



# The Sharief Brief

## Issue III



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District 35

### February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

During Florida Senate Session, CS/SB 32 passed unanimously. CS/SB 32 allows victims of serious violence by a known person to seek an injunction for protection while strengthening how these orders are processed and enforced.

SB 210, the companion bill to CS/SB 32, also passed unanimously. SB 210 protects sensitive identifying information in these petitions to safeguard victims' privacy and safety.

CS/CS/SB 54 passed during the Florida Senate Session, which requires reporting on intoxicating and psychotropic substances in violent offender autopsies. All while enhancing training to help identify and respond to substance-related risks.



### February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

In the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services, SB 42 and CS/SB 196 both passed favorably. Both bills will now advance to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Policy.

SB 42 strengthens child protective investigations by requiring appropriate medical consultation. It also allows additional examinations to help ensure accurate diagnoses.

CS/SB 196 protects patient privacy by making personal information in the uterine fibroid research database confidential. This supports critical statewide research while safeguarding sensitive medical information.



**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

In the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services, CS/CS/SB 36 passed favorably. This bill will allow advanced practice registered nurses to use doctoral titles associated with their earned degrees. All while ensuring clear identification of their licensed profession.

CS/SB 864 also passed favorably in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health & Human Services. This will protect the confidentiality of personal and medical information in Florida's uterine fibroid research database to safeguard women's privacy.

Additionally, CS/CS/SB 96 passed favorably in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. CS/CS/SB 96 will strengthen the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program to expand access to critical oral health services for eligible Florida veterans.



**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Florida Student Power Network students visited the Capitol and shared their perspectives on issues impacting young people across our state.

I was proud to co-introduce CS/CS/SB 302 and SB 790 after meeting with these students. I enjoyed listening their passion for advocacy and positive change.



CS/CS/SB 302 focuses on coastal resiliency by advancing nature-based solutions and strengthening statewide guidance for projects that protect our shorelines and communities. It also updates policies around how certain work can move forward in sensitive coastal areas.

SB 790, the "Freedom to Learn Act," updates Florida education law by repealing certain instructional restrictions and revising policies related to curriculum, student support, and instructional materials. It also encourages inclusive academic programming and ensures students have access to a broader range of educational resources.

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