

# Work Plan 2014, Joint House and Senate 5-Point Agenda

#### 1. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

Expand pathways out of poverty through education and jobs

# Increase the Value and Accessibility of Higher Education

- No tuition increase for 2015
- End soaring cost increase for Florida Prepaid College Board
- Reduce tuition differential

### **Expand Education Choices for Families In Poverty**

 Raise cap for Florida's Tax Credit Scholarship Program, add accountability measures

#### **Cement Link Between Education and Jobs**

- Reward performance in higher education
- Increase student access to Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Industry Certifications opportunities
  - Remove 0.3 weighed FTE funding limit on CAPE
  - o Florida CAPE Digital Classroom

#### 2. FLORIDA GI BILL

Establish Florida as the top "Welcome Home" state for the military, veterans and their families

## **Expand Education and Employment Opportunities**

- Waive out-of-state tuition for veterans
- Fund scholarships for members of the Florida National Guard, including online programs and book stipends
- · Waive licensing fees for returning veterans
- Establish entrepreneurship program for veterans

### **Invest in Florida's Military Infrastructure**

- Finish commitment to restore and renovate Florida's armories
- Fund base buffering efforts to preserve Florida's military missions and protect our military bases



#### 3. PROTECT VULNERABLE FLORIDIANS

Increase safeguards for Florida's children and seniors

### **Improve Protections Against Sexual Offenders**

- Keep offenders off our streets and away from our children
  - o Increase the length of sentences and extend monitoring after release
- Better inform our communities, law enforcement and families
  - Require individuals registered in the sexual offender database to provide more information
- Improve coordination between government and law enforcement
  - Enhance communication between state and county officials when a sexual offender is released from prison

#### **Child Welfare Reform**

Fund Agency for Persons with Disabilities to reduce the Critical Needs Waiting List

Fully Fund Maximum Current Year Expansion of the Guardian Ad Litem Program

Keep seniors safer by making the administration of Assisted Living Facilities more transparent and accountable

**Increase Funding for Child Advocacy Centers** 

**Better Address Human Trafficking** 

### 4. \$500 MILLION TAX CUT

Reduce the amount of money government takes from Floridians who earn it

- Reduce Taxes and Fees
- Lower Vehicle Registration Fees for All Florida Drivers

### 5. IMPROVE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

Achieve reform of the Florida Retirement System and continue to improve ethics laws

- Strengthen the retirement system for public employees
- Develop an Information Technology Governance Strategy for State Government
- Continue to Improve Florida's Ethics Laws
- Implement Lobbyist Compensation Audits
- Clarify Legislator Residency Requirements