

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**HEALTH POLICY**  
**Senator Burton, Chair**  
**Senator Harrell, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, January 26, 2026

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Burton, Chair; Senator Harrell, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Calatayud, Davis, Gaetz, Leek, Massullo, Osgood, Passidomo, and Trumbull

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 1082</b> Grall (Identical H 1449)	Statewide Provider and Health Plan Claim Dispute Resolution Program; Specifying additional circumstances under which a disputed claim is not subject to review under the statewide provider and health plan claim dispute resolution program, etc.  HP      01/26/2026 Fav/CS BI RC	Fav/CS Yea 10 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 1168</b> Grall (Identical H 1069, Compare H 1229, S 1438)	Background Screenings; Specifying additional disqualifying offenses under the background screening requirements for certain persons; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, beginning on a specified date or as soon as practicable thereafter, to review and determine eligibility for all criminal history checks submitted to the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse by specified agencies; providing that, beginning on a specified date, an independent sanctioning authority is considered a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the clearinghouse; requiring qualified entities conducting background criminal history checks to designate a user administrator for a specified purpose, etc.  HP      01/26/2026 Fav/CS AHS FP	Fav/CS Yea 10 Nays 0

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3	<b>SB 1756</b> Yarborough (Similar H 917)	Medical Freedom; Citing this act as the "Medical Freedom Act"; requiring certain health care practitioners and paramedics to, before administering a vaccine to a minor child, inform the parent or legal guardian of certain information using materials approved and adopted by joint rule of the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine; providing that specified amendments made by the act to s. 456.0575, F.S., take effect within a specified timeframe after the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine adopt certain materials by joint rule; authorizing pharmacists to provide ivermectin to adults without a prescription as a behind-the-counter medication until the United States Food and Drug Administration approves it for over-the-counter sale; revising exemptions from school-entry immunization requirements, etc.	Fav/CS Yea 6 Nays 4
HP	01/26/2026 Fav/CS		
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4	<b>SB 1156</b> Trumbull (Similar H 1207, Compare S 1596)	Ambulatory Surgical Centers; Specifying requirements for issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of ambulatory surgical center licenses; requiring each licensed facility to maintain and provide upon request records of all inspection reports pertaining to that facility; prohibiting any person from paying or receiving a commission, bonus, kickback, or rebate or engaging in any split-fee arrangement for referring a patient to a licensed facility; prohibiting a licensed facility from denying, for a specified reason, the applications of certain licensed health care practitioners for staff membership and clinical privileges; requiring licensed facilities to provide for peer review of certain physicians and develop procedures to conduct such reviews, etc.	Favorable Yea 10 Nays 0
HP	01/26/2026 Favorable		
FP			
5	<b>SB 1480</b> Burton	Temporary Certificates for Practice in Areas of Critical Need; Authorizing certain health care practitioners practicing under a temporary certificate to practice in areas of critical need to continue to practice after such areas lose such designation if certain conditions are met, etc.	Fav/CS Yea 9 Nays 0
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