



**State Senator
Audrey
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*Session in
Review
Week 4
March 27-31,
2017*



Dear Constituent and Friend,

During the fourth week of Session, the Senate finished its version of the state budget, which is roughly \$83 billion dollars. This now sets the stage for putting together our final budget in anticipation of the House passing its budget. It is very early in the budget process and much negotiation to be had as in the end both the Senate and House must agree on a final product to send to the Governor.

SB 440: Notary Public made its way to its final committee this week. The bill I filed, expands the list of forms of identification which a notary public may accept for notarizing documents, to include a veteran health identification card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. SB 440 is now ready for a floor vote and final passage.

CS/SB 1272: Professional Regulation, relating to business licenses, would allow waiver of payment of initial application fees and exemption from licensure renewal provisions to certain active duty members of the Armed Forces, eligible spouses, and surviving spouses of active duty members. Further, there would be license fee waivers for low-income individuals and families whose household income before taxes is at or below 130 percent of the federal guidelines.

I was happy to support the "Occupational Opportunity Act" in committee.

As we continue through Session, I will keep you informed of various issues of impact. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson
State Senator
District 6

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Session Snapshots



The Girl Scouts Gateway Council, Inc.



Early Learning Coalition of Duval



Florida Youth Shine



The Rockettes from Mary Singleton Senior Center



Jacksonville Senior Services Division enjoying Senior Day at The Capitol

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