follow rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; requiring each Florida Community College System institution to annually file specified financial statements with the State Board of Community Colleges; amending ss. 1010.02 and 1010.04, F.S.; requiring the funds accruing to and purchases and leases by Florida Community College System institutions to follow rules of the State Board of Community Colleges, instead of the State Board of Education; amending s. 1010.07, F.S.; requiring certain contractors to give bonds in an amount set by the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1010.08, F.S.; authorizing Florida Community College System board of trustees to budget for promotion and public relations from certain funds; amending ss. 1010.09, 1010.22, 1010.30, and 1010.58, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.01, F.S.; requiring each Florida Community College System institution board of trustees to submit an annual operating budget according to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1011.011, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to collaborate with the State Board of Community Colleges for legislative budget requests relating to Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1011.30 and 1011.32, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; specifying duties of the State Board of Community Colleges regarding funds for the operation of workforce education programs and the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; amending ss. 1011.81, 1011.82, 1011.83, 1011.84, and 1011.85, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1012.01, F.S.; redefining the term “school officers”; amending ss. 1012.80, 1012.81, 1012.83, 1012.855, and 1012.86, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1013.01, F.S.; providing that the term “board” does not include the State Board of Community Colleges when used in the context of certain educational facilities provisions; amending ss. 1013.02 and 1013.03, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules for and provide functions relating to educational facilities; amending s. 1013.28, F.S.; authorizing Florida Community College System institution boards of trustees to dispose of land or real property subject to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.; specifying the role of the State Board of Community Colleges in educational plant surveys for Florida Community College System institutions; amending ss. 1013.36, 1013.37, and 1013.40, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1013.47, F.S.; providing that certain contractors are subject to rules of the State Board of Community Colleges; amending s. 1013.52, F.S.; specifying duties of the State Board of Community Colleges with regard to the cooperative development and joint use of facilities; amending s. 1013.65, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Community Colleges to be provided with copies of authorized allocations or reallocations for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Hutson—

**CS for SB 390**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reimbursement of certain taxes; providing definitions; authorizing partial reimbursement of ad valorem taxes paid on homestead properties that are rendered uninhabitable from damage inflicted by a hurricane or tornado during 2016; requiring that application for such reimbursement be made with the property appraiser by a specified date; providing application requirements; requiring that the property owner provide documentation that the property was uninhabitable; requiring each prop-

erty appraiser to determine an owner's entitlement to reimbursement and the reimbursement amount using a specified formula; limiting the reimbursement amount; authorizing an owner to file a petition with the value adjustment board if the application for reimbursement is not fully granted; requiring property appraisers to submit reimbursement lists to the Department of Revenue by a specified date; requiring that the department retain funds for the purpose of paying claims that are subsequently granted by a value adjustment board; requiring the department to determine the total reimbursement payments and to disburse checks from a specified trust fund; prohibiting knowingly and willingly giving false information for the purpose of claiming reimbursement; providing a criminal penalty; requiring that undeliverable reimbursement checks be forwarded to the certifying property appraiser; providing appropriations; providing for certifying forward unexpended funds; providing for reimbursement of the state sales tax paid on the purchase of a mobile home to replace a mobile home that experienced major damage from a hurricane or tornado during 2016; requiring that application for such reimbursement be made with the property appraiser; providing application requirements; requiring that the owner provide documentation of damage to the mobile home; requiring each property appraiser to determine an owner's entitlement to reimbursement; requiring the department to calculate reimbursement amounts; limiting the reimbursement amount; requiring property appraisers to submit reimbursement lists to the department by a specified date; authorizing an owner to file a petition with the value adjustment board if the application for reimbursement is not fully granted; requiring that the department retain funds for the purpose of paying claims that are subsequently granted by a value adjustment board; requiring the department to determine the total reimbursement payments; providing a criminal penalty for a specified prohibited act; providing an appropriation; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Hukill and Bean—

**CS for SB 396**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loan debt; creating s. 1009.894, F.S.; defining the term “student loans”; requiring postsecondary institutions to annually provide certain students with specified information regarding their student loans; providing that an institution does not incur any liability for providing such information; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Passidomo—

**CS for SB 398**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to estoppel certificates; amending ss. 718.116, 719.108, and 720.30851, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the issuance of an estoppel certificate to specified persons; requiring a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association to designate a street or e-mail address on its website for estoppel certificate requests; specifying delivery requirements for an estoppel certificate; requiring that an estoppel certificate contain certain information; providing an effective period for an estoppel certificate based upon the date of issuance and form of delivery; providing that an association waives a specified claim against a person or such person's successors or assigns who in good faith rely on the estoppel certificate; prohibiting an association from charging a preparation and delivery fee or making certain claims if it fails to deliver an estoppel certificate within certain timeframes; revising fee requirements for preparing and delivering an estoppel certificate under various circumstances; authorizing the statement of moneys due to be delivered in one or more estoppel certificates under certain circumstances; providing limits on a total fee charged for the preparation and delivery of estoppel certificates; requiring the fee for an estoppel certificate to be paid from specified proceeds under certain circumstances; requiring that the authority to charge a fee for the estoppel certificate be established by a specified written resolution or provided by a written management, bookkeeping, or maintenance contract; deleting obsolete provisions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Montford and Book—

**CS for SB 416**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to use of animals in proceedings involving minors; amending s. 92.55, F.S.; specifying that the court may allow the use of therapy animals or facility dogs in certain proceedings; allowing certain animals to be used when taking

the testimony of a person who has an intellectual disability; removing the requirement that certain animals be registered; defining terms; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 420**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to flood insurance; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; revising the intervals at which specified standards and guidelines for projecting certain rate filings must be revised by the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology; amending s. 627.715, F.S.; authorizing certain insurers to issue insurance policies, contracts, or endorsements providing certain excess coverage for the peril of flood; revising applicability; authorizing an insurer to issue flood insurance policies on a flexible basis; extending the last date of filing with the Office of Insurance Regulation of certain flood coverage rates that may be established and used by an insurer; specifying a condition for an eligible surplus lines insurer before a surplus lines agent may be excepted from a diligent-effort requirement when exporting flood insurance contracts or endorsements to the insurer; deleting the expiration date of the exception; revising applicability of certain notification and filing requirements; revising provisions related to an acknowledgment required before the procurement of a private flood insurance policy for property currently insured under the National Flood Insurance Program; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senators Gibson and Torres—

**CS for SB 440**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to notaries public; amending s. 117.05, F.S.; expanding the list of forms of identification which a notary public may rely on in notarizing a signature on a document to include a veteran health identification card; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Rules; and Senator Benacquisto—

**CS for SB 504**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 212.08(7)(hhh), 216.292(8), 322.1415, 388.261(4)(b), 400.9986, 403.1832(2), 409.912(1), (3), and (7), and 720.303(13), F.S., amending ss. 20.435 and 320.08058, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2017 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 213.053, 220.192, 322.21, 377.703, 409.91195, 409.91196, 409.962, 641.19, and 641.386, F.S., to conform cross-references; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Gainer and Monford—

**CS for SB 510**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a grant program for rural hospitals; amending s. 395.6061, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Health to establish and administer the Florida Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Competitive Grant Program for certain rural hospitals; revising the amount of a grant award; revising grant eligibility; providing criteria for grant application ranking; establishing allowable use of funds; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; deleting requirements for certain information in grant applications; deleting provisions relating to the disbursal of funds; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Perry—

**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 or being awarded contracts; providing an exception; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Bracy—

**CS for SB 550**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.011, F.S.; providing that the personal identifying information of a witness to a murder remains confidential and exempt for a specified period; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for criminal intelligence or criminal investigative information that reveals the personal identifying information of a witness to a murder for a specified period; authorizing specified entities to receive the information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; amending s. 119.0714, F.S.; providing that the public records exemption applies to personal identifying information of a witness to a murder that is made part of a court file; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Young and Latvala—

**CS for SB 554**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to craft breweries; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; exempting certain vendors from specified delivery restrictions under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 561.5101, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 561.57, F.S.; providing that certain manufacturers may transport malt beverages in vehicles owned or leased by certain persons other than the manufacturers; amending s. 563.022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Campbell—

**CS for SB 576**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; amending chapter 26497, Laws of Florida, 1951; revising the name of an honorary designation of a transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing honorary designations of various transportation facilities in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; amending chapter 2014-228, Laws of Florida; revising the name of an honorary designation of a transportation facility in a specified county; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Bean—

**CS for SB 664**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a disaster preparedness tax exemption; providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain tangible personal property related to disaster preparedness during a specified period; providing exceptions to the exemption; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules to implement the exemption; providing an expiration date; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Bean, Lee, and Mayfield—

