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ICYMI: Florida Senate Republicans Advance Key Initiatives for Rural Communities, Child Welfare, Veterans, Government Efficiency, and Presidential Libraries

Majority Leader Jim Boyd Applauds the Republican Caucus for Passing Meaningful Policy for Floridians

Tallahassee –The Florida Senate approved several Republican-led bills on Thursday. Senate Majority Leader Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) released the following statement praising the continued effort of the Senate Republican Caucus to advance key initiatives spearheaded by Senate President Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula).

“The Florida Senate Republican Caucus is advancing legislation essential to the framework laid out by Senate President Albritton. I applaud the efforts of our Republican Senators to address the issues that matter most to Floridians. These robust legislative initiatives build upon conservative values that support the prosperity in Florida for future generations.”

Senate Bill 108 improves transparency and efficiency in Florida’s government:

Senator Erin Grall (R-Vero Beach): “When we finish passing bills each year our work is not done. In fact, many times it has just begun. Especially for the agency to which we delegated rulemaking authority. Efficient, transparent rulemaking is critical for those citizens affected by the laws we pass that require implementation by a state agency. The more consistency we can bring to this process, the higher the likelihood of meaningful engagement from the public with regard to the development of rules with the goal of streamlined, common-sense rules that are easy for our citizens and businesses to understand.”

Senate Bill 110 empowers rural communities with economic and community development initiatives while preserving a time-honored way of life in modern Florida:

Senator Corey Simon (R-Tallahassee): “... This is an absolute game changer. Rural Florida is being seen, and this is only the beginning. I look forward to continuing this conversation as we continue to work to make sure that the entire state of Florida succeeds. ... [This bill] is an a-la-carte of opportunities for these communities.”

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[Senate Bill 116](#) expands veteran adult day health care programs and enhances support services for Florida veterans and their families:

Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills): “SB 116 does several important things to improve the lives of Florida veterans and strengthen the work of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. ... We want to make sure veterans are connected to their benefits. This was a forward march initiative dating back to my time under the Governor’s leadership at FDVA. We want to make sure we continue that march and that mission.”

[Senate Bill 118](#) lays the groundwork for Florida’s first presidential library:

Senator Jason Brodeur (R-Sanford): “As the home state to the 45th and 47th President of the United States, there is a high likelihood that President Trump will select Florida to be the site of the presidential library. In anticipation of Florida’s first presidential library, we should roll out the welcome mat and offer the president maximum flexibility to construct this historic landmark in Florida. The protections in this bill will prevent any municipality or county from imposing frivolous obstacles to the establishment of the presidential library within the state.”

[Senate Bill 7012](#) combats child exploitation and improves Florida’s child welfare system:

Senator Erin Grall (R-Vero Beach): “The role of a child protective investigator is a high-stress position that often entails a heavy caseload, emotionally draining cases, and burnout among employees. ... Higher turnover and increased vacancies increase the caseload on current CPIs and case managers and put additional strain on an already overworked workforce. This bill addresses the strain on the child welfare workforce by requiring DCF to run a CPI and case manager recruitment program for individuals who previously held public safety and service positions such as law enforcement officers and first responders.”

SB 7012 also improves state data collection related to commercial sexual exploitation of children and establishes the Professional Foster Care Pilot Program to support frequently displaced children with behavioral issues into specially trained foster homes.

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