

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Hooper, Chair
Senator Rouson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Hooper, Chair; Senator Rouson, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Brodeur, Burgess, Collins, DiCeglie, Garcia, Grall, Harrell, Martin, McClain, Pizzo, Polsky, Sharief, Smith, Trumbull, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
Consideration of proposed bill:			
1	SPB 2500	Appropriations; Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2025, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
2	SPB 2502	Implementing the 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act; Authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Health, to submit a budget amendment to realign funding for specified purposes; extending for 1 fiscal year the exemption of certain rules pertaining to the medical use of marijuana from certain rulemaking requirements; revising the Quality Incentive Program payment pool percentage for the reimbursement of Medicaid providers; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop and report on an alternative tiered funding methodology and to provide certain information, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
3	SPB 2504	State Employees; Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units for state employees, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0

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4	SB 7022 Governmental Oversight and Accountability	Retirement; Authorizing an officer, except while serving as a legislator, to remain in elective office and receive accumulated DROP proceeds after the officer attains a certain age; providing that, upon termination, the officer receives accumulated DROP proceeds including interest earned in accordance with a specified provision; requiring the Division of Retirement or the State Board of Administration, as appropriate, to take steps to recoup from the elected officer any DROP proceeds distributed in accordance with a specified provision, under specified circumstances; revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc. AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
5	CS/SB 1320 Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government / Rodriguez (Identical CS/H 1313)	Resilient Florida Trust Fund/Department of Environmental Protection; Re-creating the Resilient Florida Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection; deleting provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, etc. AEG 03/18/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
6	SPB 2506	Natural Resources; Revising requirements for applications for full fee simple acquisition projects; revising the entities that certain state agencies may contract with; revising the scoring system for assessing project eligibility for inclusion in the statewide flooding and sea-level rise plan; revising the schedule for the distribution of funds from the Indian Gaming Revenue Clearing Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
7	SPB 2508	Judges; Increasing the number of circuit judges in certain judicial circuits; increasing the number of county court judges in certain counties; increasing the number of judges in a certain district court of appeal, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0

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8	SB 7014 Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice	Trust Funds of the State Courts System; Terminating the Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund; providing that the current balances in and revenues of the trust fund be transferred to the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund; requiring that the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund be used to pay any outstanding debts or obligations of the Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund as soon as practicable; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to close out and remove the Mediation and Arbitration Trust Fund from the various state accounting and financial systems, using generally accepted accounting principles concerning assets, liabilities, and warrants outstanding, etc. AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
9	SB 7030 Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education (Compare CS/H 871, H 5101)	Educational Scholarship Programs; Creating an operating categorical fund for implementing the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; creating the educational enrollment stabilization program to provide supplemental state funds to address changes in full-time equivalent student enrollment; requiring that specified data include a verification that certain full-time equivalent student membership survey data has been cross-checked by the department; renaming the Hope Scholarship Program as the Hope Program, etc. AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
10	SPB 2510	Prekindergarten Through Grade 12 Education; Authorizing a school district to report a full-time equivalent student for credit earned by a student who is enrolled in a virtual instruction course during the summer; deleting language providing that students who earn certain career and professional education (CAPE) certificates are eligible for full-time equivalent membership; revising the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List; revising the procedure for the calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership for certain students, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0

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11	SPB 2512	Higher Education; Establishing the Florida Center for Nursing within the University of South Florida; requiring the center to administer the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund; requiring a state university to waive a student's out-of-pocket expenses under certain conditions; revising participation requirements for LINE funding; requiring the center, rather than the Board of Governors, to review and evaluate proposals; authorizing the center to award funds for up to 3 academic years, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
Consideration of proposed bill:			
12	SPB 2514	Health and Human Services; Authorizing certain dental and dental hygiene students to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program before obtaining active employment; revising the definitions of the terms "cancer center" and "Florida-based"; defining the term "Cancer Connect Collaborative" or "collaborative"; requiring the collaborative to review all submitted Cancer Innovation Fund grant applications using certain parameters; requiring the Department of Health to appoint peer review panels for a specified purpose, etc.	Submitted and Reported Favorably as Committee Bill Yeas 18 Nays 0
13	SB 7028 Health Policy (Compare H 1347)	Cancer; Revising the definitions of the terms "cancer center" and "Florida-based"; defining the term "Cancer Connect Collaborative" or "collaborative"; requiring the collaborative to review all submitted Cancer Innovation Fund grant applications using certain parameters; requiring the Department of Health to appoint peer review panels for a specified purpose; creating the Cancer Connect Collaborative Research Incubator within the department, and overseen by the collaborative, to provide funding for a specified purpose over a specified timeframe, etc.	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
		AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	

