

FLORIDA SENATE

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DISTRICT 7



Senator Leek Policy Updates - 2026 Legislative Session

Protecting Law Enforcement Officers

SB 156, the *Officer Jason Raynor Act*, prohibits a person from using or threatening to use force to resist any arrest or detention, or to resist an officer engaged in the performance of his or her official duties, if the officer was acting in good faith.

(Passed)

Diversifying Florida's Insurance Market

SB 990 seeks to create more capacity within the insurance market by allowing a business, or a designated protected cell captive insurance company, to insure specific and specialized types of risk. A pool of assets and liabilities are insured separate from other assets and liabilities, with the goal to drive down premiums.

(Passed as HB 883)

Cementing School Board Members' Bill of Rights

SB 1620 clarifies School Board Members' oversight authority by allowing them to request information from the District CFO and other staff. It also expands what public records shall be kept with meeting minutes. Finally, school districts are prohibited from requiring or incentivizing district employees to sign an NDA.

(Passed as HB 1073)

SB 436 - Felony Battery

Fills a gap in the battery enhancement statute by adding "resisting an officer with violence" to the list of prior convictions that are eligible for enhancement as a repeat battery offense. This ensures that repeat violent offenders are treated as such.

(Passed)

SB 398 - Child Pornography Terminology

Removes all statutory references to "child pornography" and replaces it with "Child Sexual Abuse Material" (CSAM). This bill reinforces that any such material is a serious crime against a child.

(Passed as HB 245)

SB 434 - Windstorm Mitigation

Ensures that Floridians are not punished for home hardening by requiring that the increase in value attributable to improvements made to residences to increase the property's resistance to wind damage may not be considered when determining the assessed value.

(Passed Senate, died in the House)



Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights

SB 482 sought to protect the most vulnerable when it comes to AI. In particular, it would have provided protections related to "companion chatbots." These are not the bots you may run into to answer a routine question on a website, but instead they are created to sustain a relationship with a user that may seem real. The bill was narrowly drafted to provide protections for Floridians, while allowing AI to continue to be a valuable tool.

(Passed Senate, died in the House)



Senator Leek Budget Updates - 2026 Legislative Session

Diamond of Dreams

Diamond of Dreams is a stand-alone project of the Historic St. Johns County Police Athletic League organization that will provide an all-inclusive, accessible playground and adaptive multipurpose baseball field designed specifically for children with special needs, their families, and the community.

\$500,000

State Road 16 - Phase 2

Design, permitting, construction, post-design services, and Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) of State Road 16 widening to 4 lanes from International Golf Parkway to Interstate 95.

\$1,000,000

The Florida Museum of Black History - Phase 1B

The project will enhance the public's access to African American History, provide new opportunities for education and research, and further the cultural enrichment of Floridians as well as the many national and international patrons that will visit the museum.

\$1,000,000

The Institute for Classical Education at Flagler College

The Institute provides a statewide Professional Development (P.D.) Program for K-12 classical teachers through seminars, workshops, & courses for K-12 Classical school teachers.

\$1,500,000

Veterans Village - Project of Home Again St Johns Inc.

Veterans Village will provide subsidized shelter for our veterans, case management, resource and referral services, and employment related services. Additionally, provides assistance with applying for benefits they may be entitled to.

\$500,000

City of St. Augustine Design, Construction of Resilient Structure on Anastasia Blvd Phase II

Funds for continued design and construction (Phase II) of a new, resilient structure on A1A to serve as a Community Point of Distribution of resources during a natural disaster for City residents living on Anastasia Island.

\$1,500,000

St. Augustine Teen Center: Education Enhancement and Career Readiness	\$200,000
St. Augustine Beach Mickler Outfall North Resiliency/Adaptation Improvements.....	\$828,000
St. Augustine Beach Mickler Outfall South Adaptation/Resiliency Improvements.....	\$1,016,025
Technician Apprenticeship Program and Education Partnership.....	\$500,000
EPIC Behavioral Healthcare - Women's Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Beds	\$750,000
K9s For Warriors Training & Rescue Facility.....	\$1,500,000
SAYS Intensive In-Home Therapeutic Programs.....	\$300,000
Trinity Rescue Mission - St. Johns Facility Improvements.....	\$150,000
First Coast Technical College Public Safety - Firefighter Workforce Expansion Initiative.....	\$600,000
Flagler Historic Markland House Restoration.....	\$750,000
St. Johns Career and Job Readiness.....	\$132,500
Veteran Futures Academy Workforce Training & Civic Resource Center.....	\$200,000