

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026-E SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2506-E — Fuel Taxes

by Senator Brodeur

This bill conforms statutes to funding decisions related to Fuel Taxes in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The bill revises the distribution of “fuel sales tax” proceeds which increases revenues into the following trust funds by the following amounts:

- Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by \$8.6 million.
- Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission by \$10.7 million.
- State Game Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission by \$1.7 million.
- Invasive Plant Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission by \$4.2 million.

By increasing the distributions into those trust funds, there is less remaining to deposit into the State Transportation Trust Fund.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 106-0

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SB 2508-E — State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System

by Senator Brodeur

This bill conforms statutes to funding decisions related to the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The bill removes the scheduled expiration date of July 1, 2026, from the \$3 surcharge imposed on all noncriminal moving traffic violations and specified criminal offenses. The surcharge generates approximately \$4 million annually for the State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund to support the operation and maintenance of the SLERS.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 105-0

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HB 5001-E — General Appropriations Act

by Rep. McClure (SB 2500-E by Senator Hooper)

This bill provides for a total budget of \$114.5 billion, including:

- \$52.3 billion from the General Revenue Fund (GR)
- \$2.5 billion from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund
- \$1.6 billion from the Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Fund (PECO TF)
- \$58.1 billion from other trust funds (TF)
- 111,558.61 full time equivalent positions (FTE)

Increased Reserves and Debt Reduction

- Over \$14 billion in total reserves (not including trust fund balances)
 - o \$8.6 billion General Revenue Unallocated
 - o \$5.7 billion Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$150 million authorized for the Debt Reduction Program

Compensation and Benefits

- Correctional Officer Minimum Salary Increase from \$22/hr. to \$24/hr.
 - o Additional funding provided to address compression
- 4 percent Pay Increases for:
 - o State Law Enforcement Officers
 - o State Firefighters
 - o Park Rangers (Department of Environmental Protection)
- Justice Administration Pay Increases:
 - o Assistant State Attorneys \$10,000
 - o Assistant Public Defenders \$3,500
- Cost of living adjustment for special risk class retirement (minimum 1.5 percent)
- State Employees and Retirees Health Insurance Premiums held constant

Education Capital Outlay

- Total: \$1,135.2 million
 - o State University System Projects - \$465.5 million
 - o Florida College System Projects - \$209.1 million
 - o Charter School Repairs and Maintenance - \$260.2 million
 - o Small School District Special Facilities - \$145.5 million
 - o Developmental Research School Repairs and Maintenance - \$11.6 million

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Pre-K - 12 Education Appropriations

Total Appropriations: \$21.1 billion [\$16.2 billion GR; \$4.9 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$35.1 billion [\$21.1 billion state/federal funds; \$14 billion local funds]

Major Issues

Early Learning Services

Total: \$1.65 billion [\$605.7 million GR; \$1 billion TF]

- Partnerships for School Readiness - \$42.3 million
- School Readiness Program - \$1.2 billion
- Early Learning Standards & Accountability - \$4.9 million
- Voluntary Prekindergarten Program - \$431 million
 - o Decrease of 221 fewer students - (\$426,009)
 - o Summer Bridge Program - \$2.8 million

Public Schools/K12 FEFP

Total Funding: \$30 billion [\$16 billion state funds; \$14 billion local funds]

- FEFP Total Funds increase is \$735.9 million or 2.51 percent
- FEFP increase in Total Funds per Student served by a district is \$150.31, a 1.64 percent increase (from \$9,187.36 to \$9,337.67)
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of \$85 or 1.58 percent
- Required Local Effort (RLE) increase of \$321.9 million; RLE millage level of 3.057 mills (a decrease from 3.092 in prior year)
- A total of \$1.56 billion of the base funds is set aside for teacher salary increases, which includes \$200 million for teachers with at least 10 years of teaching experience in a Florida public school

Public Schools/Back of the Bill

- Declining Enrollment Supplement - \$79 million - provides funds to assist districts with decreasing student enrollments in the current 2025-2026 school year. There was significant decrease in student enrollment for school districts over the forecasted amount and this supplement is meant to cushion the loss of revenue and mitigate unanticipated budgetary impacts.

Public Schools/K12 Non-FEFP

Total: \$542.9 million [\$534.6 million GR; \$8.3 million TF]

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- Coach Aaron Feis, Chris Hixon, & Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program - \$6.5 million
- School Recognition Program - \$135 million
- Mentoring Programs - \$12.4 million
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Centers - \$8.7 million
- Regional Education Consortium Services - \$6.8 million
- Teacher Professional Development - \$13.3 million
- School District Foundation Matching Grants - \$7 million
- Florida Safe Schools Canine Program - \$3.3 million
- District Threat Management Coordinators - \$5 million
- Regional Literacy Teams - \$5 million
- Charity for Change - \$4.7 million
- SEED School of Miami - \$12.8 million
- School and Instructional Enhancement Grants - \$68.1 million
- Exceptional Education - \$12.6 million
- Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$82.5 million
- Civic Engagement Initiatives - \$13 million
- Public School Hardening - \$20 million
- Patriotic Displays in Classrooms - \$200,000

State Board of Education

Total: \$316.1 million [\$167.7 million GR; \$148.4 million TF]

- Assessment and Evaluation - \$127.8 million
- ACT and SAT Exam Administration - \$8 million

Higher Education Appropriations

Total Appropriations: \$9 billion [\$6.8 billion GR; \$2.2 billion TF]

Total Funding - Including Local Revenues: \$11.9 billion [\$9 billion state/federal funds; \$2.9 billion local funds]

Major Issues

Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: \$270.2 million [\$62.7 million GR; \$207.5 million TF]

Blind Services

Total: \$84.3 million [\$27.5 million GR; \$56.8 million TF]

- Vending Stands Equipment/Supplies Increase - \$2.3 million

Private Colleges

Total: \$205.3 million GR

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) – \$34.5 million
- Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) - \$136.9 million

Student Financial Aid

Total: \$1.1 billion [\$316.4 million GR; \$808.6 million TF]

- Bright Futures - \$705.2 million
 - o Workload increase - \$67.5 million
- Benacquisto Scholarship Program - \$35.2 million
 - o Workload decrease - (\$2.9 million)
- Children/Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans - \$35.5 million
 - o Workload increase - \$6.4 million
- Florida First Responder Scholarship Program - \$10 million
- Open Door Grant Program - \$25 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Scholarship - \$2 million

School District Workforce

Total: \$784.7 million [\$447.2 million GR; \$287.5 million TF; \$50 million tuition/fees]

- Workforce Development - \$473.5 million
 - o Workload increase - \$9.6 million
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds - \$20 million
- Workforce Capitalization Incentive Grants - \$40 million
- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - \$2.5 million
- No tuition increase

Florida College System

Total: \$2.6 billion [\$1.6 billion GR; \$239.7 million TF; \$784.1 million tuition/fees]

- CAPE Incentive Funds for students who earn Industry Certifications - \$20 million
- College System Program Fund - \$1.71 billion
 - o Workload increase - \$30 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Postsecondary Guardian Program - \$4.2 million
- Student Success Incentive Funds - \$30 million
 - o 2+2 Student Success Incentive Funds - \$17 million
 - o Work Florida Incentive Funds - \$13 million

- No tuition increase

State University System

Total: \$6.7 billion [\$4.0 billion GR; \$617.6 million TF; \$2.1 billion tuition/fees]

- Lastinger Center for Learning at University of Florida - \$44.1 million
- PIPELINE Nursing Incentive Funds- \$40 million
- Metric Based Performance Funding - \$350 million
- Postsecondary Guardian Program - \$1.8 million
- Community School Grant Program - \$23.6 million
 - o Workload increase - \$3.5 million
- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program for Students with Unique Abilities - \$14.5 million
 - o Workload increase - \$2 million
- Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment at University of Florida - \$12 million
 - o Workload increase - \$2 million
- University of Florida – IFAS - \$215.2 million
 - o Workload increase - \$6.3 million
- No required tuition increase

