

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/SB 1420 — Department of Commerce

by Rules Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senator Burgess

The bill makes the following changes that impact the Department of Commerce (DCM):

- Specifies that a citizen-led county charter amendment not required to be approved by the board of county commissioners which preempts certain land development decisions is prohibited, unless expressly authorized in the county charter that was lawful and in effect on January 1, 2024. This provision is effective upon becoming a law.
- Provides that if the local government doesn't hold a second public hearing and adopt a comprehensive plan amendment within 180 days after the DCM provides comments, the amendment is deemed withdrawn; and provides that comprehensive plan amendments are deemed withdrawn if the local government fails to transmit the comprehensive plan amendment to the DCM within 10 working days after the final adoption hearing.
- Deletes an outdated requirement that the Florida Sports Foundation must continue amateur sports programs previously conducted by the Florida Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports.
- Extends the repayment period of the Local Government Emergency Revolving Bridge Loan Program from 5 to 10 years, and directs the DCM to amend existing loans executed before February 1, 2024, to increase the loan term to a total of 10 years from the original date of execution. This provision is effective upon becoming a law.
- Requires the DCM to establish a direction-support organization (DSO) to take over the duties of the Florida Defense Support Task Force; provides for organizational composition; revises the mission of the DSO; requires the DSO to operate under a contract with the DCM; revises the due date for the annual report; and provides a repeal date of October 1, 2029.
- Creates a Supply Chain Innovation Grant Program within the DCM; requires the DCM to jointly select grants with the Florida Department of Transportation; provides that priority must be given to projects with innovative plans, advanced technologies, and development strategies that focus on future growth and economic prosperity; requires the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to review the program by January 1, 2027, and every three years thereafter; and provides the program expires June 30, 2034. Neither the bill nor the General Appropriations Act provides funding for this program.
- Revises the term "businesses" in the Incumbent Worker Training Program to include healthcare facilities and allied health care opportunities, and revises the funding priority to provide that health care facilities, in addition to hospitals, operated by nonprofit or local government entities that provide opportunities in health care, are eligible for the funding.
- Provides that specified members of the state workforce development board are voting members.
- Specifies that a homeowner's association's proposed revived declaration of covenants and articles of incorporation and bylaws must be submitted to the DCM within 60 days after obtaining valid written consent from a majority of the affected parcel owners, or

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within 60 days after the date the documents are approved by affected parcel owners by a vote at a meeting.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024, except where otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 38-1; House 104-9