**CS for SB 670**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to managed care plans' provider networks; amending s. 409.975, F.S.; prohibiting a managed care plan from excluding a pharmacy that meets the credentialing requirements and standards established by the Agency for Health Care Administration and that accepts the terms of the plan; requiring a managed care plan to offer the same rate of reimbursement to all pharmacies in the plan's network; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Baxley—

**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; granting rulemaking authority; specifying procedures for receiving a tax exemption for 2017; specifying procedures for denials of tax exemptions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

**REFERENCE CHANGES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 4.7(2)**

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Mayfield—

**CS for SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection from nonmedical changes to prescription drug formularies; creating s. 627.42393, F.S.; limiting changes to a health insurance policy prescription drug formulary during a policy year; providing applicability and construction; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to limit changes to prescription drug formularies under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; limiting changes to a health maintenance contract prescription drug formulary during a contract year; providing applicability and construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations; and Rules.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Stargel—

**CS for SB 370**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; amending s. 252.55, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain employers to provide Civil Air Patrol leave; prohibiting specified public and private employers from discharging, reprimanding, or penalizing a Civil Air Patrol member because of his or her absence by reason of taking Civil Air Patrol leave; providing procedures for and requirements of employees and employers with respect to Civil Air Patrol leave and employment following such leave; specifying rights and entitlements of a Civil Air Patrol member who returns to work following Civil Air Patrol leave; providing for a civil action; specifying damages; authorizing the award of attorney fees and costs; specifying conditions under which a certification of probable cause of a violation of the act may be issued; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 1020

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 8

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

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: CS for SB 154

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 350

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.**

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 176

**The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.**

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 174

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 114

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government under the original reference.**

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 358; SB 714

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 58

**The bills 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 the following pass: SB 4; SB 256

**The bills were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education under the original reference.**

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 78; SB 360; SB 376

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

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends the following pass: SB 10

**The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources under the original reference.**

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 586

**The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.**

The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities recommends the following pass: SB 90

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 80; SB 158

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 464

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

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 422

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 344; SB 352

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.**

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 404

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 428; SB 464

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 62

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 202

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

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 102

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

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 262

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 590

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SJR 270; SB 296; SB 494; SCR 920

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 436

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 612

The Special Master on Claim Bills recommends the following pass: SB 14 with 1 amendment; SB 18; SB 24 with 1 amendment; SB 28; SB 30; SB 32; SB 36; SB 38; SB 42; SB 48; SB 50

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: CS for SB 440

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 280

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 104; SB 438

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 404; SB 7004

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: CS for SB 264

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 372

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

The Committee on Rules recommends the following pass: CS for SB 128; SB 280; SB 500; SB 502; SB 506

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 480

**The bills were placed on the Calendar.**

The Committee on Health Policy recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 182

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

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 192; SB 196

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 120

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 302

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.**

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 252; SB 664

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 90; SB 390

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

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 362

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 220

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

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 670

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 60

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 62

The Committee on Health Policy recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 240; SB 510

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 18; SB 28; SB 38; SB 50

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 370

**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 2; SB 374

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 48

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

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 64; SB 230; SB 234

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 336

**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.**

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 32

The Committee on Transportation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 56; SB 164; SB 368; SB 576

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

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 206

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

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The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 154

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 440

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 166; SB 554

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

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 420

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 68

The Committee on Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 148

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 764

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 36; SB 42

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 190

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

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 118; SB 416

**The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SJR 134

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 210

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 346

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 534

**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.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 182; SB 240

**The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 172

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 80

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 290; SB 312; SB 550

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 398

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

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 264

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

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The Committee on Appropriations recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 58

The Committee on Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 396

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 352

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 202; CS for SB 210; CS for SB 346

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 128; SB 334

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 106

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

The Committee on Appropriations recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 2; SB 8

The Committee on Rules recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 106; SB 504

**The bills with committee substitute attached were placed on the Calendar.**

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following not pass: SB 178

**The bill was laid on the table.**

### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: SB 176

The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends the following pass: SB 174

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: SB 58; CS for SB 60; SB 358

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education recommends the following pass: SB 4

**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 a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 120

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax recommends a committee substitute for the following: SJR 76

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 2

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

### REPORT OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

The Honorable Joe Negron  
President of the Senate  
409 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

February 23, 2017

The Honorable Richard Corcoran  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
420 The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining convened on February 23, 2017, in Morris Hall (17 House Office Building), at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide all parties involved in collective bargaining disputes with the State of Florida the opportunity to present their positions to the Florida Legislature, consistent with the provisions of section 447.403, Florida Statutes, and the open meeting provisions of Article III, section 4 of the State Constitution.

The parties presented their positions and indicated they are continuing to negotiate the issues at impasse. We recommend that nego-

tiations continue and that the appropriate legislative committees be kept abreast of the issues agreed upon by the parties as well as the issues that remain at impasse or require legislative action to resolve.

Copies of presentations and other pertinent materials have been retained by staff and, for purposes of future public inquiry, are available through the House Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee and the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Representative Charlie Stone*  
Co-Chair

*Senator Bobby Powell*  
Co-Chair

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District	
Appointees: Jones, Gary F.	03/01/2020
Keith, Charles G.	03/01/2018
Quincey, Donald "Don"	03/01/2020

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

### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

#### VETOED BILLS 2016 REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Kenneth W. Detzner  
Secretary of State  
Florida Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

April 15, 2016

Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 668, enacted during the 118th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2016 and entitled:

An act relating to family law...

The bill makes various changes to the laws governing the dissolution of marriage, spousal support, and time-sharing. First off, I would like to commend Senators Stargel and Lee, and Representatives Burton and Workman for their diligent efforts to reform Florida's dissolution of marriage and alimony laws.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, I understand the importance of family and the sensitivity and passion that comes with the subject of family law. Family law issues are very personal, and nearly every family comes to the court with different circumstances and needs. As such, we must be judicious and carefully consider the long term and real life repercussions on Florida families.

This bill's proposed revisions to Florida's alimony and child custody laws have evoked passionate reactions from thousands of Floridians because divorce affects families in many different ways. The one constant though is that when a divorce involves a minor child, the needs of the child must come before all others. Current law directs a judge to consider the needs and interests of the children first when determining



a parenting plan and time-sharing schedule. This bill has the potential to up-end that policy in favor of putting the wants of a parent before the child's best interest by creating a premise of equal time-sharing. Our judges must consider each family's unique situation and abilities and put the best interests of the child above all else.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 668 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott  
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-129**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Chris Blair is presently serving as Sheriff of Marion County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2016, Chris Blair was arrested and charged by Indictment with two counts of Perjury in an Official Proceeding, a third-degree felony in violation of section 837.02, Florida Statutes, and one count of Official Misconduct, a third-degree felony in violation of section 838.022(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution authorizes the Governor to suspend from office any county officer for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Marion County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Chris Blair be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution, find as follows:

A. Chris Blair is, and at all times material hereto was, serving as Sheriff of Marion County, Florida.

B. The office of Sheriff of Marion County is within the purview of the suspension power of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution.

C. The attached Indictment, which is incorporated as if fully set forth herein, alleges Chris Blair committed felony offenses in violation of the Laws of the State of Florida.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Chris Blair is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: Sheriff of Marion County, Florida.

Section 2. Chris Blair is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, this 20th day of May, 2016.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE:**

