

**Ken Pruitt**  
President of the Senate



**Lisa Carlton**  
President Pro Tempore

# Senate Calendar

**Thursday, March 27, 2008**  
(4th week -- 36 days remaining)

**THE SENATE WILL CONVENE ON**  
**Thursday, March 27, 2008**  
**9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon,**  
**or upon the Call of the President**

## SENATE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2008

[XXXX] = Policy and Calendar Committee Initials. See page 3 for Committee Groupings  
(NM)\* = Not Meeting and (MC)\* = Meeting Cancelled

MONDAY MARCH 24, 2008	TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2008	WEDNESDAY MARCH 26, 2008	THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2008	FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2008
<p><b>4:00-4:30 p.m.</b> Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar Committee (MC)*</p> <p><b>4:30-6:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Criminal and Civil Justice (NM)* Education Pre-K - 12 (NM)* General Government (MC)*</p> <p>Health and Human Services (NM)* Higher Education (NM)* Transportation and Economic Development (MC)*</p> <p><b>4:30-6:00 p.m.</b> Workshop: Florida Forever Rm. 117(KB)</p>	<p><b>9:00-11:00 a.m. [EPCC]</b> Banking and Insurance Rm. 412(KB) Commerce Rm. 401(SB) Transportation Rm. 37(SB)</p> <p><b>9:30-11:00 a.m. [EPCC]</b> Regulated Industries Rm. 110(SB)</p> <p><b>11:15-11:45 a.m.</b> Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <p><b>12:45-2:45 p.m. [LPCC]</b> Ethics and Elections (NM)* Judiciary Rm. 110(SB) Military Affairs and Domestic Security Rm. 301(SB)</p> <p><b>1:00-2:45 p.m. [LPCC]</b> Criminal Justice Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>3:00-5:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Criminal and Civil Justice Rm. 37(SB) Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 412(KB) General Government (MC)*</p> <p>Health and Human Services Rm. 110(SB) Higher Education Rm. 117(KB) Transportation and Economic Development Rm. 309(CB)</p> <p><b>5:15-6:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Education Facilities Rm. 412(KB)</p>	<p><b>9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION</b> FPCC SPCC</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <hr/> <p><b>1:00-3:00 p.m. [SPCC]</b> Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Rm. 412(KB)</p> <p>Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 110(SB) Health Policy Rm. 301(SB) Health Regulation Rm. 401(SB) Higher Education Rm. 37(SB)</p> <p><b>3:30-5:30 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Criminal and Civil Justice Rm. 37(SB) Finance and Tax Rm. 301(SB) General Government Rm. 401(SB) Health and Human Services Rm. 110(SB) Higher Education (MC)* Transportation and Economic Development Rm. 309(CB)</p> <p><b>4:00-5:30 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Education Pre-K - 12 (MC)*</p>	<p><b>9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, or upon the Call of the President</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION</b> EPCC</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <hr/> <p><b>1:00-3:00 p.m. [RPCC]</b> Agriculture Rm. 37(SB) Community Affairs Rm. 412(KB) Environmental Preservation and Conservation Rm. 401(SB) Governmental Operations Rm. 110(SB)</p> <p><b>1:15-3:00 p.m. [RPCC]</b> Communications and Public Utilities Rm. 301(SB)</p> <p><b>3:10-3:30p.m.</b> Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>3:30-3:50 p.m.</b> Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>4:00-6:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Criminal and Civil Justice (MC)* General Government Rm. 401(SB) Health and Human Services Rm. 110(SB) Higher Education Rm. 117(KB) Transportation and Economic Development Rm. 309(CB)</p> <p><b>4:30-6:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 412(KB)</p>	

