The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

JUDICIARY Senator Flores, Chair Senator Joyner, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, March 14, 2011

TIME: 1:00 —3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Flores, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Bogdanoff, Braynon, Richter, Simmons,

and Thrasher

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION	
1	SM 954 Flores (Identical HM 557)	Parental Rights Amendment; Urges the Congress of the United States to propose to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to parental rights.	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0	
		JU 03/09/2011 Not Considered JU 03/14/2011 Favorable CF 03/14/2011 Not Considered GO		
	Consideration of proposed committee bill:			
2	SPB 7066	Unauthorized Aliens; Requires every employer to use the federal program for electronic verification of employment eligibility in order to verify the employment eligibility of each employee hired on or after a specified date. Requires the Attorney General to request from the Department of Homeland Security a list of employers who are registered with the E-Verify Program and to post that list to the Attorney General's website. Provides that an employer who does not use the program to verify the employment eligibility of the employee is subject to loss of its license, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill	
3	SB 318 Siplin (Identical H 55)	Postsecondary Student Fees; Provides an exemption from payment of nonresident tuition at a state university or a Florida College System institution for an undocumented student who meets specified requirements. Requires the Board of Governors of the State University System to adopt regulations and the State Board of Education to adopt rules. JU 03/14/2011 Temporarily Postponed HE CJ BC	Temporarily Postponed	

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4	SB 262 Ring (Identical H 129)	Intimidation of a Judge; Subjects a person who intimidates or threatens a judge or a member of the judge's immediate family to criminal penalties under certain circumstances. Defines the terms "intimidation or threats" and "judge."	Unfavorable Yeas 3 Nays 4
		JU 03/14/2011 Unfavorable CJ BC	
5	SB 670 Joyner (Identical H 815)	Powers of Attorney; Provides for a durable power of attorney. Specifies the qualifications for an agent. Provides requirements for the execution of a power of attorney. Provides for the validity of powers of attorney created by a certain date or in another jurisdiction. Provides for the validity of a military power of attorney. Provides for the validity of a photocopy or electronic copy of a power of attorney. Provides for the meaning and effectiveness of a power of attorney, etc. JU 03/14/2011 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
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6	CS/SB 400 Criminal Justice / Wise (Similar H 81)	Treatment-based Drug Court Programs; Requires all offenders sentenced to a postadjudicatory drug court program who are drug court participants and who are the subject of a violation of probation or community control hearing under specified provisions to have the violation of probation or community control heard by the judge presiding over the drug court program. Increases the number of Criminal Punishment Code scoresheet total sentence points that a defendant may have and be eligible for a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program, etc.	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
		CJ 02/22/2011 Fav/CS JU 03/14/2011 Favorable BC	
7	SB 866 Bogdanoff (Identical H 567)	Judgment Interest; Requires quarterly adjustments to the rate of interest payable on judgments. Revises the calculation of the interest rate. Conforms provisions to changes made by the act.	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
		JU 03/14/2011 Fav/CS GO BC	

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8	SB 930 Lynn (Similar H 647)	Protection of Volunteers; Clarifies that in order to fall under the protection of the Florida Volunteer Protection Act, a person performing a service for a nonprofit organization may not receive compensation from the nonprofit organization for that service, regardless of whether the person is receiving compensation from another source. JU 03/14/2011 Fav/CS CF GO	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
9	CS/SB 146 Criminal Justice / Smith (Similar H 449, Compare H 1369, S 134)	Criminal Justice; Cites this act as the "Jim King Keep Florida Working Act." Requires state agencies and regulatory boards to prepare reports that identify and evaluate restrictions on licensing and employment for ex-offenders. Prohibits state agencies from denying an application for a license, permit, certificate, or employment based on a person's lack of civil rights. Clarifies under what circumstances a person may legally deny the existence of an expunged criminal history record, etc.	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
		GO 02/08/2011 Favorable CJ 03/09/2011 Fav/CS JU 03/14/2011 Favorable	
10	SB 344 Rich (Identical H 125)	Sexual Activities Involving Animals; Provides definitions. Prohibits knowing sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal. Prohibits specified related activities. Provides penalties. Provides that the act does not apply to certain husbandry, conformation judging, and veterinary practices. CJ 02/22/2011 Favorable AG 03/07/2011 Favorable JU 03/14/2011 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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