



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

Flagler Beach Wastewater (Reclaimed) Improvements

The project will install equipment that removes excess salt from treated wastewater so the city can legally recycle and reuse the water by 2031 instead of releasing it into the Matanzas River.

\$1,500,000

Palm Coast Burroughs Drive Stormwater Improvements

This project will clean out built-up sediment from Palm Coast's saltwater canals so the waterways function properly again and stay healthier long-term.

\$150,000

Flagler County Black Branch North Drainage System Project

The project is building a controlled stormwater system that captures runoff, cleans it in a pond, and releases it slowly so it reduces flooding, improves water quality, and protects nearby waterways.

\$1,300,000

Flagler County Animal Shelter

This funding will support the collaboration with Flagler County to expand capacity and enhance the animal shelter facilities serving Palm Coast residents.

\$250,000

Palm Coast Woodlands Community Stormwater Capacity

This proposed project increases flood protection by creating stormwater storage capacity ponds and increasing conveyance within the drainage basin.

\$250,000

Flagler County - Disaster Resilience Staging Sites

Provides funding for two elevated, paved Disaster Resilience Staging Sites in rural western Flagler County to support emergency supply staging, food and water distribution, response vehicle deployment, and basic sanitation services during disasters.

\$274,000