The Secretary of State has certified that pursuant to the provisions of section 114.05, Florida Statutes, certificates subject to confirmation by the Senate have been prepared for the following:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
<b>Board of Accountancy</b>	
Appointees: Rankin, Mindy P., Lynn Haven	10/31/2020
Skup, David A., Plantation	10/31/2019
Socorro, Jesus, Miami	10/31/2019
<b>Board of Acupuncture</b>	
Appointees: Dunetz, Rodney, Delray Beach	10/31/2020
Margewicz, Janine Marie, Winter Garden	10/31/2019
<b>Board of Architecture and Interior Design</b>	
Appointees: Bao-Garciga, Aida, Miami	10/31/2019
Ehrig, John P., Orlando	10/31/2019
Rodriguez, Miguel A., Coral Gables	10/31/2019
<b>Board of Athletic Training</b>	
Appointee: Watson, James T., Tallahassee	10/31/2019
<b>Barbers' Board</b>	
Appointees: Gilbert, William B., Tallahassee	10/31/2018
Munchalfen, Antonett, Tampa	10/31/2016
Nibaldi, Michelino G., Tavernier	10/31/2016
<b>Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board</b>	
Appointee: Bolduc, Timothy J., Ft. Walton Beach	10/31/2019
<b>Florida Building Commission</b>	
Appointees: Burk, Kelley Smith, Tallahassee	10/31/2018
Worrall, Diana R., Naples	02/07/2017
<b>Hillsborough County Civil Service Board</b>	
Appointees: Canasi, Simon M., Tampa	07/02/2019
Carbaugh, Neal R., Plant City	07/02/2019
Trichler, Ernie E., II, Tampa	07/02/2019
<b>Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel</b>	
Appointees: McCarter, Yvette S., Jacksonville	10/31/2018
Montoya, Beatriz Elena, Hollywood	10/31/2019
Van Siclen, Carleen P., Jacksonville	10/31/2019
<b>Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers</b>	
Appointees: Phillips, Angela M., Satellite Beach	10/31/2019
Riddle, Lisa Ann, Boynton Beach	10/31/2020
Sibley, Robert E., Winter Springs	10/31/2019
<b>Florida Communities Trust</b>	
Appointee: Bell, Lynda, Homestead	01/31/2019
<b>Florida Commission on Community Service</b>	
Appointee: Martinez, Natalia, Pembroke Pines	09/14/2018
<b>Board of Trustees of Daytona State College</b>	
Appointees: Freckleton, Lloyd J., Flagler Beach	05/31/2019
Holness, Betty Jean, Ormond Beach	05/31/2019
Hosseini, Forough B., Ormond Beach	05/31/2019
<b>Board of Trustees of Indian River State College</b>	
Appointees: Caron, Susan, Ft. Pierce	05/31/2019
Conrado, Jose L., Vero Beach	05/31/2019
<b>Board of Trustees of Florida Gateway College</b>	
Appointees: Allen, Carolyn Renae, Lake Butler	05/31/2019
Brannan, Robert C., III, Macclenny	05/31/2019

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>	<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Appointee: Thomson, Rodney Philip, Sarasota	05/31/2018	Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists Appointee: Rosen, Wayne R., Davie	10/31/2019
Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College Appointee: Abbott, Shane G., DeFuniak Springs	05/31/2017	Board of Osteopathic Medicine Appointees: Bellingar, Bridget, Largo Janson, Alicja, Sarasota	10/31/2019 10/31/2019
Construction Industry Licensing Board Appointees: Cathey, William Brian, Port St. Joe Feaster, Ted W., Ocala	10/31/2018 10/31/2019	Board of Physical Therapy Practice Appointee: Donald, Ellen Kroog, Ft. Myers	10/31/2020
Florida Development Finance Corporation Appointee: Bradshaw, James Nelson, Jacksonville Beach	05/02/2019	Board of Pilot Commissioners Appointees: Oatis, Vincent Paul, III, Apopka Phipps, Cheryl A., Ft. Lauderdale	10/31/2020 10/31/2020
Education Practices Commission Appointees: Bland, Ana Armbrister, West Palm Beach Budnick, Judie S., Port St. Lucie Gold, Christie R., Wesley Chapel Hardie, Douglas V., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. Hollis-Cole, Tiffany, West Palm Beach Maynard, Stephen K., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. McCray, Katrina E., Jacksonville Mellin, Fredric I., Wesley Chapel Swint, Michelle, DeLand Wilson, Celita, Jacksonville	09/30/2018 09/30/2019 09/30/2019 08/17/2020 09/30/2020 08/17/2020 09/30/2018 09/30/2019 09/30/2017 02/17/2020	Board of Podiatric Medicine Appointees: Pearce, James W., Groveland Strickland, Joseph H., Clearwater	10/31/2019 10/31/2019
Florida Elections Commission Appointees: Kelly, James (J.) Alexander (Alex), Tallahassee Smith, Kymberlee C., Cooper City Stern, Barbra A., Ft. Lauderdale	12/31/2019 12/31/2016 12/31/2019	Florida Prepaid College Board Appointee: Rood, John Darrell, St. Augustine	06/30/2017
Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board Appointees: Bassett, Douglas Pope, Ft. Myers Flaherty, Brian, Dunedin Tibbs, Clarence Kelley, Apopka	10/31/2019 10/31/2019 10/31/2019	Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board Appointees: Conolly, Cristy, Palm Harbor Oreto, Evalyn F., Hudson Rabin, Janet S., Ft. Myers	10/31/2019 10/31/2019 10/31/2019
Board of Professional Engineers Appointees: Boza, Vivian, Gainesville Todd, Kenneth S., Jr., West Palm Beach	10/31/2019 10/31/2019	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 3 Appointee: Thomas, Lorene J., Old Town	10/01/2018
Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services Appointees: Anderson, Jean W., Tallahassee Bango, Frank, Miami Clark, Andrew D., Ocala Helm, Powell, Bradenton	09/30/2019 09/30/2019 09/30/2019 09/30/2019	Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 4 Appointees: Drew, John M., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. Johns, James Kenneth, St. Augustine van Eckert, Helga E., Palm Coast	10/01/2018 10/01/2018 10/01/2018 10/01/2018
Commission for Independent Education Appointees: Crocitto, Peter F., Jr., Palm City Kinchin, Thomas A., Graceville	06/30/2019 06/30/2018	Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 7 Appointee: Howerton, Donna, Sebring	10/01/2018
Board of Medicine Appointees: Averbhoff, Magdalena, Coral Gables Vila, Hector, Jr., Tampa	10/31/2019 10/31/2018	Board of Respiratory Care Appointees: Broeker, Craig N., Sanford Mitchell, Ronald E., Land O'Lakes	10/31/2019 10/31/2019
Board of Occupational Therapy Practice Appointees: Arthur, Paul Brandon, High Springs Banta, Caylee, Rockledge Hendriksen, Peter J., New Port Richey Ingram-Rice, Barbara C., Sarasota	10/31/2020 10/31/2019 10/31/2018 10/31/2016	State Retirement Commission Appointee: Napier, Thomas E., Tallahassee	12/31/2016
Board of Opticianry Appointees: Shannon, Byron Dale, Ocala Williams, Richard E., Panama City	10/31/2019 10/31/2019	Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers Appointees: McLaughlin, Christopher Paul, Dunedin Schryver, David W., Port St. Lucie	10/31/2020 10/31/2020
Board of Optometry Appointees: Griffin, John Edmund, Tallahassee Kaplan, Stuart I., Ft. Myers Kepley, Stephen R., Vero Beach King, Christopher, Tallahassee	10/31/2018 10/31/2020 10/31/2019 10/31/2019	Board of Veterinary Medicine Appointees: Nelson, Rudd C., Lighthouse Point Powell, Sharon J., Ft. Myers	10/31/2019 10/31/2019
		Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District Appointee: Williams, James E., Naples	03/01/2019
		Workers' Compensation Panel Appointee: Perdue, Tamela I., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor
		<b>Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.</b>	
		<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
		Secretary of Health Care Administration Appointee: Senior, Justin M., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor
		State Surgeon General Appointee: Philip, Celeste, Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor

**Referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Health Policy; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*  
 Secretary of Elderly Affairs  
 Appointee: Bragg, Jeffrey S., Palm Harbor Pleasure of Governor

**Referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*  
 Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
 Appointees: Deen Hartley, Sonya, Ft. Lauderdale 09/30/2019  
 Keiser, Belinda, Parkland 09/30/2019  
 Rood, John Darrell, St. Augustine 09/30/2019

**Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*  
 Florida Public Service Commission  
 Appointee: Polmann, Donald J., Dunedin 01/01/2021

**Referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*  
 Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - First District Court of Appeal  
 Appointee: Brower, Candice K., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 09/30/2019  
 Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Second District Court of Appeal  
 Appointee: Neymotin, Ita M., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 09/30/2019  
 Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Third District Court of Appeal  
 Appointee: Zenobi, Eugene F., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 09/30/2019  
 Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Fourth District Court of Appeal  
 Appointee: Ryan, Antony Parker, Riviera Beach 09/30/2019  
 Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel - Fifth District Court of Appeal  
 Appointee: Deen, Jeffrey D., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 09/30/2019  
 Florida Commission on Offender Review  
 Appointee: Wyant, David A., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 06/30/2022

**Referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*  
 Board of Governors of the State University System  
 Appointee: Kitson, Sydney William, West Palm Beach 01/06/2017  
 Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University  
 Appointees: Dortch, Thomas W., Jr., Atlanta 01/06/2021  
 Mills, Harold F., Windermere 01/06/2021  
 Perry, Belvin, Jr., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. 01/06/2021  
 Reed, Craig, Newtown Square 01/06/2021

*Office and Appointment*

Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University  
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Appointees: Costello, Jonathan M., Tallahassee Spring, Samuel R., Port St. Joe	03/01/2020 03/01/2020
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Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District	
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Quincey, Donald "Don", Chiefland	03/01/2020

**Referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Ethics and Elections.**

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Executive Director of Department of Veterans' Affairs	
Appointee: Sutphin, Glenn W., Jr., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor and Cabinet

**Referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Ethics and Elections.**

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority	
Appointee: Barrow, Bennett H., Tampa	07/01/2019

**Referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Ethics and Elections.**

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION**

The Honorable Joe Negron, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 1528.

