



THE BURGESS BULLETIN



This week in the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

I am writing to you from Tallahassee, where the Florida Senate has wrapped up Week 3 of our Pre-Session Committee Weeks.

It was a long week, but the arrival of my family made it easier. After a hectic day at the Capitol there is nothing better than coming home to my wife and children.

I presented and passed two proposed bills this week, SB 494: Administration of Vaccines and SB 416: POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial. I also brought Briar to work with me and filed a few more bills to honor our servicemembers and veterans.

It is an honor to serve you in the Florida Senate.

Forward March,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny".

Danny Burgess
State Senator
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Legislative Update - *Honoring Their Service*

I am not presenting any bills this week, so I want to take the opportunity to introduce you to a few pieces of legislation I have filed to honor the service and sacrifices of our servicemembers and veterans.

[SB 416: POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial](#)

- Honors American soldiers who were prisoners of war or missing in action
- Authorizes the placement of a memorial near the existing Vietnam Memorial

SB 764: Veterans Treatment Courts

- Codifies best practices for Veteran Treatment Courts

SB 770: Military Affairs

- Updates the Florida Code of Military Justice

SB 922: Veterans' Preference in Employment (VET Act)

- Authorizes the state and its political subdivisions to waive certain post-secondary requirements for employment for certain servicemembers and veterans

SB: 958: Honor Flight Specialty License Plate

- Creates a Honor Flight Specialty License Plate

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Pawsitive Update - Briar's 1st Day!

On Wednesday, Briar trotted into the Senate dressed in her best coat and ready for a new adventure.

From the President's Office to Senate Bill Drafting, Briar made friends everywhere she went. She says she can't wait to return on Monday!

You can follow Briar's adventures on Twitter and Instagram at @legallybriar.

SB 494: Administration of Vaccines Approved by Health Policy Committee

This week the Senate Committee on Health Policy, chaired by Senator Manny Diaz Jr. approved **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines**

The on-going pandemic has highlighted the importance of our local pharmacists, who have been on the front lines since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. We trust our local pharmacists to administer flu and shingle shots and we should trust them to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and any future vaccines recommended by the CDC.



SB 494 allows licensed pharmacists and their supervised interns to administer vaccines

recommended by the CDC to adults.

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My Committee Assignments

- Agriculture
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce and Tourism
- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, **Chair**
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

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