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14	SB 114 Trumbull (Similar CS/H 1097)	Insurance Research; Renaming the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center to the Florida Center for Excellence in Insurance and Risk Management; requiring the center to collaborate with the Office of Insurance Regulation to produce an annual report analyzing the property insurance market in this state; requiring the center to use the public hurricane loss projection model when necessary; requiring the office to contract with the center to manage the public hurricane loss projection model; providing for a type two transfer of the public hurricane loss projection model from Florida International University to Florida State University, etc. AHE 03/24/2025 Favorable AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
15	CS/SB 168 Criminal Justice / Bradley (Similar H 1207)	Mental Health; Citing this act as the "Tristin Murphy Act"; expanding the programs and diversion initiatives supported by implementation or expansion grants to include training for 911 public safety telecommunicators and emergency medical technicians for certain purposes and to include veterans treatment court programs; encouraging communities to apply for specified grants to establish misdemeanor or ordinance violation mental health diversion programs; encouraging communities to apply for specified grants to establish pretrial felony mental health diversion programs; expanding eligibility for the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program to include Hillsborough County, etc. CJ 03/04/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
16	CS/CS/SB 170 Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services / Health Policy / Burton	Quality of Care in Nursing Homes; Reviving, reenacting, and amending a provision relating to consumer satisfaction surveys; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to develop user-friendly consumer satisfaction surveys for nursing home facilities; requiring medical directors of nursing home facilities to obtain, or to be in the process of obtaining, certain qualifications by a specified date; requiring nursing home facilities to conduct biennial patient safety culture surveys; requiring nursing home facilities that maintain certain electronic health records to make available certain data to the agency's Florida Health Information Exchange program for a specified purpose; exempting nursing homes operated by state agencies from certain financial reporting requirements, etc. HP 03/04/2025 Fav/CS AHS 03/26/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0

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17	CS/SB 180 Community Affairs / DiCeglie (Compare H 1337, CS/H 1535, S 1566)	Emergency Preparedness and Response; Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive or reduce local government match requirements under certain circumstances; providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment that is unable to be used due to Hurricanes Debby, Helene, or Milton; specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; revising public hurricane shelter funding prioritization requirements for the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing certain servicemembers to provide medical care in specified circumstances; authorizing residents and owners of certain businesses to bring a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief against a county or municipality that violates specified provisions, etc. CA 03/11/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
18	SB 182 Calatayud	Tax Credits for Charitable Contributions; Providing a credit against oil and gas production taxes under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; providing a credit against sales taxes payable by direct pay permitholders under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; providing a credit against the corporate income tax under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date; providing a credit against excise taxes on certain alcoholic beverages under the Home Away From Home Tax Credit beginning on a specified date, etc. HP 03/11/2025 Favorable FT 03/18/2025 Favorable AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
19	CS/CS/SB 270 Appropriations Committee on Higher Education / Education Postsecondary / Burgess (Compare CS/H 1105, H 1107)	Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; Revising eligibility requirements for a student who earns a high school diploma from a non-Florida school under certain circumstances; revising student eligibility requirements for the Florida Academic Scholars award to include earning an Advanced Placement Capstone designation from the College Board, etc. HE 02/18/2025 Fav/CS AHE 03/18/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0

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20	SB 388 Rodriguez (Compare CS/H 843)	Trust Funds for Wildlife Management; Authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to invest and reinvest the funds and the interest thereof of the Administrative Trust Fund; revising the purposes for which the commission may spend money from the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund; deleting the requirement that the commission designate an identifiable unit to administer the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund, etc. EN 03/03/2025 Favorable AEG 03/18/2025 Favorable AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
21	CS/SB 1202 Governmental Oversight and Accountability / McClain (Similar H 749)	Benefits for Firefighters Injured During Training Exercises; Providing that a firefighter and his or her spouse and dependent children are eligible for certain insurance coverage if the firefighter is totally and permanently disabled during an official training exercise; providing a declaration of an important state interest, etc. CA 03/11/2025 Favorable GO 03/25/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
22	CS/SB 1678 Governmental Oversight and Accountability / Leek (Similar CS/H 1519)	Entities that Boycott Israel; Requiring the public fund to make its best efforts to identify certain institutions, organizations, agencies, governments, and other entities in which the public fund has direct or indirect holdings; requiring the public fund to compile and make available the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel List; requiring applicants to sign a certification form attesting that they comply with specified antidiscrimination laws and will not engage in antisemitic discrimination or antisemitic speech in conjunction with the program or project for which their grant is awarded, etc. GO 03/18/2025 Fav/CS AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0

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23	SB 7002 Environment and Natural Resources (Compare CS/H 1169)	Water Management Districts; Requiring the Commission on Ethics to investigate a lobbyist or principal who has made a prohibited expenditure and to provide the Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations regarding such investigation; requiring the South Florida Water Management District, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide a detailed report that includes the total estimated remaining cost of implementation of the Everglades restoration comprehensive plan and the status of all performance indicators; authorizing the districts to levy ad valorem taxes on property by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the governing board, etc. AEG 03/05/2025 Favorable AP 04/02/2025 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0

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