*Portia Palmer, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Joe Negron, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 1530.

*Portia Palmer, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Joe Negron, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 1762.

*Portia Palmer, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

**SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

The following certificate was received:

No. SC16-2127

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF NEED**

**FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES.**

[December 15, 2016]

PER CURIAM.

This opinion fulfills our constitutional obligation to determine the State's need for additional judges in fiscal year 2017/2018 and to certify our "findings and recommendations concerning such need" to the Legislature.<sup>1</sup> Certification is "the sole mechanism established by our constitution for a systematic and uniform assessment of this need." In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges, 889 So. 2d 734, 735 (Fla. 2004). In this opinion, we are certifying a need for twelve additional trial court judges and none in the district courts of appeal as discussed below. We are also decertifying the need for six county court judgeships.

**TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL WORKLOAD STUDY**

This year, we adjusted the trial court case weights due to the completion of a comprehensive workload study in the trial courts. This study validates trial court judges' observations expressed for the last several years; namely, that although filings may be in decline, workload has increased due to case complexity and other judicial obligations contained in statute or rule. A critical component of this effort was the time study that documented the work of over 900 trial court judges in all 20 judicial circuits. The time study documents the actual amount of time judges are spending on different cases and serves as the "what is" piece of judicial workload. We especially agree with Recommendation One of the Judicial Workload Assessment Final Report (Final Workload Report), which notes that "the Florida Legislature should consider creating new judgeships in the circuit courts and county courts where the weighted caseload model shows a need for additional judicial resources."<sup>2</sup> We also accept Recommendations Two and Three of the Final Workload Report, which advocate for updating the case weights every five years and conducting a secondary analysis of the impact of the factors enumerated in rule 2.240(b)(1)(B).<sup>3</sup> We are considering Recommendations Four, Five, and Six, which address data related to problem-solving courts, conducting a workload assessment of staff attorneys,<sup>4</sup> and evaluating the contribution and distribution of quasi-judicial resource officers,<sup>5</sup> and have directed our staff to develop an implementation plan for how this might be accomplished, the cost, and a timeline for our consideration. Resources permitting, implementation of these last three recommendations will take time to fully achieve. Nonetheless, these supplemental resources are absolutely essential to the management of cases in the trial courts and the overall administration of justice in Florida.

It has been nine years since the case weights were last updated in 2007, with major intervening events such as the mortgage foreclosure crisis occurring in the interim. Further, while filings are generally in decline for most case types, we have received regular feedback from trial court judges throughout the state that cases have become more complex and take longer to dispose due to a variety of factors. Thus, it became imperative that we conduct a trial court workload study to ensure that the case weights are an accurate reflection of judicial workload.

Accordingly, in the fall of 2014, this Court directed the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) and the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability's Court Statistics and Workload Committee (Statistics and Workload Committee) to conduct a Judicial Workload Study designed to review and update the trial court case weights used in the judicial certification process. This study builds upon our two previous efforts to evaluate trial court judicial workload, the 1999 Delphi Workload Study<sup>6</sup> and the 2006-07 Judicial Resource Study.<sup>7</sup> The first study established case weights for the trial courts; the second study resulted in updated case weights for use in the trial court judicial certification process.

In furtherance of this effort, the OSCA contracted with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), which is nationally and internationally recognized for its expertise, to assist in evaluating judicial workload. The NCSC has conducted judicial workload assessments in 31 states to date,<sup>8</sup> including the two previous Florida efforts cited above.

The study also included senior judges and quasi-judicial officers such as magistrates, child support enforcement hearing officers, and civil traffic infraction hearing officers. Quasi-judicial officers are essential to case processing as they assist judges with case dispositions. The workload study captures the actual amount of time quasi-judicial officers are contributing to trial court workload and in which case types. This type of workload information should prove very useful to the state courts system and Legislature as we continue to develop workload staffing models for those individuals who provide direct support to trial court judges.

## JUDICIAL WORKLOAD STUDY METHODOLOGY

In order to properly evaluate trial court workload in Florida, a multi-phase methodology was developed. By design, the methodology was both quantitative and qualitative in nature and structured to allow for maximum trial court participation. The workload study was directed by an executive committee of 41 judges representing every judicial circuit. A one-month time study (quantitative component) involving all county court and circuit court judges along with all quasi-judicial officers occurred in October 2015. Site visits to eight judicial circuits, the distribution of a sufficiency of time survey to all trial court judges, and qualitative adjustment sessions comprise the qualitative aspect of the workload study. A full discussion of the workload study methodology follows.

In October 2014, the OSCA contracted with the NCSC to conduct a workload study of Florida's trial courts. Shortly thereafter, the 41-member judge committee, consisting of one circuit court judge and one county court judge from each circuit nominated by their respective chief judges, provided executive direction to the study. The committee, known as the Judicial Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC), was chaired by The Honorable Paul Alessandrini, County Court Judge, Charlotte County, who also serves as chair of the Court Statistics and Workload Committee. The JNAC reviewed and approved all of the methodological steps of the workload study including: determination of a standard judge day, determination of a standard judge year, identification of case and non-case related activities, delineation of case type categories, administration of time study process and results, implementation of qualitative adjustment process and results, assignment of final case weights, along with the establishment of a qualifying threshold methodology, and completion of a secondary workload factor analysis. In addition, the JNAC approved the workload assessment of senior judges and quasi-judicial officers such as magistrates, child support enforcement hearing officers, and civil traffic infraction hearing officers. The OSCA served as staff to the JNAC.

The JNAC provided regular communication about the intent, scope, and progress of the workload study to the chief judges and all trial court judges via e-mail, in-person presentations at quarterly judicial leadership meetings, and presentations by the JNAC chair and NCSC staff at the 2015 annual circuit court judges' and county court judges' education programs. To keep the legislative branch apprised of the JNAC's work, the Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) was notified on all meetings and provided copies of all meeting materials. Representatives from OPPAGA attended all JNAC and qualitative adjustment meetings.

## TIME STUDY AND QUALITY ADJUSTMENT PROCESS

The workload assessment was conducted in two phases: a time study and a quality adjustment process. A one-month time study<sup>9</sup> was conducted in which all circuit court judges, county court judges, senior

judges, magistrates, child support enforcement hearing officers, and civil traffic infraction hearing officers were asked to participate. Judges and quasi-judicial officers were asked to record their time in five-minute increments for all case and non-case related activity. Statewide, 582 circuit court judges and 309 county court judges participated in the time study, for a participation rate of 97 percent. In addition, 83 senior judges, 118 magistrates, and 150 hearing officers tracked their time, for a participation rate of 96 percent. The inclusion of senior judges and quasi-judicial officers in the time study makes this the most comprehensive judicial workload study ever conducted in Florida.

As noted in the Final Workload Report, the time study is empirically based in that it captures the actual amount of time judges spend on case and non-case related activity each day, "including night and weekend work associated with signing warrants and acting as a 'duty' judge, hearing preliminary matters in criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and Orders for Protection Against Violence cases."<sup>10</sup> All judges were asked to record the time spent hearing cases at each court level such as county court judges hearing cases in circuit court. Using a web-based tool developed by the NCSC, all participants uploaded their time each day using the case and non-case related categories approved by the JNAC. To enhance their experience and maximize data quality, participants were encouraged to view an interactive training module. Project staff from the NCSC were also available to provide technical assistance via the telephone or e-mail for the entirety of the time study. A preliminary set of case weights was identified as a result of the time study. Those preliminary weights were then used by subject matter experts during the qualitative adjustment process.<sup>11</sup>

This second key step in the workload assessment, the qualitative adjustment process, was designed to ensure that the final case weights allow sufficient time for efficient and effective case processing. The qualitative adjustment process included: (1) a statewide sufficiency of time survey that asked judges about the amount of time currently available to perform various case-related and non-case-related tasks; (2) site visits to eight judicial circuits by the JNAC chair, NCSC and OSCA staff; and (3) a structured quality review of the case weights by a set of subject matter expert groups comprised of experienced judges from across the state of Florida. The qualitative adjustment documents "what should be," and is a very important step in the workload study. Over the last several years, this Court has repeatedly heard from chief judges, as well as circuit court judges and county court judges from across the state, that although filings are generally down in nearly all case types, their workload has grown due to a variety of factors. Among those factors cited are increases in case complexity, the need to document considerably more findings of fact, as well as expanding and more extensive statutory and rule requirements.