Health and Human Services Appropriations

Total Budget: \$49.2 billion [\$19.2 billion GR; \$30.0 billion TF]; 30,723 positions

Major Issues

Agency for Health Care Administration

Total: \$38.0 billion [\$13.5 billion GR; \$24.5 billion TF]; 1,563.50 positions

- Fully Fund Florida’s Medicaid and KidCare Programs
- Florida Healthy Kids Combined-Risk Model Premium Stabilization - \$27.8 million
- Rural Health Transformation Program - \$209.9 million; 14 positions
- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - \$205.9 million
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Expansion - \$38.4 million
- Graduate Medical Education - \$13.5 million
- Enhanced Provider Network Audits - \$10.8 million
- Medicaid Management Information Systems - \$23.4 million

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$1.2 billion GR; \$0.1 billion TF]; 2,709 positions

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- Pre-Enrollment to Waiver - \$10 million
- iBudget Provider Rate Increase - \$22.8 million
- Developmental Disability Centers - \$27.5 million
- Operating Cost Increases for Resident Services at Forensic Facilities - \$0.7 million
- Room and Board for Developmentally Disabled Category Increase - \$0.5 million
- iConnect System - \$35.1 million

Department of Children and Families

Total: \$4.8 billion [\$3.0 billion GR; \$1.8 billion TF]; 12,496 positions

- Child Welfare Services - \$69.0 million
 - Foster Care Room and Board Rate Increase - \$12.6 million
 - Adoption Assistance Subsidies - \$24.9 million
 - Extended Foster Care - \$10.1 million
 - Grants to Encourage Fatherhood Support and Mentorship of At-Risk Boys - \$5.0 million
 - Foster and Family Support Grant Program - \$5.0 million
 - Step Into Success Program Statewide Expansion - \$3.4 million, 9 positions
 - Foster Parent and Guardian ad Litem Recruitment Campaign - \$1 million
 - Child Welfare Information Systems - \$7.0 million
- State and Community-Based Mental Health/Substance Use Prevention - \$47.9 million
 - State Mental Health Treatment Facilities Forensic Bed Expansion and Patient Safety Improvements - \$19.2 million
 - Community Mental Health Residential Forensic Treatment Beds - \$9.9 million
 - Integrated Residential Treatment Beds for Women - \$4.8 million
 - Central Receiving Facilities - \$7.0 million
 - 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - \$7.0 million
- Economic Self-Sufficiency Supports - \$116.5 million
 - SNAP Food Assistance Program - \$38.0 million
 - Public Benefit Eligibility Determination Improvements - \$27.3 million
 - Florida System (ACCESS) - \$51.2 million
- Domestic Violence Services - \$9.9 million
- Financial Accountability and Compliance - \$5 million
- Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery from Opioid Settlement Funds - \$166.6 million

Department of Elder Affairs

Total: \$513.4 million [\$280.0 million GR; \$233.4 million TF]; 425 positions

- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative - Frail Elders Waiting for Services - \$3 million

- Serve Additional Clients in the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) and Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Programs - \$7.5 million
- Increased Resources for the Office of Public Guardians - \$4.4 million
- Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Services Staff Wage Increases - \$0.4 million
- Information Technology - \$6.6 million

Department of Health

Total: \$4.1 billion [\$1.1 billion GR; \$3.0 billion TF]; 12,018 positions

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) - \$75 million
- Routine Screening Expansion for HIV, Hepatitis, and Syphilis - \$2.9 million
- Cancer Care and Research - \$20.2 million
- Doula Support for Healthy Births Pilot Program - \$0.7 million
- Neurofibromatosis Disease Grant Program - \$5 million
- Uterine Fibroid Research Database - \$1.0 million
- Swimming Lesson Voucher Program - \$0.7 million
- Food and Product Safety Testing Initiative - \$2 million
- Newborn Screening Additional Testing - \$5.2 million
- Rural Emergency Medical Services System - \$1 million

Department of Veterans Affairs

Total: \$240.8 million [\$59.6 million GR; \$181.2 million TF]; 1,511 positions

- Veterans Dental Care Grant Program - \$0.5 million
- Florida is for Veterans' Occupational License Reciprocity - \$1.4 million
- State Veterans' Nursing Home Support - \$8.7 million
- Information Technology \$1.5 million

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Total Budget: \$8.02 billion [\$6.99 billion GR; \$1.03 billion TF]; 45,269.50 positions

Major Issues

- DOC Operational Deficit - \$35.1 million
- DOC FCO - Additional Dorms - \$56.4 million
- DOC FCO – New Prison Hospital - \$50.0 million
- DOC Health Services Contract - \$60.2 million
- DJJ Residential Beds Capacity/Contracts - \$22.7 million
- DJJ FCO - Broward Detention Center - \$20.0 million

- FDLE - State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in Florida Program - \$15.0 million
- FDLE Office of Wellness Expansion - \$2.6 million; 8 positions
- FDLE Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$5.0 million
- SCS Sixth District Court of Appeal - \$13.0 million

Department of Corrections (DOC)

Total: \$4.05 billion [\$3.97 billion GR; \$79.1 million TF]; 23,380 positions

- Health Services Contract - \$60.2 million
- DOC Operational Deficit - \$35.1 million
- Food Service Contract - \$16.1 million
- Technology Restoration Plan - \$10.2 million
- Certified Officers Public Safety Initiative (Communications) - \$3.3 million
- Community Corrections Residential Substance Abuse Programs - \$1.5 million
- FCO - Additional Dorms - \$56.4 million
- FCO – New Prison Hospital - \$50.0 million

Florida Commission on Offender Review

Total: \$17.7 million [\$17.7 million GR; \$0 million TF]; 164 positions

- IT Services and Wi-Fi - \$1.8 million

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

Total: \$813.9 million [\$646.2 million GR; \$167.7 million TF]; 3,229.50 positions

- Sustain Contracted Residential Services System - \$14.0 million
- Increased Residential Commitment Capacity - \$8.7 million
- Residential Medical Services Increased Costs - \$5.4 million
- Florida Scholars Academy - \$3.7 million
- Detention Uniforms – Staff and Youth - \$1.3 million
- FCO - Broward Detention Center - \$20.0 million
- FCO Maintenance and Repair - \$5.0 million

Attorney General/ Legal Affairs

Total: \$324.5 million [\$112.4 million GR; \$212.1 million TF]; 1,275.50 positions

- Groveland Four Relief - \$4.0 million
- Recurring IT Costs - \$1.9 million
- Increased Operating Costs- \$1.0 million
- Criminal Civil Litigation Increased Contract Services - \$675,000

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

Total: \$569.5 million [\$375.2 million GR; \$194.3 million TF]; 2,036 positions

- State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) in Florida Program - \$15.0 million
- Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program - \$5.0 million
- Fort Myers Regional Operations Center Facility - \$4.4 million
- Alcohol Testing Program Transition to New Breath Test Instrumentation - \$3.3 million
- Drone as a First Responder Grant Program - \$2.5 million
- Office of Wellness Expansion - \$2.6 million; 8 positions
- Missing and Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse Technology Upgrade - \$2.4 million
- Wastewater Testing Grant Program - \$500,000

Justice Administration

Total: \$1.4 billion [\$1.16 billion GR; \$253.0 million TF]; 10,474.50 positions

- Jury Management Funding - \$4.8 million
- Reimbursement for Statutorily Required Duties - \$1.8 million
- State Attorneys - Staffing Adjustments for Workload and Increased Judgeships - \$4.4 million; 40 positions
- Public Defenders – Staffing Adjustments for Workload and Increased Judgeships - \$1.8 million; 8 positions
- Increased Due Process Funds for State Attorneys – \$2.5 million
- Increased Due Process Funds for Public Defenders - \$575,000

State Court System (SCS)

Total: \$832.8 million [\$705.6 million GR; \$127.2 million TF]; 4,710 positions

- Trial Court Case Management Technology – \$2.7 million; 4 positions
- Problem Solving Courts Reporting - \$1.1 million; 1 position
- Judicial Security Resources - \$461,682; 2 positions
- FCO – Sixth District Court of Appeal - \$13.0 million
- FCO - Maintenance and Repair - \$1.5 million

Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations

Total Budget: \$15.8 billion [\$610.8 million GR; \$15.1 billion TF]; 12,589 positions

Major Issues

Department of Commerce

Total: \$1.3 billion [\$307.8 million GR; \$1 billion TF]; 1,476 positions

- Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus - \$20 million GR
- Rural Infrastructure Fund – \$22 million GR
- Hometown Heroes Housing Program - \$50 million GR current year back of bill appropriation
- Florida Job Growth Grant Fund - \$40 million GR
- Economic Development Toolkit - \$22.5 million (\$4 million GR and \$18.5 TF)
- Federal Grant Programs
 - o CDBG-DR - \$73 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
 - o LIHEAP - \$30 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
 - o WAP - \$20 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
 - o Capital Projects Fund - \$100 million TF current year back of bill appropriation
- Florida Housing Finance Corporation - Housing Programs
 - SAIL - \$70.77 million TF
 - SHIP - \$165.7 million TF
- Utility Relocation Reimbursement Grant Program - \$50 million TF current year back of bill appropriation

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Total: \$669.8 million TF; 4,084 positions

- Automated External Defibrillators - \$4.2 million TF
- Replacement of Pursuit Vehicles - \$7.1 million TF
- Information Technology Needs
 - o Enterprise Data Infrastructure - \$3.1 million TF
 - o Security and Fraud Prevention - \$2.5 million TF
 - o Application Cloud Environment - \$1.9 million TF
 - o Software Licenses and Application - \$1.7 million TF
 - o Automated Phone System and Secure Payment Solution - \$1.7 million TF
- Additional License Plates Purchase - \$2.1 million TF

Department of Military Affairs

Total: \$109.6 million [\$63.5 million GR; \$46.1 million TF]; 474 positions

- National Guard College Tuition Assistance Program - \$1.0 million GR
- Armory Operations Expense - \$1.4 million GR
- Armory Maintenance and Repair Statewide - \$4.5 million GR

- REVAMP - \$3.5 million nonrecurring GR
- Camp Blanding Upgrade to Level II Mobilization Force - \$10 million GR

Department of State

Total: \$178.6 million [\$150.4 million GR; \$28.2 million TF]; 447 positions

- Elections Issues
 - Voting System Automated Independent Audit Program - \$4.5 million GR
 - Voter Assistance Hotline - \$800,000
 - Reimbursement to Counties for Special Elections - \$1.8 million GR
 - Advertising Proposed Constitutional Amendments - \$1.5 million GR
- Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries - \$446,010 GR
- Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network - \$800,000 GR, 1 FTE
- Division of Corporation Call Center Services - \$2.7 million GR
- Cultural Grants - \$20 million GR
- Culture Builds Florida - \$3.1 million GR
- Library Cooperative Grant Program - \$1 million GR
- Historic Structure Renovation - \$1.4 million GR

Department of Transportation

Total: \$13.3 billion [\$8.3 million GR; \$13.2 billion TF]; 5,887 positions

- Small County Rural Assistance Program (SCRAP) – Additional recurring funding of \$15.2 million TF
- Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) – Additional recurring funding of \$20 million TF
- Transportation Work Program - \$11.56 billion TF (2nd year of the FY 2027-31 Adopted Work Program)
- Replacement of Equipment – \$13.8 million TF
- PALM Readiness - \$14 million TF
- Data Infrastructure Modernization - \$5.3 million TF
- Increased Operating Costs - \$2 million TF
- Increased Support for Transportation Disadvantaged - \$10 million TF
- Fixed Capital Outlay Projects –
 - Code Corrections -\$10 million TF
 - Support Facilities - \$8 million TF
 - Environmental Projects - \$485,000 TF

Division of Emergency Management (Executive Office of the Governor)

Total: \$224.6 million [\$80.6 million GR; \$143.9 million TF]; 221 positions

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- Open Federally Declared Disasters
 - o Funding to Communities - Revert and reappropriate language and Implementing Bill language to allow budget amendments
 - o State Operations - \$59.4 million TF with revert and reappropriate language and Implementing Bill language to allow budget amendments
- WebEOC Initiative - \$500,000 GR and current year back of bill appropriation
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current Program – Revert and reappropriate language
- Alert and Notification System - \$2.1 million GR

Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations

Total Budget: \$8.9 billion [\$1.9 billion GR; \$1.3 billion LATF; \$5.7 billion Other TF]; 20,455 positions

Major Issues

Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Total: \$2.9 billion [\$678.0 million GR; \$384.2 million LATF; \$1.8 billion TF]; 3,832.25 positions

- Farmers Feeding Florida - \$38.0 million GR
- Rural and Family Lands Protection Easements - \$425.0 million [\$225.0 million GR; \$200.0 million LATF]
- Emergency Wildfire Management - \$64.1 million GR
- Fire Suppression Equipment - \$20.0 million
- New State Forest – 4 FTE; \$1.9 million TF
- Reforestation Program - \$4.0 million TF
- Land Management - \$20.0 million GR
- Forestry Road and Bridges - \$11.4 million GR
- Maintenance, Repair, and Construction - \$7.5 million TF
- Code and Life Safety - \$8.3 million GR
- Citrus Research and Support - \$188.9 million [\$180.0 million GR; \$8.9 million TF]
- Food Safety Inspection – 8 FTE; \$1.5 million GR
- Conner Lab Planning and Design - \$11 million GR
- Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab – 8 FTE; \$40.7 million GR
- Immokalee Field Station - \$8.9 million GR
- Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization - \$10.0 million GR
- Oyster Restoration - \$4.0 million GR
- Mollusk Survey Program – 4 FTE; \$1.6 million TF

- Office of Energy Programs - \$22.1 million TF
- Florida State Fair - \$9.5 million GR

Department of Citrus

Total: \$39.6 million [\$17.7 million GR; \$21.9 million TF]; 28 positions

- Increase Advertising Campaigns - \$5.0 million GR
- Citrus Recovery Program - \$2.0 million GR

Department of Environmental Protection

Total: \$2.46 billion [\$480.2 million GR; \$2 billion TF]; 3,129 positions

- Everglades Restoration - \$638.6 million [\$143.3 million GR; \$495.3 million LATF]
 - o Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) EAA - \$424.7 million
 - o CEPP North - \$10.7 million
 - o CEPP South - \$15 million
 - o Western Everglades Restoration Project - \$20 million
 - o Northern Everglades Restoration - \$74.6 million
 - o Lower Kissimmee Basin Stormwater Treatment Area - \$38.6 million
 - o Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project - \$50 million
 - o Dispersed Water Storage - \$5 million
- Land Management - \$33.2 million
 - o WMD Land Management - \$14.2 million LATF
 - o DEP Land Management - \$19 million [\$10.0 million LATF; \$9 million TF]
- Water Quality Improvements - \$584.4 million
 - o Areas of Critical State Concern - \$25 million GR
 - o Alternative Water Supply - \$50 million GR
 - o Innovative Technologies - \$10 million GR
 - o C-51 Reservoir - \$60 million TF
 - o Biscayne Bay WQI - \$20 million GR
 - o Indian River Lagoon WQI - \$25 million GR
 - o Total Maximum Daily Loads - \$20 million GR
 - o SJRWMD Taylor Creek Reservoir Water Supply Project - \$25 million GR
 - o NFWMD Doctors Lake - \$5 million GR
 - o Water Projects - \$379.9 million [\$350.0 million TF; \$79.9 million GR]
 - o Non-Point Source Planning Grants - \$14.5 million [\$5 million GR; \$9.5 million TF]
- Working Waterfronts Program - \$2.5 million TF
- Red Tide Management - \$3 million GR
- Petroleum Tanks Cleanup Program - \$167 million
- Hazardous Waste and Dry Clean Site Cleanup - \$26.0 million TF

- Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program – \$569.2 million [\$53.2 million GR; \$516 million TF]
- Small County Solid Waste Management Grants - \$3 million TF
- Small County Wastewater Treatment Grants - \$10.7 million [\$2.7 million GR; \$8 million TF]
- Reef Protection Tire Abatement - \$7 million TF
- Land and Water Conservation Grants - \$15 million TF
- Recreational Trails Program - \$3 million TF
- Deepwater Horizon Grants - \$22.4 million TF
- State Parks Maintenance and Repairs - \$46.5 million TF
- Beach Projects - \$64.1 million [\$50 million LATF; \$14.1 million GR]
- Resilient Florida Planning Grants and Projects - \$170 million TF
- Federal Drinking Water Emerging Contaminant Funding - \$28.4 million TF
- Federal Wastewater Emerging Contaminant Funding - \$7.6 million TF

Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Total: \$587.9 million [\$177.4 million GR; \$410.5 million TF]; 2,159 positions

- Law Enforcement - \$11 million GR
 - Vehicles and Vessels - \$3 million GR
 - Equipment and Expenses - \$4 million GR
 - Overtime - \$4 million GR
- Derelict Vessel Removal - \$4.9 million [\$2.6 million GR; \$2.3 million TF]
- Nuisance Wildlife Control - \$4 million GR
- Boating Infrastructure Improvements - \$8 million TF
- Enhanced Marine Fish Management - \$2 million TF
- Blackwater Hatchery Renovation - \$1.5 million LATF
- Land Management, Invasive Plant Control and Habitat Restoration - \$25 million [\$20 million GR; \$5 million TF]
- Wildlife Restoration Grant Projects - \$5 million TF
- Shooting Sports Facilities - \$8.0 million FGTF
- Oyster Restoration and Monitoring - \$10.9 million GR

Department of Business & Professional Regulation

Total: \$306.7 million [\$7 million GR; \$299.7 million TF]; 1,645 positions

- Customer Experience Modernization System - \$3.3 million TF
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$0.5 million TF

Florida Gaming Control Commission

Total: \$35.9 million TF; 208 positions

- Gaming Enforcement Staffing - 13 FTE; \$3.3 million TF

Department of Financial Services

Total: \$666.0 million [\$98.2 million GR; \$567.8 million TF]; 2,647.50 positions

- PALM (FLAIR Replacement) - 8 FTE; \$43.1 million TF
- Information Technology Upgrades, Systems and Contract Increases - \$9.7 million TF
- Law Enforcement, Fire Marshal and Disaster Response Training, Vehicles and, Technology Upgrades and Equipment - \$.3 million TF
- State Fire College Repair and Maintenance - \$3.1 million TF
- Additional Staffing to Protect Consumers and Promote Market Stability - 10 FTE; \$1.4 million TF
- Implementation of HB 999 – Legal Tender - 5 FTE; \$.7 million TF
- Veteran / First Responder Electroencephalogram Pilot Program - \$10 million GR
- Workload Issues within Securities Industry Registration and Examination - 5 FTEs; \$.7 million TF
- Local Government Fire and Firefighter Services - \$54.4 million [\$53.9 million GR; \$32.5 million TF]

Department of the Lottery

Total: \$240.2 million TF; 437 positions

- Increase in Technology, Contracted Services, Special Categories and Expenses –\$.8 million TF
- Increase to Instant Ticket Purchase - \$1.4 million TF
- Increase to Gaming System Contract - \$2.3 million TF

Department of Management Services

Total Budget: \$801.0 million [\$139.7 million GR; \$661.3 million TF]; 1,036.5 positions

- Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Issues - \$0.5 million TF
- FFP Fixed Capital Outlay - \$41.0 million [\$30.9 million GR; \$10.2 million TF]
- FFP Specific Maintenance and Repairs Issues - \$3 million GR
- Non-FRS Pension Benefits (Florida National Guard) - \$1.9 million GR
- Florida PALM Readiness - \$3.4 million [\$2.6 million GR; \$0.8 million TF]
- People First Resources for College System Integration - \$1.5 million GR
- Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Points Upgrade - \$2.8 million GR
- SUNCOM Services Increase - \$17.4 million TF
- E-Rate State Match Program - \$1.0 million GR

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- Local Government Cybersecurity Technical Assistance Grants - \$15.0 million GR
- Public Employee Relations Commission Resources - \$0.7 million TF

Division of Administrative Hearings

Total Budget: \$40.3 million TF; 231 positions

Public Service Commission

Total: \$32.2 million TF; 264 positions

Department of Revenue

Total: \$845.1 million [\$341.4 million GR; \$503.7 million TF]; 4,837.25 positions

- Fiscally Constrained Counties - \$75.2 million GR
- SUNTAX Transition to SAP S/4 - \$3.8 million TF
- Child Support Program Increases - 10 FTE; 0.4 million in Rate

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Vote: Senate 35-0; House 99-6

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026-E SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

HB 5003-E — Implementing the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act

by Rep. McClure (SB 2502-E by Senator Hooper)

This bill provides the following modifications for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:

- Provides legislative intent that the implementing and administering provisions of this act apply to the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Incorporates the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) work papers by reference for the purpose of displaying the calculations used by the Legislature.
- Incorporates by reference the School Readiness Program Reimbursement Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Modifies the FEFP to revise the required local effort calculation from no more than 90 percent of the district's total FEFP to no more than 85 percent and revises the state-funded discretionary supplement.
- Revises the conditions for which funds may be used from the Educational Enrollment Stabilization Program.
- Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to release a request for information no later than September 1, 2026, to seek information from interested parties who can provide a technology solution that establishes a statewide education data interoperability platform to perform the statutorily required cross-checking of files submitted by the nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations.
- Provides that a value of 0.025 is assigned to each elementary and middle school grade student who earns a Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Digital Tool Certificate in the 2026-2027 school year.
- Notwithstanding the requirements that annual salary adjustments made for an employee on the performance salary schedule be a certain percent greater than an annual salary adjustment made for the same type of any other salary schedule adopted by the district school board.
- Provides that the incentive grants for regional consortium service organizations shall be funded based on an amount specified in the GAA.
- Requires universities to designate a percentage of their annual state operating budget carry forward to be applied towards the completion of previously funded Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) projects or deferred maintenance.
- Modifies the fee waivers for students enrolled in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a state-approved teacher preparation program to specify that a university shall waive 100 percent of a student's out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all aid is applied.
- Removes the requirement that Miami-Dade College partners with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom and approves a direct-support organization for the Institute for Freedom in the Americas.
- Allows a university board of trustees that is beginning an approved capital outlay project with a healthcare provider, notwithstanding s. 1001.706(7), F.S., to accept the healthcare provider's procurement methods and construction contracts and reimburse the healthcare provider for its expenses using the proceeds from a bond issuance approved by the Board of Governors (BOG).

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- Authorizes a state university to use reserves or carryforward funds for the payment of the annual payment to the City of Tallahassee under the transfer of assets agreement for Florida State University (FSU) health.
- Authorizes a state university to use reserves or carryforward funds for payments of land acquisition that support an updated campus master plan.
- Allows the Board of Trustees of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) to use carryforward or non-state funds for presidential remuneration.
- Authorizes the BOG and the State Board of Education (SBE) to amend a college's or university's application to change to its general education courses.
- Authorizes a university to use state funds to support Title IX mandates for construction, maintenance, and capital needs.
- Modifies the requirements that the SBE and the BOG must consider before including a new PECO project for new construction, remodeling, or renovation, in its prioritized funding requests to the Governor and Legislature; requires state colleges and universities to place one-half percent of the total building value of the new PECO project into a reserve escrow account for future maintenance needs; and removes the requirement that the reserve account be specific to the new project.
- Authorizes a state university board of trustees to transfer unreserved cash among auxiliary enterprises so long as the transfer does not affect revenues necessary to cover expenditures nor violate bond covenants or debt service payments and requires reporting to the BOG.
- Authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Medicaid program appropriation categories to address any projected surpluses and deficits and to maximize the use of state trust funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the Florida KidCare program appropriation categories to address projected surpluses and deficits within the program or to maximize the use of state trust funds. A single budget amendment must be submitted in the last quarter of Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Provides that the Department of Health (DOH) is not required to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs when adopting rules relating to medical marijuana testing laboratories, and any such rules adopted prior to July 1, 2026, are exempt from the legislative ratification provision of s. 120.541(3), F.S.
- Repeals Rule 64ER25-6, Florida Administrative Code, relating to advertising and marketing by medical marijuana treatment centers.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program for hospitals statewide and the Indirect Medical Education Program and a nursing workforce expansion and education program.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement the federally approved Directed Payment Program and fee-for-service supplemental payments for certain cancer hospitals. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approving the state-directed payment.

- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting spending authority to implement a Supplemental Payment Plan for specialty children’s hospitals. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the CMS approving the state-directed payment.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement the Low-Income Pool Program. The budget amendment must include an approved reimbursement and funding methodology, the final terms and conditions of the low-income pool, a proposed distribution model by entity, and a listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers to support the state match required.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement fee-for-service supplemental payments and manage a supplemental payment plan to support physicians and subordinate licensed health care practitioners employed by or under contract with a Florida medical or dental school, or a public hospital. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the CMS approving the state-directed payment.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment to implement a certified expenditure program for emergency medical transportation services. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the CMS approving the state-directed payment.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting additional spending authority to implement the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program. The budget amendment must include a proposed distribution model by entity and a listing of entities contributing intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures to support the state match required.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit a budget amendment requesting spending authority to implement a Supplemental Payment Plan for specialty children’s hospitals. The budget amendment must include written notice of approval from the CMS approving the state-directed payment.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments to request additional budget authority to implement the Florida School-Based Services Program.
- Authorizes the AHCA to establish the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Task Force to evaluate cost-containment strategies for Medicaid-funded ABA services.
- Authorizes the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to submit a budget amendment to realign funding within the department based on the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program, between the specific appropriations for guardianship assistance payments, foster care Level 1 room and board payments, relative caregiver payments, and nonrelative caregiver payments.
- Authorizes the DCF, the Department of Health (DOH), and the AHCA to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority as necessary to meet caseload requirements for Refugee Programs administered by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and requires the DCF to submit quarterly reports on caseloads and expenditures.
- Authorizes the DCF to submit budget amendments to increase funding for the following federal grants: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant, State Opioid Response Grant, Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Mental Health Block Grant,

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Chafee Grant for independent living services, Education and Traditional Voucher Grant, Title IV-B Subparts 1 and 2 Grant, Elder Justice Act, Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Grant, and Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Grant.

- Revises provider data reporting requirements, allowing providers to use their own systems if data is electronically transmitted in agency-approved formats, and updates billing, technical, and staff training requirements.
- Authorizes the funding appropriated to the Managing Entities for non-qualified counties in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to be carried forward and provide that such funds are exempt from the 8 percent carry forward threshold.
- Requires core services funding to be allocated as provided in the GAA and requires the DCF to use the tiered funding methodology developed and submitted pursuant to section 34 of ch. 2025-199, L.O.F., as the baseline framework for any updates, refinements, or enhancements to the model and to continue to collect detailed cost, expenditure, and census data from community-based care lead agencies.
- Requires the unexpended balance of carryforward funds from community-based care lead agencies as of July 1, 2026, to be returned to the DCF and authorizes the DCF to submit budget amendments to mitigate community-based care lead agencies revenue shortfalls associated with unexpected spikes in child removals or out-of-home care.
- Authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Child Care Food Program if additional federal revenues become available.
- Authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Program if additional federal revenues become available.
- Authorizes the DOH to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for COVID-19 grants if additional federal revenues become available.
- Requires the AHCA to immediately suspend all development activities related to the modular replacement of the Florida Medicaid Management Information System, referred to as the Florida Health Care Connections Project (FX), for any system components, modules, or functionality that have not yet achieved operational status and federal certification where applicable; provided, however, that system components that are currently certified and operational continue to be maintained and supported to ensure uninterrupted service delivery.
- Requires the AHCA, in consultation with the DOH, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), the DCF, and the Department of Corrections (DOC), to competitively procure a contract with a vendor to negotiate prices for prescription drugs, including insulin and epinephrine, for all participating agencies. The contract must require that the vendor be compensated on a contingency basis paid from a portion of the savings achieved through the negotiation and purchase of prescription drugs.
- Authorizes skilled nursing facilities to temporarily suspend all or part of their operations without losing licensure due to disasters, state of emergency, or facility modernization. The provision allows an additional year of inactive licensure, with renewals conditioned on demonstrated good-faith progress or delays beyond the provider's control, such as

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permitting or litigation. If further extensions are denied, the provider has 60 days to pursue a change of ownership, effective retroactive to the original inactive-license expiration date.

- Authorizes the APD to submit budget amendments to transfer funding from salaries and benefits to contractual services in order to support additional staff augmentation at the Developmental Disability Centers.
- Authorizes the APD to submit budget amendments to request funds from the Lump Sum Home and Community Based Waiver category necessary to address any deficits or funding shortfalls within its existing appropriation.
- Authorizes the AHCA to submit budget amendments as needed, notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, F.S., to increase budget authority to implement the home and community-based services Medicaid waiver program of the APD.
- Provides that the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), subject to Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) approval, may request authority to establish positions in excess of the number authorized by the Legislature, increase appropriations from the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund, or provide necessary salary rate sufficient to provide for essential staff for veterans nursing homes, if the DVA projects that additional direct care staff are needed to meet its staffing ratios.
- Provides that, notwithstanding s. 409.915, F.S., the state Medicaid expenditures shall exclude the specially assessed funds for the Hospital Directed Payment Program.
- Authorizes the DVA to submit a budget amendment pursuant to ch. 216, F.S., subject to federal approval, requesting additional spending authority to support the development and construction of a new State Veterans Nursing Home and Adult Day Health Care Center in Collier County.
- Authorizes the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Adult Care Food Program or from the Older Americans Act if additional federal revenues will be expended in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
- Authorizes the Neurological Injury Compensation Association to accept new claims during Fiscal Year 2025-2026, in excess of the total of all current estimates for the fiscal year.
- Authorizes the AHCA to contract with additional Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations in Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Pinellas, and Santa Rosa Counties.
- Increases the nursing home prospective payment methodology for the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool and revise the quality score threshold for facilities to qualify for incentive payments.
- Allows the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the DOC if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within

the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to LBC review and approval.

- Provides the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with the authority to request a trust fund loan.
- Continues to require written certification of conflict by the public defender or regional conflict counsel before a court may appoint private conflict counsel.
- Creates a rebuttable presumption of correctness for objections to billings made by the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) and provides requirements for payments to private counsel. Reenacts s. 27.5304(1)(3)(6)(7)(11)(12)(a)-(e), F.S., to increase caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases.
- Clarifies the eligibility for bonus payments provided to local law enforcement from the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program include county correctional officers.
- Authorizes the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) to submit a budget amendment subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures, to increase budget authority for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants if additional federal funds become available.
- Requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to conduct a study on payment scams and submit a report to the Legislature and make such report publicly available. The report must include recommendations regarding the effectiveness of anti-scam training programs.
- Establishes the Drone as the First Responder Grant Program within the FDLE to provide drones to law enforcement and first responder agencies.
- Requires law enforcement agencies to capture and submit to the FDLE fingerprint records of qualifying offenders who are in custody and subject to an immigration detainer, requires the FDLE to create a record containing such person's immigration detainer information, and authorizes the FDLE to administratively expunge immigration detainer records if a person was detained contrary to law or by mistake.
- Requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) and agencies to utilize a tenant broker to renegotiate private lease agreements, in excess of 2,000 square feet, expiring between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2029, and submit a report by November 1, 2026.
- Authorizes transfers of up to five percent of approved budget between categories. Agencies may not transfer funds from a data center appropriation category to a category other than a data center appropriation category.
- Authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories - Risk Management Insurance" between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the premiums paid by each department for risk management insurance.
- Authorizes the EOG to transfer funds in the appropriation category "Special Categories - Transfer to DMS - Human Resources Services Purchased per Statewide Contract" of the GAA between departments, in order to align the budget authority granted with the assessments that must be paid by each agency to the DMS for human resources management services.
- Authorizes the DMS to use five percent of facility disposition funds from the Architects Incidental Trust Fund to offset relocation expenses associated with disposition of state office buildings.

