

Committee on Governmental Oversight And Accountability

CS/SB 146 — Ex-Offenders/Licensing and Employment

by Criminal Justice Committee, and Senators Smith, Lynn, Dockery, Hill, Bullard, Siplin, Joyner, and Braynon

This bill creates the “Jim King Keep Florida Working Act,” which requires state agencies and regulatory boards to submit to the Governor and certain legislative officers a report that outlines current disqualifying policies on the employment or licensure of ex-offenders and possible alternatives that are compatible with protecting public safety. The bill also provides that a state agency may not deny an application for a license, permit, certificate, or employment based solely on the applicant’s lack of civil rights.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0