The sufficiency of time survey was designed to receive judicial feedback on concerns related to current practice. Specifically, within certain case types, judges were asked to identify particular tasks, if any, where additional time would improve the quality of justice.<sup>12</sup> The survey solicited feedback on case and non-case related work and provided judges with the opportunity to freely comment on their workload, including time required on canvassing boards.<sup>13</sup> Fifty-one percent of circuit court judges and 47 percent of county court judges completed the survey.<sup>14</sup> As cited in the final workload study report, a number of areas were identified by the judges as benefiting from additional time. In circuit criminal cases, pretrial motions and trials were frequently mentioned as areas where more time would improve the quality of justice. "In civil cases, circuit court judges consistently selected dispositive pretrial motions, including conducting hearings and preparing findings and orders, and pretrial and scheduling conferences."<sup>15</sup> "In family law cases, circuit court judges indicated that cases would benefit from additional time to conduct trials and final hearings and to prepare findings and orders related to trials and motions for modification."<sup>16</sup> "Circuit court judges also expressed a need to devote more time to legal research. County court judges cited the impact of cases involving self-represented litigants, pretrial motions in criminal cases, criminal trials, and preparing findings and orders in civil cases."<sup>17</sup>

Another element of the qualitative adjustment process included site visits to multiple circuits. In December 2015, the JNAC chair and staff from the NCSC and OSCA visited eight judicial circuits<sup>18</sup> to receive in-person judicial feedback on factors that judges encounter in processing their cases. The circuits visited represent small, medium, large, and extra-large courts. Some of the circuits visited comprise a single county (e.g., Seventeenth Judicial Circuit), whereas others are multi-county (e.g., Fourteenth Judicial Circuit). During the site visits, structured interviews were conducted with the chief judge, trial court administrator, and judges from every division and level of court. The interview process allowed staff to document judicial concerns about case processing practices and procedures, as well as receive feedback on resource constraints that may be affecting judicial effectiveness. Several key

themes emerged from the site visits, including the critical nature of staff attorneys for legal research and case managers for case processing, along with a general and repeated assessment that many cases are becoming more complex.

As noted above, judges view staff attorneys as an essential supplemental resource to effective case processing. One judge quoted in the final report notes that “staff attorneys are critical for motion practice issues, both criminal and civil.” Also noted in the final workload report, “staff attorneys perform many research, writing, and case management tasks which enhance both the efficiency and quality of judicial decision-making.”<sup>19</sup> Other essential tasks performed by staff attorneys documented in the final workload report include work on “motions for post-conviction relief, drafting orders, researching legal issues related to motions, assisting with dismissals for lack of prosecution, monitoring filings in probate and guardianship cases, and acting as ‘gatekeepers’ to prevent ex parte communications.”<sup>20</sup> Judges in several jurisdictions reported long delays in accessing the services of staff attorneys for research assignments. These delays have caused judges to limit their own research requests. Also mentioned in the Final Workload Report, “county court judges have limited access to staff attorneys but believe they would benefit from research on more complex cases such as insurance cases.”<sup>21</sup>

Case managers were also cited by the judges as being an invaluable resource. The site visits affirm the consistent judicial feedback this Court has received about the value of case managers, both from experienced family law judges and those judges presiding over real property cases during the mortgage foreclosure crisis. As noted in the Final Workload Report, “judges rely on case managers to monitor cases for activity and identify cases that are not advancing so that appropriate action can be taken.”<sup>22</sup> Absent case managers, judges or their staff attorneys must perform these functions themselves, or, alternatively, if they are too busy with the actual adjudication component, cases may take longer to dispose. Nearly all circuit court judges and county court judges interviewed reported a need for additional case managers. Their observations are consistent with the narrative in our Legislative Budget Requests over the last several years where we have documented in our requests this need for funding for additional case managers.

Another critical finding of the site visits is that cases are becoming increasingly complex. Both circuit court judges and county court judges noted that case complexity is a challenge. In county court, insurance cases are being aggressively litigated. Often these cases require legal research and compare to circuit court cases in their complexity.<sup>23</sup> As cited in the Final Workload Report, “in family and juvenile cases filed in circuit court, the number of issues requiring specific findings of fact has increased, the extra judicial time spent addressing these issues in orders can increase stability for families by reducing the number of cases overturned on appeal.”<sup>24</sup> “In circuit civil cases, judges observed that the volume of discovery requested has increased and cases with larger amounts in controversy often involve more hearings.”<sup>25</sup> Also cited in the Final Workload Report, “in circuit criminal cases, judges report that tougher mandatory minimum sentences have increased the amount of motion practice as well as trial rates.”<sup>26</sup>

In addition to the sufficiency of time survey and site visits, NCSC staff also facilitated a series of Delphi<sup>27</sup> qualitative adjustment group sessions with circuit court judges and county court judges in February 2016. Six Delphi groups of between eight and thirteen judges representing different circuit sizes met to review and adjust the preliminary case weights. A total of 65 experienced judges (three or more years of judicial experience) participated. The groups focused on a particular division of court including circuit civil, circuit criminal, family and juvenile, probate, county criminal, and county civil.<sup>28</sup> An overview of the process used to create the preliminary weights and a review of the sufficiency of time survey results were provided by NCSC staff.<sup>29</sup> Each group participated in a systematic review of the preliminary case weights using a modified Delphi process.<sup>30</sup>

This consensus-based review of the case weights was “designed to ensure that all recommended adjustments were reasonable and would produce specific benefits such as improvements in public safety, cost savings, increases in procedural justice, and improved compliance with court orders.”<sup>31</sup>

Several of the family and civil Delphi sessions recommended increasing the time devoted to pretrial case management, the rationale being that time spent at the beginning of a case will result in earlier disposition times in some cases and narrow the issues for trial in others. As mentioned in the Final Workload Report, “the family and juvenile groups recommended allocating additional time to assess the needs of children and families to identify services and resources, allow sufficient

time for self-represented litigants to understand the legal process, and to write more detailed findings and orders that thoroughly address all statutory requirements.”<sup>32</sup> In criminal cases, the Delphi groups “recommended adding time for legal research, longer plea colloquies, and contested hearings.”<sup>33</sup>

The county court Delphi groups recommended additional time for legal research and writing in criminal cases, complex insurance cases, criminal traffic cases involving serious bodily injury or fatalities, and in post-judgment motions related to eviction cases.<sup>34</sup> Appendix C of the Final Workload Report provides a full description and detailed rationales for all recommended adjustments.

The JNAC met on March 3, 2016, to review the entire workload methodology, including the major findings and recommendations. Three factors contribute to the calculation of judicial need in the weighted caseload model: filings, case weights, and judge year value.<sup>35</sup> The JNAC adopted the judge year value of 215 days, which is the number of days each year that judges are available to work, excluding weekends, holidays, vacation, and sick leave.<sup>36</sup> According to the NCSC, the judge year in 25 other states ranges from 200 to 226 days. Florida’s judge year of 215 days is the median of the 25 states that have conducted judicial workload assessments. The JNAC also adopted the judge day value, which represents the amount of time each judge has available for case-related work during each workday.<sup>37</sup> The total workday for circuit court judges is eight and one-half hours and includes six hours of case-related work, one and one-half hours of non-case related work including administration and travel, and one hour for lunch. The total workday for county court judges is eight and one-half hours and includes five hours for case related work on county court cases, one hour for case related work on circuit court cases, one and one-half hours on non-case related work, and one hour for lunch.<sup>38</sup>

The JNAC adopted new recommendations proposed by the NCSC not previously used by the Court in its evaluation of trial court workload, including a chief judge adjustment for time spent by chief judges performing administrative matters<sup>39</sup> and time spent by county court judges serving on county election canvassing boards.<sup>40</sup> The JNAC also accepted all quality adjustments to the preliminary case weights. As noted in the final workload report, “in the aggregate, the Delphi adjustments result in a combined increase in circuit and county court judicial workload of about two percent.”<sup>41</sup> Exhibit 6 located on page 17 of the Final Workload Report illustrates the final cases weights adopted by the JNAC.