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- Defines the components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource subsystem (FLAIR) and Cash Management System included in the Department of Financial Services (DFS) Planning Accounting and Ledger Management (PALM) system. This section also provides the executive steering committee membership and the procedures for executive steering committee meetings and decisions.
- Carries forward the authority of DMS to execute a 15-year contract with the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) operator.
- Provides that the amendment to s. 282.709(3), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 1, 2021.
- Authorizes state agencies and other eligible users of the SLERS network to utilize the DMS state SLERS contract for the purchase of equipment and services.
- Authorizes the reduction of the MyFloridaMarketPlace transaction fee from 1 percent to 0.70 percent.
- Requires the commission for lottery ticket sales to be set at 6 percent of the purchase price of each ticket sold or issued as a prize by a retailer.
- Provides that the text of s. 24.105(9)(i), F.S., expires July 1, 2027, and the text of that section reverts to that in existence on June 30, 2023.
- Authorizes Citizen’s Property Insurance Corp. to contract with the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) regarding its claim determinations.
- Authorizes a deferred compensation plan to offer all eligible employees a qualified Roth contribution program in accordance with s. 402A of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Requires the DMS to continue partnering with its current People First third-party operator and directs the DMS to continue the integration of the system with PALM.
- Revises the eligibility requirements of the My Safe Florida Home Program to only include individuals who have low or moderate income and have had an inspection completed within the last 24 months and revise eligibility standards for program inspections and grants to require that the home must be a single-family unit on an individual parcel of land that is either a detached residential property as required by current law or an attached residential property of three stories or less.
- Prevents funds for local government fire equipment and services funded through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 GAA and the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 GAA from reverting at the end of the fiscal year.
- Authorizes the EOG to submit a budget amendment to transfer funds appropriated in the “Northwest Regional Data Center” category between departments in order to align the budget authority granted based on the estimated costs for data processing services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
- Provides that auxiliary assessments charged to state agencies related to contract management services provided to Northwest Regional Data Center shall not exceed three percent.
- Directs the Division of Risk Management at the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to continue contracting with the existing provider to establish a statewide pilot program to make electroencephalogram combined transcranial magnetic stimulation (eTMS) available for veterans, first responders, and immediate family members thereof with

certain medical conditions. The section also revises the definition of the term first responder.

- Authorizes the DFS to continue the existing eTMS contract and clarifies that any funds paid by the DFS pursuant to the contract do not constitute state financial assistance as provided in s. 215.97, F.S.
- Requires the DFS to retain the estimated amount of atypical receipts in a separate account and provides that such amount is in addition to the \$15 million the DFS is authorized to retain under current law.
- Requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to include any aviation fuel taxes collected for period prior to the repeal of certain laws with the distribution made under s. 206.606, F.S., and to deduct any refunds and associated administrative costs for such taxes from the distribution.
- Extends the due date for tax distributions made during the third and fourth quarters of the 2026-2027 fiscal year by the DOR from the 25th day of the month to the last working day of the month to temporarily accommodate the transition to PALM and notwithstanding s. 215.422(1), F.S., to revise the time period relating to the payment of invoices.
- Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to submit a budget amendment to increase budget authority to support the National School Lunch Program.
- Authorizes loans to land acquisition trust funds within several agencies.
- Provides that, in order to implement specific appropriations from the land acquisition trust funds within the DACS, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), and the Department of State (DOS), the DEP will transfer a proportionate share of revenues in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP on a monthly basis, after subtracting required debt service payments, to each agency and retain a proportionate share within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the DEP. Total distributions to a land acquisition trust fund within the other agencies may not exceed the total appropriations for the fiscal year. The section further provides that the DEP may advance funds from the beginning unobligated fund balance in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) to the LATF within the FWC for cash flow purposes.
- Notwithstanding the Florida Forever statutory distribution to authorize distributions as provided in the GAA.
- Extends the current requirement that the DEP adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in drinking water, groundwater, and soil if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not finalized standards by January 1, 2027.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of the Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program and the Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program relating to deductibles, copayments, and monetary caps and provides that all costs relating to the program be absorbed by the Inland Protection Trust Fund.
- Revises the requirements for the usage of the Inland Protection Trust Fund for ethanol or biodiesel damage.
- Provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., the Department of Citrus is authorized to enter into agreements to expedite the increased production of citrus trees that show tolerance or resistance to citrus greening.

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- Clarifies that grants under the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront program may be awarded for capital expenditure projects to support the commercial and marine aquaculture industries.
- Authorizes the FWC to use funds appropriated for derelict vessel removal for grants to local governments to remove themselves or pay private contractors to, remove, store, destroy, and dispose of derelict vessels, migrant vessels, at-risk vessel turn in program vessels, or vessels declared a public nuisance.
- Authorizes funds appropriated from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund to be used as provided in the GAA.
- Provides that the distribution from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be as provided in the GAA.
- Allows the DACS to administer a program to expedite the expansion of citrus tree propagation.
- Provides that a county or municipal government may not adopt or enforce an ordinance that requires a distributor or retailer to establish battery collection sites or to collect or handle batteries and products containing batteries for off-site recycling or disposal until a study providing recommended practices for a distributor or retailer regarding proper collection and handling has been produced.
- Allows funds to be used for the Rebuild Florida Revolving Loan Fund Program to provide assistance to businesses impacted by Hurricane Michael as provided in the GAA.
- Authorizes the chair and vice chair of the LBC to approve, pursuant to s. 216.177, F.S., a Department of Transportation (DOT) work program amendment that adds a new project, or a phase of a new project, in excess of \$3 million, if the LBC does not meet or consider, within 30 days of submittal, the amendment by the DOT.
- Authorizes flexibility for the DOT to rebalance funds within the Work Program to account for laws enacted which adjust the department's statutory revenue distributions.
- Authorizes the DOT to advance or defer up to \$200 million in programmed projects in the Adopted Work Program in order to realign resources and ensure a balanced financial plan.
- Creates a grant program for the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in 6 inland panhandle counties.
- Authorizes the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority for projected expenditures due to federal reimbursements from federally declared disasters.
- Clarifies that enhancements to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System are subject to appropriation, and revises submission timelines and annual reporting requirements for future modernization efforts.
- Modifies the July 1, 2026, expiration date of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Program and requires newly employed officers to be Florida residents.
- Exempts the DEM from s. 282.201, F.S., relating to the use of the state data center.
- Authorizes the Department of Commerce to submit budget amendments to increase budget authority to support the federal Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program.

