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Session Recap-Week Six

February 16-20, 2026



THE NEWS

Budget conversations are ongoing as we continue working through key priorities and fiscal considerations for the upcoming year. While the volume of meetings has slowed compared to earlier in the session, our team remains actively engaged in advancing and refining our bills. We are spending significant time collaborating with stakeholders and staff to ensure legislation is thoughtfully prepared as it moves through the process. The Senator also had the opportunity to speak with middle and high school students participating in the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, sharing insights about the legislative process and the importance of civic engagement. It is always encouraging to see young Floridians taking an active interest in government and public service.

BILLS UP THIS WEEK

SB 928 – Mandatory Remand to Custody upon Conviction of Dangerous Crimes

If someone is found guilty of a dangerous crime, this bill requires them to go into custody immediately. They must stay in jail while waiting for sentencing and cannot be released on bond.

SB 1332 – Career Offender Registration

This bill requires repeat felony offenders to have a special marking on their driver's license or ID card. It also sets rules for when and how they must update their identification and allows certain information to be shared for public safety purposes.

SB 1440 – Public Records/Cybersecurity Event

This bill keeps certain information about cybersecurity incidents confidential when reported to the Office of Financial Regulation. The goal is to protect sensitive financial and customer data while investigations are ongoing.

SB 192 – Patient Funds Held in Trust by Chiropractic Physicians

This bill removes the cap on the amount of patient money a chiropractor can hold in trust for specific purposes. It gives providers more flexibility in managing patient funds.

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BILLS CONTINUED

SB 696 – Registration of Trademarks

This bill updates Florida's trademark system to match the federal classification system. It also requires the state to provide a secure online system for filing and renewing trademarks.

SB 1054 – Traffic Infractions Resulting in a Crash

Drivers who commit certain traffic violations that cause a crash will face mandatory hearings, fines, and possible license suspensions. The bill also reinforces financial responsibility requirements after accidents.

SB 1724 – Utility Services

This bill requires utility service agreements to be in writing and increases transparency when cities provide utilities outside their boundaries. It also updates rules on rates, fees, and reporting to improve oversight and fairness.



THE WEEKS AHEAD

This week at the Capitol, we continued pushing through long days of committee meetings as we prepare for the final weeks of the session. With legislation moving through the process, I spent time in Rules, the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice, and the Appropriations Committee.

These weeks are demanding, but each committee stop is an important step toward getting bills ready for the floor. As committees begin to dial back, more floor sessions will be ramping up in the weeks ahead.



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