The NCSC recommended, and the JNAC adopted, a new threshold methodology for when a circuit or county would qualify for a new judgeship. As discussed in the Final Workload Report, “to provide a common yardstick for jurisdictions of all sizes and to assist in directing additional judicial resources to the jurisdictions with the greatest relative need, a majority of the JNAC voted to adopt the following rules:

1. In any court where the ratio of judicial need to existing positions is greater than 1.10, additional judicial positions should be allocated to bring the ratio below 1.10.
2. In any court where the ratio of judicial need to existing positions is between 1.10 and 0.90, no change to the number of judicial positions is recommended.
3. In any court where the ratio of judicial need to existing positions is below 0.90, judicial positions should be subtracted until the ratio is above 0.90, unless subtracting positions brings the ratio above 1.10.”<sup>42</sup>

As noted in the Final Workload Report, “in the First Judicial Circuit, 24 judges are currently handling the work of 27.95 judges or 1.16 full time equivalent (FTE) per judge. Adding a single judge would bring the ratio to 1.12 FTE, still in excess of 1.10. Adding two judges would reduce the ratio to 1.08, below the 1.10 threshold.”<sup>43</sup> This recommendation is significantly more rigorous and conservative than our previous 0.50 threshold. In fact, this new threshold requires that all judges within a county or circuit court collectively absorb 10 percent additional workload before qualifying for a new judgeship. In practical terms, this means that judges must share excess workload, leaving each judge with a total of 1.10 full-time equivalent of judicial work prior to being considered for a new judgeship.

In addition to the new workload threshold, the JNAC adopted a secondary analysis recommendation designed to identify other workload factors present in a county or circuit that may affect judicial workload. Several additional factors such as jury trials, foreign language interpretations, and geographic size of a circuit are currently listed in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.240(b)(1)(B). In addition to those currently cited in the rule, the JNAC recommended consideration of other factors such as the existence of alternative problem-solving courts, prosecutor and law enforcement practices, “the location of correctional facilities, hospitals, universities, the quality and scope of court

technology, ensuring access to justice, and variations in the amount of judicial work associated with election canvassing boards.<sup>744</sup>

The Judicial Workload Study was significant not only for documenting the work of trial court judges, but also for capturing the contributions of senior judges, as well as quasi-judicial officers such as magistrates, child support enforcement hearing officers, and civil traffic infraction hearing officers. Each of these groups participated in the time study, with an overall participation rate of 96 percent. The work of these quasi-judicial officers is critical to the overall management of court workload. This study and its data provide significant insight as to the use of quasi-judicial officers and their contribution to judicial workload. It will prove invaluable in future years as we attempt to establish workload staffing models across circuits.

As described in the Final Workload Report, “[s]enior judges are retired judges who have agreed to accept assignments to temporary judicial duty to fill-in for long-term judicial absences (e.g., illness or death) and to assistance with excess workload (e.g., Foreclosure cases).<sup>745</sup>

“Magistrates are judicial officers appointed by the court to assist the work of Circuit court judges. Magistrates hold formal court hearings providing recommendations to judges in the areas of family law, support enforcement, juvenile dependency, mental health, and guardianship.<sup>746</sup>

“Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officers are attorneys who have been appointed by administrative order of the court. The hearing officers are typically used in family court to take testimony and recommend decisions in cases involving the establishment, enforcement, and/or modification of child support as well as paternity matters.<sup>747</sup>

“Civil Traffic Infraction Hearing Officers are contractual employees (also attorneys) that serve on a part-time basis to provide back-up to judges by hearing and making decisions in non-criminal traffic matters. These hearing officers typically serve in county court, and the decisions they make can be appealed to a regular sitting judge.<sup>748</sup>

As documented in the Final Workload Report, the time study revealed that “senior judges perform more than 460,000 minutes of work on Real Property cases each year, suggesting that some jurisdictions use senior judges to preside over specialty foreclosure dockets.<sup>749</sup> “Magistrates perform some of the family law work accompanying dissolution, paternity, other domestic relations, juvenile dependency cases, as well as commitment and guardianship cases. Hearing officers handle 72 percent of the total judicial work associated with civil traffic infractions and 78 percent of work on child support cases.<sup>750</sup> Exhibit 14c of the Final Workload Report converts the workload of quasi-judicial officers into case weights and provides a more complete picture of the overall judicial resources devoted to each type of case.<sup>751</sup> Without the availability of these supplemental judicial resources, it is anticipated that case processing times would be significantly longer.

## JUDICIAL WORKLOAD STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court reviewed the Judicial Workload Study recommendations and has adopted Recommendations One, Two, and Three, which address the new case weights, a periodic review of the case weights, and consideration of secondary factors that may be impacting judicial workload.<sup>752</sup> The workload study used calendar year data for 2012, 2013, and 2014. However, during this analysis we used projected case filings through fiscal year 2017/2018 in accordance with rule 2.240(b)(1)(A)(i) and rule 2.240(b)(1)(A)(ii). Using the objective threshold standard and judgeship requests submitted from the lower courts, we have examined case filing and disposition data, conducted a secondary analysis of judicial workload indicators, and used the final adjusted case weights from the workload study. We have also incorporated an allowance for administrative time spent by chief judges, county court judge time spent on county election canvassing boards, and the new, more rigorous, threshold for qualifying for a new judgeship. Applying this methodology, this Court certifies the need for twelve judgeships statewide, four in circuit court and eight in county court. See Appendix. We are also decertifying six county court judgeships. See Appendix.

## CIRCUIT COURT WORKLOAD

A key finding of the Judicial Workload Study is validation of the long-held belief of many trial court judges that their workload has increased over the last several years. The time study and quality review process associated with the case weight development documents that cases are taking longer to dispose due to a variety of factors as previously mentioned. This finding is essential and illustrates the necessity for a regular review of the judicial case weights (i.e., every five years) via a time study. Moreover, the rigorous threshold recommended by the JNAC and adopted by this Court reflects the fact that, notwithstanding that cases are more complex and take longer to dispose, filings across all court divisions remain in decline. Thus, the 41 trial court judges who provided

executive direction to the Judicial Workload Study recommended, and we agree, that all judges within a circuit are obligated to help each other with their respective workloads, thereby ensuring that the full measure of judicial capacity is applied to all judicial workload. This new threshold emphasizes the collective nature of addressing judicial workload by requiring judges to work together to fully leverage all available judicial resources. We adopt this recommendation and encourage all trial court judges to embrace its inherent intent as it is prudent, reasonable, and fair.

In their judicial needs applications, the chief judges identified a number of factors that continue to impact judicial workload in the circuit courts. For example, the continued expansion and proliferation of problem solving courts (e.g., Adult Drug Court, Veterans’ Courts, Mental Health Courts) contribute significantly to judicial workload as they are labor intensive, requiring multiple hearings for each defendant, typically over a lengthy period of time. Indeed, Recommendation Four of the Final Workload Report indicates that we adopt a data reporting mechanism for problem-solving courts to better assess the workload associated with these types of cases. The Court agrees with this recommendation and is committed to developing a system that documents this workload in Florida.

The chief judges have also noted that the number and frequency of court-interpreting events impact case disposition times. Florida is an ethnically and culturally diverse state with thousands of non-English speaking residents who access our courts each year, and this demand is expected to increase in coming years. This Court is mindful of the demographic changes occurring in Florida and has implemented rigorous steps to ensure that the quality of court-interpreting services remains high by requiring credentialed interpreters to provide interpreting services<sup>753</sup> and also by implementing video remote interpreting services across circuits using credentialed employees and contractors. Moreover, we are very encouraged by the preliminary results of our Virtual Remote Interpreting pilot program and have identified several key advantages to its possible expansion, including: (1) containing the need for additional full-time equivalent positions and contractual dollars; (2) providing for the use of credentialed interpreters to conduct interpretations; (3) providing greater scheduling flexibility for our judges; and (4) leveraging court-interpreting resources across judicial circuits.

The application of this technology demonstrates the court system’s commitment to contain costs, innovate, and improve service delivery within this due process element. Similar efforts are occurring using software applications such as Open Court and the Integrated Case Management System developed by the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Both of these software platforms are open source and have tremendous potential for cost containment and the avoidance of vendor lock-in issues associated with the purchase of specialized technology. We encourage the Legislature to favorably consider our Legislative Budget Request for technology as it demonstrates the judicial branch’s commitment to apply technology in our service delivery staffing models, thereby minimizing our requests for additional full-time equivalent positions.

The chief judges have also advised us of a notable need for more staff attorneys, primarily in circuit court and to a lesser extent in county court. This observation was verified during the site visits to eight judicial circuits during the workload study. There is significant workload associated with postconviction relief motions in circuit criminal divisions. Similarly, complex legal issues need to be researched in circuit civil divisions. Much of this preliminary research is more efficiently performed by staff attorneys who provide direct legal support to judges.

The same rationale holds true for our case management positions. Circuit court judges repeatedly advised both NCSC members and our staff during the workload study site visits how invaluable case managers are to keeping dockets current. Many of these positions are assigned to provide support in family law, problem solving courts, and mortgage foreclosure cases, and are essential to ensuring that all documents and related paperwork are filed and complete so judges can move cases to disposition. The absence of these critical support positions often leads to case processing delays.