- Provides that the DOT is the primary point of contact for statewide topographic aerial LiDAR procurement and cost-sharing related to statewide geographic information systems and geospatial data sharing.
- Revises the qualification requirements for members of the Florida State Guard and requires that members of the specialized unit be certified law enforcement officers.
- Requires the DMS to assess an administrative health assessment to each state agency equal to the employer's cost of individual employee health care coverage for each vacant position.
- Provides that notwithstanding s. 11.13, F.S., salaries of legislators must be maintained at the same level as July 1, 2010.
- Reenacts s. 215.32(2)(b), F.S., in order to implement the transfer of moneys to the General Revenue Fund from trust funds in the GAA.
- Authorizes each state agency and the judicial branch to establish its own mileage allowance for travel by privately owned vehicles for official travel, provided such mileage allowances do not exceed the standard mileage rates established by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Provides that funds appropriated for travel by state employees be limited to travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission. The section prohibits funds from being used to travel to foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff training, or other administrative functions unless the agency head approves in writing. The agency head is required to consider the use of teleconferencing and electronic communication to meet the needs of the activity before approving travel. If such travel is approved, the agency must provide quarterly reports to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Travel for law enforcement purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities, or public health activities is exempt from this section.
- Provides that, notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S., costs for lodging associated with a meeting, conference, or convention organized or sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial branch may not exceed \$225 per day. An employee may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$225.
- Authorizes the LBC to approve budget amendments for new fixed capital outlay projects or increase the amounts appropriated to state agencies for fixed capital outlay projects.
- Requires reviews for budget transfers to comply with ch. 216, F.S., maximize the use of available and appropriate funds, and not be contrary to legislative policy and intent.
- Provides that, notwithstanding ch. 287, F.S., state agencies are authorized to purchase vehicles from non-State Term Contract vendors provided certain conditions are met.
- Requires state agencies to provide information about the status of implementation of recently enacted legislation.
- Provides that state executive agencies and the judicial branch are not required to develop or post a long-range program plan by September 30, 2026, for the 2027-2028 fiscal year, except in circumstances outlined in any updated written instructions prepared by the EOG in consultation with the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.
- Requires each state agency and the judicial branch, as part of their legislative budget request, to include an inventory of all ongoing technology-related projects that have a

cumulative estimated or realized cost of more than \$1 million. The inventory must include specified information. The bill also provides that unit cost summaries do not have to be submitted.

- Provides that the use of state funds must be consistent with certain principles of individual freedom.
- Prohibits a state agency from using state funds or contracting with certain advertising agencies or other contractors who use the services of media reliability and bias monitors.
- Specifies that until the Workers Compensation three-member panel adopts a schedule of maximum reimbursement allowances, certain emergency services will be reimbursed for 75 percent of usual and customary charges, unless there is a contract.
- Freezes the interior space and parking space allotted to the Governor, the Cabinet officers, and the Legislature as of January 1, 2026, including space that the DMS must offer for lease to the House of Representatives within the Capitol Building; and provides for coordination between the department and the Legislature for construction projects.
- Requires 75 percent of the funding for certain IT projects to be held in reserve and authorizes budget amendments contingent on a spend plan and monthly status reporting requirements.
- Requires certain agencies to contract with independent verification and validation (IV&V) providers to provide IV&V services for all entity staff and vendor work needed to implement certain projects.
- Specifies that no section shall take effect if the appropriations and proviso to which it relates are vetoed. If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on June 16, 2026.
- Provides that, if any other act passed during the 2026 Regular Session or the 2026 Special Session E contains a provision that is substantively the same as a provision in this act, but removes or otherwise is not subject to the future repeal applied by this act, the intent is for the other provision to take precedence and continue to operate.
- Provides that, if any law amended by this act was also amended by a law enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if they had been enacted during the same session of Legislature and full effect shall be given to each if possible.
- Provides for severability.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026, except as otherwise expressly provided, or, if these provisions fail to become a law until after that date, they shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 34-1; House 78-27

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HB 5201-E — Collective Bargaining

by Rep. Maggard (SB 2504-E by Senator Hooper)

This bill directs the resolution of the collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2026-2027 fiscal year regarding state employees. All mandatory collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2026-2027 fiscal year between the State of Florida and the certified representatives of the bargaining units for state employees which are not addressed by the General Appropriations Act shall be resolved in accordance with the personnel rules in effect on May 26, 2026, and by otherwise maintaining the status quo under the language of the applicable current collective bargaining agreement.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 82-19

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HB 5301-E — Health Care

by Rep. Andrade (SB 2518-E by Senator Trumbull)

This bill conforms statutes to funding decisions related to Health Care in the Proposed General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Specifically, the bill:

- Makes funding for the Department of Health’s (DOH) revolving loan program contingent upon legislative appropriation.
- Requires the DOH to add screening for infantile Krabbe disease and metachromatic leukodystrophy to the newborn screening program.
- Requires the DOH to develop and electronically distribute evidence-based educational materials for parents and guardians of preterm infants receiving neonatal intensive care services.
- Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), in consultation with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to establish a monthly reimbursement rate for Life Skills Development Level 3 and Level 4 services.
- Authorizes specialty licensed children’s hospitals to receive Level I or Level II pediatric trauma center designation based on American College of Surgeons verification.
- Establishes a funding allocation methodology for hospitals and qualifying institutions participating in the Graduate Medical Education Slots for Doctors Program.
- Refines requirements governing the use of grant funding through the Behavioral Health Teaching Hospital Grant Program within the AHCA.
- Increases foster care room and board rates for foster parents, licensed relative and nonrelative caregivers, and Relative Caregiver Program participants.
- Makes the Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Program permanent and expands program eligibility and services.
- Establishes the Foster and Family Support Grant Program within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to support nonprofit and faith-based organizations focused on recruiting and supporting foster, adoptive, and kinship families.
- Revises the nursing home Quality Incentive Payment (QIP) Program by increasing the QIP pool percentage, raising the minimum quality score threshold for participation, directing the AHCA to consider recommendations from the statewide nursing home quality study, and delaying implementation of methodology changes for one year after recalculated scores are publicly released.
- Authorizes the creation of a Medicaid preferred product list to support prescription drug management and cost containment.
- Requires the AHCA to reimburse inpatient hospitals separately for long-acting injectable medications administered to Medicaid recipients with severe mental illness at no less than actual acquisition cost.
- Establishes the Eligibility Assistance Program within the DCF to provide Medicaid eligibility information, referral, and navigation services for individuals with disabilities.

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- Requires the AHCA to re-procure Medicaid managed care contracts every 10 years instead of every 6 years and directs the agency to implement a phased statewide value-based care initiative focused on improving quality and health outcomes.
- Clarifies the treatment, accounting, and redistribution of Medicaid managed care funds that are recovered, refunded, or withheld by the AHCA.
- Authorizes the AHCA to establish a fee schedule for adult day care services.
- Allows waiver funding to follow individuals who voluntarily transfer between the Home and Community Based Services Waiver and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program.
- Defines the term “qualified provider,” establishes statewide qualification standards for child welfare providers, and requires the DCF to implement a standardized statewide provider contract for core child welfare services.
- Authorize community-based lead agencies to carry forward up to eight percent of unexpended state funds of their annual contract amount instead of the cumulative contract total.
- Revises statutory cross-references and conform provisions to align with substantive changes made by the act.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2026, except where otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 33-1; House 103-2

THE FLORIDA SENATE
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Committee on Appropriations

HB 5403-E — Correctional Facilities Financing and Capital Improvements

by Rep. Maney (SB 2500-E by Senator Hooper)

This bill conforms statutes to funding decisions related to Correctional Facilities Capital Improvement in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The bill creates s. 944.751, F.S., which establishes Correctional Facilities Capital Improvement requirements for the Department of Corrections (FDC). It provides legislative intent recognizing critical fixed capital outlay needs of FDC and provides funding through cash payments or bond proceeds to address capital improvement funding for correctional facilities.

The bill directs the Legislature to appropriate \$50 million in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year until Fiscal Year 2066-2067 to FDC to develop and implement a capital improvement plan for new and existing correctional facilities and specifies use of funds specifically appropriated for capital improvement projects. It also directs FDC to begin the planning and design of one new 600-bed correctional hospital unit, beginning on July 1, 2026, and specifies site and workforce requirements for the location of the new facility. The bill also directs FDC to include recommendations for the use of funds in its annual legislative budget request and specifies that any project costing more than \$5 million must be contracted with a construction management entity, and requires the department to provide recommendations to the legislature, upon completion of new correctional institution construction, options to close existing facilities that are perpetually understaffed or continue to present excessive repair and renovation costs. The bill authorizes the Division of Bond Finance to issue bonds to finance the construction of a new correctional facility only and specifies use and distribution of bond proceeds in accordance with the GAA.

The bill also establishes a financing oversight committee to ensure funds and bond proceeds are spent efficiently and responsibly. It specifies members of the committee will be composed of appointees from the Senate, House of Representatives, Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor, FDC, and the Division of Bond Finance and requires the committee to recommend the most cost-beneficial and effective financing methods to meet the needs of the department for any new capital facility construction.

