



# *The Sharief Brief*

## *Issue II*

Senator Dr. Barbara Sharief  
District 35



**February 4<sup>th</sup> , 2026**

As a Senator and a Doctor of Nursing Practice, I was proud to host Nurses Day at the Capitol for the Florida Nurses Association, Black Nurses Association, Florida Nurse Practitioner Network, and the Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners. It was a pleasure to welcome nurses from across the state to the Florida Capitol for a meaningful day of advocacy and connection.



It was truly an honor to recognize the dedication, professionalism, and compassion nurses bring to their patients and communities every single day.

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

During Broward Days, the Hollywood Youth Ambassadors visited the Capitol to learn firsthand about state government and to share their perspectives on issues impacting their community.

Their visit highlighted the importance of youth leadership and civic engagement in shaping the future of Broward County and Florida Senate District 35.





**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

CS/CS/SB 96: Veterans Dental Care Grant Program passed favorably in Senate Committee Appropriations in Health and Humans Services.

CS/CS/SB 96 updates Florida's Veterans Dental Care Grant Program so eligible veterans with incomes up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level can receive oral health care. Expanding access to essential dental services for those who reside in Florida.



**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Both CS/SB 36: Use of Professional Nursing Titles and CS/SB 864: Public Records/Uterine Fibroid Research Database passed favorably in Senate Committee on Health Policy.

CS/SB 36 lets licensed nurses with doctoral degrees use appropriate doctoral titles and abbreviations. Requiring that anyone using the title "doctor" in a clinical setting clearly identify their nursing profession to avoid confusing patients.

CS/SB 864 is a public records measure that protects personal and medical information contained in the Uterine Fibroid Research Database. This will keep information confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

CS/SB 1196: Waste Facilities passed favorably in the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. This prohibits local governments from permitting new ash producing incinerators or waste to energy facilities within two miles of large, congressionally authorized water storage and restoration areas.

The bill preserves existing facilities and provides an exemption for counties with populations under 1.7 million.



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