On a related matter, chief judges have advised us that because in-court administrative staff has either been reduced or eliminated due to budget reductions, many trial court judges are now performing in-court administrative duties such as managing the court record, handling exhibits, swearing witnesses, filing documents, and making notations in the case management systems. Judges performing ministerial and administrative functions is not a good use of judicial time and supports our contention that circuit court judges need additional administrative/case management assistance that is best supplied by case managers.

Several of the chief judges also advised that they are experiencing difficulty in securing senior judges to serve within their circuits. While the Court believes that our senior judge day allotment may be sufficient, we remain concerned that the one-year sit-out provision for retiring judges is impacting the court system’s ability to secure senior judges in different regions throughout the state. We encourage the Legislature to revisit the one-year sit-out requirement as it is detrimental to Florida’s court system and the administration of justice.

In consideration of the chief judges' requests and by applying the new case weights and secondary factors to circuit court workload, we certify the need for one circuit court judgeship in the Fifth Judicial Circuit and three circuit court judgeships in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

## COUNTY COURT WORKLOAD

One of the key findings of the Final Workload Study is the documentation of circuit court work performed by county court judges. It is significant and widespread throughout the state and is testimony to county court judges making prominent contributions to assisting with the overall workload within a circuit. In fact, their contribution in circuit court is now codified into the standard judge day for county court judges, which allocates one hour each day for presiding over circuit court matters.

Another key finding of the Final Workload Study is the time spent by county court judges on election canvassing boards. This work can be considerable, especially during gubernatorial and presidential election years. This is a much needed improvement to our workload methodology.

During the site visits, two key themes emerged in staff discussion with the county court judges. First, personal injury protection insurance cases, commonly referred to as PIP cases, are taking an ever-increasing amount of judicial time. Frequently, they are heavily litigated and often result in a jury trial, which requires considerable judicial time. Indeed, some of the county court judges recommend that we modify our existing case types by creating a separate case type and weight for these types of cases for future workload assessments. We take that recommendation under advisement. Second, many of the county court judges interviewed indicated an increasing need for access to staff attorney assistance as civil cases in county court are becoming more complex, requiring considerable legal research and analysis.

The Final Workload Study revealed a positive need for eight county court judges disbursed over six counties with a demonstrable need. However, the study also revealed a negative net need of 14 county court judges disbursed over nine counties, meaning there is insufficient workload for the current number of judges in those counties. Our own analysis, using projected filings data, supports the original findings of the workload study; namely, that there is a positive need for additional county court judges in some counties and a surplus of county court judges in other counties. However, to better assess whether we should decertify any of these county court judgeships, we conducted an analysis of secondary factors identified by the chief judge of each affected county, via the judicial needs application, that might militate against decertification, such as geography, number of branch courthouses, access to justice concerns, and others factors listed in the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration.<sup>54</sup> Accordingly, we are certifying the need for one additional county court judgeship each in Citrus County, Flagler County, Palm Beach County, Broward County, and Lee County, and three additional county court judgeships in Hillsborough County.

We are also decertifying county court judgeships in the following counties: one county court judgeship in Pasco County, one county court judgeship in Putnam County, one county court judgeship in Monroe County, one county court judgeship in Brevard County, one county court judgeship in Charlotte County, and one county court judgeship in Collier County. Over the next twelve months, we will be closely monitoring the judicial workload of several other counties<sup>55</sup> that demonstrate a negative need, but also identified supplemental factors recognized both in rule and by the NCSC's recommended methodology which militate against decertification, to determine whether additional decertifications should occur in next year's certification of need opinion. The Court does not take this step lightly; rather, we do so recognizing that we must remain consistent in our application of the workload methodology and our obligations under Article V, section 9, of the Florida Constitution.

## SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

This Court remains concerned about the ability to meet the needs of self-represented litigants and the impact a lack of representation has on access to justice and the administration of the court system. Indeed, many of the trial court judges interviewed during the Final Workload Study commented on the impact of self-represented litigants in their courtrooms. Their impact was also cited by the chief judges in their judicial needs applications. Self-represented litigants are frequently unprepared for the rigors of presenting evidence, following rules of procedure, and generally representing themselves in court, often creating additional work for trial judges. Increased judicial involvement in cases where one or more parties self-represent is essential to assure fair and impartial access to courts, but entails lengthier hearings, rescheduled hearings, and court delay. The impact of case processing to ensure self-represented litigants have access to justice occurs in both circuit court and county court and was affirmed by the Final Workload Study. To better evaluate this need and impact separate and apart from the Final Workload Study, this Court appointed a Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice, which is discussed below.

## FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE

The Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice was created via administrative order on November 14, 2014. The Commission was "established to study the remaining unmet civil legal needs of disadvantaged, low income, and moderate income Floridians. The Commission is charged with considering Florida's legal assistance delivery system as a whole, including but not limited to staffed legal aid programs, resources and support for self-represented litigants, limited scope representation, pro bono services, innovative technology solutions, and other models and potential innovations."<sup>56</sup>

Over the last two years, the Commission and its committees have met regularly. To address the Commission's charges, the Chief Justice initially created five subcommittees: Outreach, Access to and Delivery of Legal Services, Continuum of Services, Technology, and Funding. Three projects emanating from these committees, which have generated considerable optimism, are the implementation of a gateway portal, the expanded use of emeritus attorneys, and the adoption of a cy pres<sup>57</sup> rule or statute.<sup>58</sup> A fourth project under development and initiated by the Judicial Management Council, called Do-It-Yourself Florida, provides for automated interviews designed to assist self-represented litigants with creating their own petitions which, once complete, can then be submitted through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. The original term of the Commission was extended until September 30, 2016.<sup>59</sup> The final report for the Commission's initial term is available through this Court's website.<sup>60</sup>

On October 10, 2016, the Court issued an administrative order<sup>61</sup> re-establishing the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice as a standing commission. In our press release, we note that the permanent Commission will "study the remaining unmet civil legal needs of disadvantaged, low income and moderate income Floridians." The administrative order directs the Commission to examine the issue from all perspectives and not be limited to the viewpoint of any one institution. The Commission is to consider staffed legal aid programs, resources designed to help people representing themselves, legal advice specifically limited to a single issue in a case, pro bono services, technology solutions, and other models and potential innovations. It is our long-term aspiration that improvements to court access will have a positive impact on our future need for additional judicial resources.

## DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL

In September 2014, the Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability (DCA Commission) began the process of reviewing relative case weights for district court judges, as directed in In re Commission on District Court of Appeal Performance and Accountability, Fla. Admin. Order No. SC14-41 (Fla. July 2, 2014). The Supreme Court charged the DCA Commission with reviewing "workload trends of the district courts, specifically relative case weights for judicial workload as required by rule 2.240(b)(2)(B)(ii), Florida Rules of Judicial Administration." Previous reviews by the DCA Commission occurred initially in 2006, and subsequently in 2009. The 2009 review resulted in a modifier for the First District Court of Appeal to address workload issues in the category of "Notice of Appeal – Administrative (Other)."<sup>62</sup> After studying the issue, the DCA Commission recommended revising the relative case weights, removing the modifier for the First District Court of Appeal, and reviewing the weighted case disposition threshold of 280 cases per judge.

At the Court's direction, the DCA Commission subsequently reviewed both the weighted case disposition threshold methodology established in 2005 and current data applied to the methodology, and recommended that the threshold be revised to 315 cases per judge. Additionally, the commission recommended that a review process for the threshold be established, following a four-year cycle similar to that of the relative case weights, and that rule 2.240(b)(2)(B) be amended to remove the specific threshold number of 280 and provide for a four-year review cycle. The Court approved the revised relative case weights, removal of the modifier, the revised weighted case disposition threshold, and the four-year review cycle. Rule 2.240(b)(2)(B) was also amended to remove the specific threshold number and provide for the review cycle. We are not certifying a need for additional district court judges during this certification cycle, as our review, applying the updated relative case weights methodology, indicates adequate resources.

Using the updated relative case weights and applying the new case disposition threshold of 315 cases per judge, the Court finds that the Third District Court of Appeal may be overstaffed by one judge. We also observe that, unlike the other four districts, the Third District Court of Appeal does not employ a central staff model to assist with judicial workload. These appear to be legacy issues that require our continued attention. While we recognize the need for flexibility in the deployment of resources within a district court, we also see the value and merit in having similar workload models (i.e., presence of central staff) across districts as the work of the district courts is more similar than dissimilar. As with the trial court workload methodology and our obligations under Article V, section 9, of the Florida Constitution, we must be



vigilant as to the deployment of judicial resources. We have communicated our concerns to the chief judge of the Third District Court of Appeal and have asked for a response. We will keep the Legislature apprised of our analysis in next year's certification of need opinion.

