

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 259 — Special Observances

by Rep. Gerwig and others (SB 214 by Senator Polsky)

The bill designates August 21 of each year as “Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day” to increase awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and potential overdoses.

The bill encourages specific state agencies, local governments, public schools, and other agencies to sponsor events to promote awareness of fentanyl’s dangers, community resources for drug prevention, and substance use and abuse generally.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 106-0

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CS/HB 549 — Gulf of America

by Education & Employment Committee and Rep. Porras and others (CS/SB 1058 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senators Gruters and Avila)

The bill (Chapter 2025-7, L.O.F.) reflects the federal designation of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America.” Under the bill, each state agency must change references to the “Gulf of Mexico” in geographic materials to the “Gulf of America.” Similarly, starting on July 1, 2025, public and charter schools may only acquire instructional and library materials using the term “Gulf of America,” as opposed to the “Gulf of Mexico.”

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 28-9; House 78-29

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CS/HB 677 — State Group Insurance Program Coverage of Standard Fertility Preservation Services

by Health & Human Services Committee and Rep. Trabulsy (CS/CS/SB 924 by Banking and Insurance Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senators Calatayud and Sharief)

The bill requires health insurance plans issued on or after January 1, 2026, for the State Group Insurance Program to cover standard fertility retrieval and preservation services for covered individuals undergoing medically necessary cancer treatments that may cause iatrogenic infertility. The bill prohibits a state group health insurance plan from imposing any preauthorization requirements but allows copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 32-4; House 115-0