



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". 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

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University & University of Central Florida Hypersonic Equipment

The proposed hypersonic shock wave equipment will serve as a critical resource for approximately 800 students annually across multiple degree programs, supporting at least 150 formal research opportunities

\$3,000,000

North Beach Street Flood Mitigation Upgrades

Will raise the elevation of the road resulting in an overall better performing and safer public roadway and restore the flow of water in and around the area that is impeded by the causeway.

\$2,000,000

University of Central Florida - Discovery and Innovation Hub

A joint venture of UCF and Daytona State College, providing a wide array of programs to address the workforce needs of our region with industry collaboration.

\$10,000,000

Specialized Equipment - Center for Aerospace and Advanced Technical Education(CAATE)

Equips DSC's Center for Aerospace and Advanced Technical Education (CAATE) with advanced equipment standard in the fields of aerospace, avionics, HVAC and welding technology.

\$929,962

Daytona State College Completion of Airframe & Power Plant Facility

In partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, students will be able to articulate to the BS in Aviation Maintenance or go directly to work. Partially funded by Legislature in 2024-25.

\$12,251,578

Halifax Health Student Intern Program

Creates a comprehensive learning environment between nursing education and real-world practice by providing a unique opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge, develop practical skills, and build confidence in a clinical setting.

\$375,000

Volusia Flagler Family YMCA ADA Access Projects	\$1,000,000
SMA Healthcare - Flagler County Central Receiving Facility	\$750,000
Ormond Beach Reclaimed Water Main Crossing	\$375,000
Volusia County Sheriff's Office Administrative Complex	\$1,500,000
Holly Hill -- North 3rd Street Water Main Replacement	\$250,000
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Holly Hill - Mirage Lake Stormwater Flood Mitigation Project	\$221,400
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I-95 Interchange/SR-442 Stormwater Resilience Project	\$1,180,224