**CONCLUSION**

We have conducted both a quantitative and qualitative assessment of trial court judicial workload. Using the new case weights developed in the Judicial Workload Study and the application of other factors identified in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.240, we certify the need for twelve additional trial court judges in Florida, consisting of four in circuit court and eight in county court, as set forth in the appendix to this opinion. We are also recommending the decertification of six county court judgeships, also identified in the appendix.

With the help of staff from the National Center for State Courts, Florida's trial courts have spent the last 18 months evaluating judicial workload. This has been an extensive effort involving the participation of over 900 trial court judges representing all 20 judicial circuits. We have applied a rigorous methodology designed to evaluate both quantitative and qualitative aspects of judicial work, including: (1) appointment of an executive committee comprised of 41 trial court judges, two from each judicial circuit; (2) participation in a one-month time study with a 97 percent participation rate; (3) execution of a sufficiency of time survey; (4) site visits to eight judicial circuits; (5) a qualitative adjustment process involving 65 experienced judges; and (6) final review and approval of the adjusted case weights along with additional recommendations such as a higher and more conservative threshold for qualifying for a new judgeship.

The workload study has been a massive judicial branch undertaking and demonstrates our commitment to full documentation and transparency in the evaluation of judicial workload. It has now been ten years since Florida last received funding for new trial court judges. We are mindful that the mortgage foreclosure crisis and other intervening events impacted the state's fiscal health. Since those crises are waning, we strongly encourage the Legislature to fund the new judgeships identified in this opinion.

The Court extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to The Honorable Paul Alessandrini, Chair of the Judicial Workload Study; all members of the Judicial Needs Assessment Committee who provided executive direction; all circuit court judges and county court judges for their participation in the time study and qualitative adjustment process; and all senior judges and quasi-judicial officers, who took part in the time study. We also thank project staff at the National Center for State Courts for their diligent work and collaboration with our staff in the completion of this critical work.

It is so ordered.

LABARGA, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANADY, POLSTON, and PERRY, J.J., concur.

Original Proceeding – Certification of Need for Additional Judges

**APPENDIX**

**Trial Court Need**

Circuit	Circuit Court Certified Judges	County	County Court Certified Judges	County Court Decertified Judges
1	0	N/A	0	0
2	0	N/A	0	0
3	0	N/A	0	0
4	0	N/A	0	0
5	1	Citrus	1	0
6	0	Pasco	0	1
7	0	Flagler Putnam	1 0	0 1
8	0	N/A	0	0
9	3	N/A	0	0
10	0	N/A	0	0
11	0	N/A	0	0
12	0	N/A	0	0
13	0	Hillsborough	3	0
14	0	N/A	0	0
15	0	Palm Beach	1	0
16	0	Monroe	0	1
17	0	Broward	1	0
18	0	Brevard	0	1
19	0	N/A	0	0

Circuit	Circuit Court Certified Judges	County	County Court Certified Judges	County Court Decertified Judges
20	0	Charlotte Collier Lee	0 0 1	1 1 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>

1. Article V, section 9, of the Florida Constitution provides in pertinent part:

**Determination of number of judges.**—The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits. If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need.

2. Id. at 34.

3. Id. at 34.

4. We have amended Recommendation Five to include an assessment of case managers in addition to staff attorneys.

5. Id. at 35.

6. See Florida Delphi-based Weighted Caseload Project Final Report published in January 2000, available at <http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/DelphiFullReport.pdf>.

7. See Judicial Resource Study conducted in Fiscal Year 2006/2007, available at [http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/JRSReport\\_final.pdf](http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/JRSReport_final.pdf).

8. See Workload Assessment, National Center for State Courts, available at [http://www.ncsc.org/Topics/Court-Management/Workload-and-Resource-Assessment/-/link.aspx?\\_id=EDC38EAB25094528-B6178E6B7FE72D81&\\_z=z](http://www.ncsc.org/Topics/Court-Management/Workload-and-Resource-Assessment/-/link.aspx?_id=EDC38EAB25094528-B6178E6B7FE72D81&_z=z).

9. The time study occurred from September 28 through October 25, 2015.

10. See Florida Judicial Workload Assessment Final Report at 8, May 16, 2016, available at [http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub\\_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf).

11. See Delphi Method, RAND Corporation, available at <http://www.rand.org/topics/delphi-method.html>.

12. See Florida Judicial Workload Assessment Final Report at 13, available at [http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub\\_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf).

13. Id.

14. Id.

15. Id.

16. Id.

17. Id.

18. Judicial circuits visited: First (Pensacola), Fourth (Jacksonville), Fifth (Ocala), Eighth (Gainesville), Tenth (Lakeland), Fourteenth (Panama City), Fifteenth (West Palm Beach), and Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale).

19. See Workload Final Report at 14, available at [http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub\\_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/documents/2016-NCSC-Florida-Workload-Study.pdf).

20. Id.

21. Id.

22. Id.

23. Id.

24. Id. at 15.

25. Id.

26. Id.

27. The Delphi method is a structured iterative process for decision-making by a panel of experts; in this instance, judges.

28. Id.

29. Id.

30. Id.

31. Id. at 15.

32. Id. at 15-16.

33. Id. at 16.

34. Id.

35. Id. at 18.

36. Id.

37. Id. at 19.

38. Id.

39. Id. at 20.

40. Id.

41. Id. at 16.

42. Id. at 26.

43. Id.

44. Id. at 27.

45. Id. at 28.

46. Id. at 27.

47. Id. at 28.

48. Id.

49. Id.

50. Id.

51. Id. at 31.

52. Id. at 34.

53. See In re Amends. to Fla. Rules for Certification & Regulation of Spoken Language Court Interpreters, 176 So. 3d 256, 257 (Fla. 2015).

54. See Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.240(b)(1)(B).

55. Alachua, Brevard, Escambia, Leon, Monroe, Pasco, and Polk counties.

56. See In re: Fla. Comm'n on Access to Civil Justice, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC14-65 (Fla. Nov. 24, 2014).

57. The cy pres doctrine permits a court to award any unallocated, unclaimed, or undeliverable funds from a class action settlement or judgment to a non-profit organization. See "Commission on Access to Civil Justice Submits Final Report," Full Court Press, Summer 2016 Issue, Office of the State Courts Administrator, available at [http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/295/urlt/001186-Summer2016\\_FCP.pdf](http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/295/urlt/001186-Summer2016_FCP.pdf).

58. For a more thorough discussion of these projects, see id.

59. See In re: Fla. Comm'n on Access to Civil Justice, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC16-27 (Fla. June 13, 2016).

60. See Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice Final Report (June 30, 2016), available at <http://www.flaccessjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/ATJ-Final-Report-Court-06302016-ADA.pdf>.

61. See In re: Fla. Comm'n on Access to Civil Justice, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC16-71 (Fla. Oct. 10, 2016).

62. "Notice of Appeal – Administrative (Other)" is defined as any appeal from an administrative agency other than an unemployment appeal from the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission.

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**Credentials Committee Appointed**

Debbie Brown  
Secretary of the Senate  
Suite 405 Capitol  
404 South Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

December 6, 2016

Dear Secretary Brown:

A Notice of Contest has been timely filed by Ron Berman, the Republican nominee in Senate District 30, who was defeated by Senator Bobby Powell in the General Election on November 8, 2016.

Based on the requirements of Senate Rule 1.24, I hereby appoint the following Senators to the Credentials Committee, who shall consider the question and report their recommendations to the President.

Lizabeth Benacquisto, Chair  
Rob Bradley  
Bill Galvano  
Bill Montford  
Perry Thurston

The staff of the Senate Committee on Rules is assigned to the Committee. The Committee will dissolve upon the submission of their report.

Sincerely,

*Joe Negron*  
President

**Credentials Committee Dissolved**

Debbie Brown  
Secretary of the Senate  
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January 9, 2017

Dear Secretary Brown:

The Notice of Contest timely filed by Ron Berman, the Republican nominee in Senate District 30, who was defeated by Senator Bobby Powell in the General Election on November 8, 2016, has been withdrawn.

With no additional business to consider, the Credentials Committee, established on December 6, 2016, pursuant to Senate Rule 1.24, is hereby dissolved.

Sincerely,

*Joe Negron*  
President

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

The Journals of March 11, 2016, Regular Session; and November 22, 2016, Organization Session were corrected and approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to the motion by Senator Benacquisto previously adopted, upon dissolution of the joint session at 12:05 p.m., the Senate adjourned for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8 or upon call of the President.

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