

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs**

**CS/SB 142 — Developmental Disabilities**

by Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Altman, Sobel, and Bradley

The bill substitutes the term “intellectual disability” for “mental retardation” throughout the Florida Statutes, thus eliminating terminology that is now considered out-dated and potentially offensive. The bill also substitutes “the Arc of Florida” for “the Association for Retarded Citizens,” where it appears in law, to reflect the correct name of the organization.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 32-0; House 119-0*