

News You Can Use from State Senator Audrey Gibson



**2019 Legislative
Session in Review
Week 1
March 5-8, 2019**



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Dear Constituent and Friend,

The first week of the 2019 Legislative Session has quickly come to a close! In addition to the information below, please note my State of the State response following the State of the State address by the Governor. You can view the response here: <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/3-5-19-state-of-the-state-democratic-response-by-senate-minority-leader-audrey-gibson/>

I have filed several bills and budget priorities in my quest to address several subject matters to include: an elder abuse and neglect task force, Historically Black College and University (HBCU) endowment funding, elections reform, unemployment benefits related to victims of domestic violence, keeping you safe by limiting the time period individuals can request utility bill information, among others. As in years before, I am focused on the priorities of Jacksonville as well the state of Florida as a whole.

On the Floor:

SB 182: Medical Use of Marijuana: The bill eliminates the prohibition against the smoking of medicinal marijuana from the definition of the “medical use” of marijuana, while specifying that low-THC cannabis may not be smoked in public and prohibits the medical use of marijuana by smoking in an “enclosed indoor workplace,” as defined in the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act. The bill permits that a qualified patient and his or her caregiver may purchase and possess delivery devices from a vendor other than a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC). Lastly, SB 182 allows the use of smoking by patients under the age of 18 only if the patient is diagnosed with a terminal condition and after certification by two physicians, one of which must be a pediatrician.

The bill passed the Senate and now heads to the House, and I will update you on the final wording.

SB 212: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: SB 212 reenacts provisions of law addressing educational transition issues faced by active-duty military families. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is an agreement between member states in several areas impacting the continuum of education for our military students, including school placement, enrollment, records transfer, participation in academic programs and extracurricular activities, and graduation. The Compact was developed by the Council of State Governments, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense.



**Honored to have
Pastor Brian Campbell of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church as Pastor of the Day**

As session continues, I will keep you informed on the issues. 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
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Duval in the Senate!



**Duval County Council Parent Teacher
Association (PTA) Student Leadership
Academy with students from various
public schools**



**Bob Henning, District 4 Chairman of
Florida State Association of Letter
Carriers and Retiree Maceo George**



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