

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 67 — Florida Slavery Memorial

by Reps. McGee, Lee and others (SB 286 by Senators Rouson, Rodriguez, Campbell, Baxley, Bean, Benacquisto, Book, Bracy, Bradley, Brandes, Braynon, Broxson, Farmer, Flores, Gainer, Galvano, Garcia, Gibson, Grimsley, Hukill, Hutson, Mayfield, Montford, Negrón, Passidomo, Perry, Powell, Rader, Simmons, Simpson, Stargel, Stewart, Taddeo, Thurston, Torres, and Young)

The bill establishes the Florida Slavery Memorial to be placed at the downtown Capitol Complex in Tallahassee. The memorial will serve as a reminder of the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the American Colonies and will honor the nameless and forgotten men, women, and children who have gone unrecognized for their undeniable and weighty contributions to this country.

The Department of Management Services (department) will administer the memorial. In consultation with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State, the department will develop a plan for the design, placement, and cost of the memorial and select an appropriate placement for the memorial.

The bill requires the department to submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 109-0

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HB 155 — State Symbols

by Rep. Magar and others (SB 404 by Senators Grimsley and Montford)

This bill removes the repeal and makes permanent the designation of the:

- Loggerhead Turtle as the official state saltwater reptile; and
- Florida Cracker Horse (Marshstackie) as the official Florida state horse.

The bill additionally designates the Florida Cracker Cattle as the official Florida heritage cattle breed.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 115-0

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HB 359 — State Investments

by Reps. Nunez, Diaz, M., and others (SB 538 by Senators Garcia, Rodriguez, Negron, Baxley, Bean, Benacquisto, Book, Bracy, Braynon, Campbell, Farmer, Flores, Galvano, Gibson, Grimsley, Hukill, Lee, Mayfield, Montford, Passidomo, Perry, Powell, Rader, Rouson, Simmons, Simpson, Stargel, Steube, Stewart, Taddeo, Thurston, Torres, and Young)

The bill requires the State Board of Administration to divest any investment in stocks, securities, or other obligations of any institution or company domiciled in the U.S., or foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the U.S., doing business in or with the government of Venezuela, or with agencies or instrumentalities thereof, in violation of federal law.

The bill also prohibits a state agency from investing in any financial institution or company domiciled in the U.S., or any foreign subsidiary of a company domiciled in the U.S. which, directly or through a U.S. or foreign subsidiary, makes any loan, extends credit of any kind or character, advances funds in any manner, or purchases or trades any goods or services with the government of Venezuela, or any company doing business in or with the government of Venezuela, in violation of federal law.

The bill authorizes the Governor to waive the bill's prohibitions if the government of Venezuela collapses and there is a need for immediate aid to Venezuela before the convening of the Legislature or for other humanitarian reasons as determined by the Governor.

The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local revenues.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 107-0

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CS/SB 394 — Fire Safety

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Bracy

The bill requires the Division of the State Fire Marshal (Division) within the Department of Financial Services to establish courses that provide training related to cancer and mental health as a part of firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification. The bill authorizes the Division to adopt rules for the training requirements related to cancer and mental health risks within the fire service.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 114-0

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HB 545 — Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies

by Reps. Fine, Moskowitz and others (SB 780 by Senators Brandes and Campbell)

The bill prohibits a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of any amount.

The bill also requires a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2018, to contain a provision that allows for the termination of the contract at the option of the awarding body if the company has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

An agency or local governmental entity is authorized to make a case-by-case exception to the prohibition of contracting with companies that are on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel if certain conditions are met.

Additionally, the bill requires a company to provide certification that it is not engaging in a boycott of Israel before submitting a bid or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local governmental entity.

The bill provides for preemption of any ordinance or rule of any agency or local governmental entity involving public contracts for goods or services of any amount with a company that has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 35-1; House 109-3

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HB 651 — State Employment

by Rep. Yarborough (SB 950 by Senator Mayfield)

The bill eliminates the Florida State Employees Charitable Contribution Campaign from law, and provides that an organization, entity, or person may not intentionally solicit a state employee through any means for fundraising or business purposes within work areas during work hours. However, the bill does not prohibit state-approved communications by entities with whom the state has contracted to provide employee benefits or services; non-coercive, voluntary communications between state employees in workplace areas; or activities at authorized public events occurring in non-work areas of state owned or leased facilities.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 100-13

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CS/HB 755 — Public Records/Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network
by Oversight, Transparency, and Administration Subcommittee; and Reps. Williamson and
others (SB 988 by Senator Perry)

This bill creates a public records exemption that makes confidential and exempt from disclosure information held by an agency which is related to the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

The exemption applies to information that would reveal:

- The design, development, construction, deployment, and operation of network facilities;
- Network coverage, including geographical maps showing actual or proposed locations of network infrastructure;
- The features, functions, and capabilities of network infrastructure and facilities, and network services provided to first responders;
- The design, features, functions, and capabilities of network devices provided to first responders and other network users; or
- Security, including cybersecurity, of the design, construction, and operation of the network and associated services and products.

The bill provides an Open Government Sunset Review that repeals the exemption October 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and saves the exemption from repeal before that date.

In the required statement of public necessity, the bill provides that the exemption is needed to protect sensitive security information without which a security breach could occur. Moreover, the exemption will protect proprietary business information, release of which could otherwise compromise the ability of communications services providers to freely and fairly compete in the marketplace.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 110-0

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HB 1437 — Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities

by Reps. Abruzzo and others (SB 648 by Senators Baxley and Campbell)

The bill provides that participants in adult or youth work experience programs operated by the Department of Education's Division of Blind Services and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation are considered employees of the state for purposes of workers' compensation coverage.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0

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HB 5007 — State-Administered Retirement Systems

by Appropriations Committee and Rep. Trujillo (SB 7014 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee)

The bill establishes the contribution rates paid by employers participating in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) beginning July 1, 2018. These rates are intended to fund the full normal cost and the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability of the FRS. With these modifications to employer contribution rates, the FRS Trust Fund will receive roughly \$178.5 million more in revenue on an annual basis beginning July 1, 2018. The public employers that will incur these additional costs are state agencies, state universities and colleges, school districts, counties, and certain municipalities and other governmental entities.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 32-0; House 111-0

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HB 6033 — Volunteer Florida, Inc.
by Rep. Ponder (SB 1500 by Senator Baxley)

The bill removes the scheduled repeal date of October 1, 2018, for the Florida Commission on Community Service's direct support organization, the Volunteer Florida Foundation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 111-0

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HB 7053 — Public Records/United States Census Bureau

by Oversight, Transparency and Administration Subcommittee and Rep. McClure (SB 1078 by Senator Perry)

The bill creates a public records exemption that makes confidential and exempt address information required during the census to be kept confidential by the federal Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA). LUCA requires the following information to be kept confidential: United States Census Bureau address information, including maps showing structure location points; agency records that verify addresses; and agency records that identify address errors and omissions.

Without the exemption, agencies would be denied participation in the program, which could result in a negative fiscal impact for the state.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal October 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and reenacts the exemption by that date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-0