The bill provides that, notwithstanding s. 2, ch. 2025-207, L.O.F., beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer \$150 million from the General Revenue Fund on July 1 of each fiscal year to the State Board of Administration for the Debt Service Program pursuant to s. 215.98, Florida Statutes. Any unexpended funds shall revert on June 30 of each fiscal year to the General Revenue Fund.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 106-0

THE FLORIDA SENATE
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HB 5601-E — Higher Education

by Rep. Busatta (SB 2516-E by Senator Harrell)

This bill conforms law to the proposed General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Specifically, the bill:

- Revises the State University System Performance-Based Incentive 4-year graduation rate metric for first-time-in-college students to include an adjusted cohort graduation rate for approved co-op programs, and to define “co-op” programs.
- Transfers the University of South Florida (USF) Sarasota/Manatee campus to New College of Florida (New College), provided certain conditions are met.
- Removes the requirement that the Florida Center for the Partnerships for Arts Integrated Teaching at USF be physically headquartered at USF Sarasota/Manatee to conform to the transfer from USF to New College.
- Establishes the Disaster Preparedness Center at Florida International University as a statewide center of excellence for disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience training, in partnership with the Division of Emergency Management.
- Removes the requirements for the Institute for Freedom in the Americas to partner with the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom and for Miami Dade College to establish a direct-support organization for the institute.
- Permits the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors (BOG) to amend submitted lists of general education courses for each Florida College System institution and state university.
- Authorizes university boards of trustees, subject to approval by the BOG, to establish tuition for graduate and professional programs and out-of-state fees for nonresident students. The approval by the BOG as it relates to out-of-state fees for nonresidents is ministerial only.
- Removes the limitation that annual adjustments to out-of-state fees and tuition for graduate and professional programs may not exceed 15 percent, but requires the BOG to adopt regulations.
- Revises the Programs of Strategic Emphasis tuition and fee waiver to cover remaining out-of-pocket tuition and fee costs after other federal, state, and institutional gift aid is applied, and to remove associated requirements related to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
- Requires universities to commit 12 percent of the prior fiscal year’s carry-forward balances toward public education capital outlay (PECO) completion of previously funded projects or for deferred maintenance.
- Revises the definition of the term “educational facilities” to include “research” use areas in requirements to establish and maintain educational plants.

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HB 5701-E — Petroleum Cleanup Programs

by Rep. Snyder

This bill conforms current law to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act (GAA). The bill amends the Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program (PCPP) and the Florida Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program (PLRIP) to remove program deductibles, copayments, and monetary caps for eligible parties and have the costs absorbed by the Inland Protection Trust Fund.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 103-0

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HB 7031-E — Taxation

by Rep. Duggan

The bill contains provisions for tax relief and changes to tax policy.

Sales Tax

The bill:

- Revises the dates of the permanent Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, created last year, to begin on July 20, before school starts, and run through August 20 each year.
- Creates a hunting, fishing, and camping sales tax holiday from September 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
- Creates a permanent exemption for propane tanks with a capacity of 20 pounds or less.
- Exempts admissions to any Association of Tennis Professionals' ATP Masters 1000 tournament or any Women's Tennis Association's WTA 1000 tournament through July 1, 2029.
- Allows purchasers of home hardening products, including impact-resistant doors, garage doors, and windows, to seek a refund for purchases between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2029.
- Allows purchasers of certain heavy trucks to designate up to \$105 of sales tax paid to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization under the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.
- Allows state universities and colleges to obtain refunds for sales tax paid by contractors on materials used in public works contracts, rather than having to purchase those materials directly themselves to receive an exemption from sales tax.

Property Tax

The bill:

- Limits the annual assessment increase, beginning January 1, 2027, for certain mobile home parks to three percent when more than seventy-five percent of the mobile home lots are rented to residents under lease agreements of 1 year or longer where the mobile home lot owner passes property taxes on to the residents under the lease.
- Adds additional named military operations for the deployed servicemember property tax exemption and allows deployments in 2023, 2024, and 2025 on named operations to qualify for the exemption. Also provides for refunds if the exemption amount is more than the servicemembers 2026 tax liability.
- Allows a homeowner to continue to qualify for homestead benefits when the property is rented to another person, when that homeowner is a diplomatic, intelligence, consular, or foreign service officer of the federal government whose employment requires the homeowner to be stationed, deployed, or directed to reside outside of Florida.
- Adjusts notification timing for tax exemption denials to improve protest options for property owners.

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- Allows the Save Our Homes benefit to transfer, or “port,” to a new homestead from any homestead abandoned in the prior three years. Under current law, a port is only allowed from the immediate prior homestead.
- Requires online property listing platforms to include the estimated property taxes, pursuant to calculations developed by the Department of Revenue, for any residential property visible on their platforms.
- Adds certain compost derived entirely from agricultural activity and regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection to the list of qualifying agricultural purposes eligible for agricultural land classification.
- Requires certain fruit and vegetable packinghouses located on, or contiguous with, land with an agricultural classification to be considered a part of the average yield per acre and not to be separately assessed.
- Allows county value adjustment boards to hear appeals relating to the timely filing of TPP returns.
- Specifies that special taxing districts for children’s services are exempt from paying a community redevelopment agency (CRA) a portion of the taxes it collects pursuant to the CRA’s tax increment financing mechanism.
- Requires a special district dependent to a county or municipality or municipal service taxing unit that has not levied any millage rate in the prior year to adopt a rate either by a unanimous vote of the membership of the governing body, or by a three-fourths vote of the membership of the governing body if the governing body has nine or more members, or if the rate is approved by a referendum.

Tax Credits

The bill:

- Related to the Strong Families Tax Credit, limits the total donations a single taxpayer can make to a single eligible charitable organization to \$2 million per year and the maximum a charitable organization can receive at \$10 million per year; and also provides a nonrecurring increase of \$13.1 million per year to the amount of tax credits available in the program for two years (total of \$53.1 million available in Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028).
- Extends the Child Care Tax Credit Program for one year, through Fiscal Year 2027-2028.
- Changes the order in which insurance premium tax credits are taken against tax liabilities, so that all active credit programs are listed in order of their adoption date.

Tax Administration

The bill:

- Requires property appraisers and tax collectors to include all supporting schedules when posting their final approved budgets.
- Removes the requirement for the board of county commissioners of a county to call an election for school district levies and instead requires the school board-approved

resolution to be voted on by the voters in the next general election held more than 90 days after the adoption of the resolution.

- Requires the board of county commissioners to pay tax collector's commissions on school millage collections. Authorizes the tax collector to waive commissions on voted school millages.
- Changes the requirements for when a refund application is considered complete. Requires interest to accrue on a completed refund application after 90 days. Additionally, for refund applications denied by the Department of Revenue that are challenged by the taxpayer, the bill requires the interest to accrue 90 days after additional information is provided by the taxpayer.

Documentary Stamp Taxes

The bill:

- Extends a temporary exemption through June 30, 2028, for non-interest-bearing written obligations to pay \$3,500 or less, when given by a customer to an alarm system contractor, in connection with the sale of an alarm system.
- Creates three new distributions from documentary stamp tax revenues, to provide \$60 million annually to the Florida Rail Enterprise, \$15.2 million annually to the Small Counties Road Assistance Program, and \$60 million annually to the C-51 Reservoir Project.
- Increases the annual distribution to the Small Counties Outreach Program by \$20 million.

Pari-mutuel Taxes

The bill:

- Provides an exemption from the annual \$2 million slot machine licensing fee for permitholders that held a valid slot license as of January 1, 2026, are prohibited by the Florida Constitution from conducting live racing, and are located in a county where the Seminole Tribe of Florida operates at least two casinos.
- Reduces the tax on slot machine revenues from 35 percent to 34 percent.
- Reduces the gross receipts tax on cardroom revenues from 8 percent to 5 percent.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 29-6; House 88-11