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<b>SENATE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2008</b>				
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<b>MONDAY</b> MARCH 31, 2008	<b>TUESDAY</b> April 1, 2008	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 2, 2008	<b>THURSDAY</b> April 3, 2008	<b>FRIDAY</b> April 4, 2008
	<p><b>9:30-11:00 a.m. [EPCC]</b> Banking and Insurance Rm. 412(KB) Commerce Regulated Industries Rm. 401(SB) Transportation Rm. 110(SB) Rm. 37(SB)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <hr/> <p><b>1:00-2:30 p.m. [LPCC]</b> Criminal Justice Rm. 401(SB) Ethics and Elections Rm. 412(KB) Judiciary Rm. 110(SB) Military Affairs and Domestic Security Rm. 301(SB)</p> <p><b>3:30-5:00 p.m. [SPCC]</b> Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Rm. 412(KB) Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 110(SB) Health Policy Rm. 301(SB) Health Regulation Rm. 401(SB) Higher Education Rm. 37(SB)</p> <p><b>5:10-5:30 p.m.</b> Responsible Regulation Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>5:30-6:00 p.m.</b> Law and Justice Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p>	<p><b>8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon [FPCC]</b> Appropriations Committees: Criminal and Civil Justice Rm. 37(SB) Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 412(KB) Finance and Tax Rm. 301(SB) General Government Rm. 401(SB) Health and Human Services Rm. 110(SB) Higher Education Rm. 117(KB) Transportation and Economic Development Rm. 309(CB)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <hr/> <p><b>1:00-2:00 p.m. [FPCC]</b> Appropriation Committee: Education Facilities Rm. 412(KB)</p> <p><b>2:30-5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION</b> SPCC EPCC</p>	<p><b>9:00-10:30 a.m. [RPCC]</b> Agriculture Rm. 37(SB) Communications and Public Utilities Rm. 301(SB) Community Affairs Rm. 412(KB) Environmental Preservation and Conservation Rm. 401(SB) Governmental Operations Rm. 110(SB)</p> <p><b>11:00-11:15 a.m.</b> Responsible Regulation Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>11:15-11:30 a.m.</b> Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>11:30-11:45 a.m.</b> Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <p><b>11:45 a.m.-12:00 noon</b> Law and Justice Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 401(SB)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch and District Office</p> <hr/> <p><b>1:00-4:30 p.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION</b> LPCC RPCC</p> <p><b>4:30-5:00 p.m.</b> Fiscal Policy and Calendar Committee Rm. 110(SB)</p>	

## 2008 SESSION DATES

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| August   | 1, 2007  | Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81)  |
| January  | 25, 2008 | 5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills, including requests for companion bills    |
| February | 29, 2008 | 5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting final drafts of general bills, including companion bills                        |
| March    | 4, 2008  | Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), Constitution)   |
| March    | 4, 2008  | 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7)  |
| April    | 22, 2008 | 50th day—last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9)  |
| April    | 28, 2008 | All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)<br>Conference Committee Reports require only one reading (Rule 4.5) |
| May      | 2, 2008  | 60th day—last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), Constitution)                                     |

# SENATE COMMITTEE GROUPINGS

[XXXX] = Policy and Calendar Committee Initials

## A. Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar Committee [EPCC]

Banking and Insurance [EPCC]  
Commerce [EPCC]  
Regulated Industries [EPCC]  
Transportation [EPCC]

## B. Fiscal Policy and Calendar Committee [FPCC]

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations [FPCC]  
Education Facilities Appropriations [FPCC]  
Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations [FPCC]  
Finance and Tax [FPCC]  
General Government Appropriations [FPCC]  
Health and Human Services Appropriations [FPCC]  
Higher Education Appropriations [FPCC]  
Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations [FPCC]

## C. Law and Justice Policy and Calendar Committee [LPCC]

Criminal Justice [LPCC]  
Ethics and Elections [LPCC]  
Judiciary [LPCC]  
Military Affairs and Domestic Security [LPCC]

## D. Oversight and Procedural Policy and Calendar Committee [OPCC]

Joint committees and commissions [OPCC]  
Rules [OPCC]

## E. Responsible Regulation Policy and Calendar Committee [RPCC]

Agriculture [RPCC]  
Communications and Public Utilities [RPCC]  
Community Affairs [RPCC]  
Environmental Preservation and Conservation [RPCC]  
Governmental Operations [RPCC]

## F. Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee [SPCC]

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs [SPCC]  
Education Pre-K - 12 [SPCC]  
Health Policy [SPCC]  
Health Regulation [SPCC]  
Higher Education [SPCC]

# SCHEDULED MEETINGS

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008

**SESSION: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, or upon the Call of the President**

### RESPONSIBLE REGULATION POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [RPCC] GROUPING

**1:00—3:00 p.m.**

**Agriculture [RPCC]:** 1:00—3:00 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Alexander, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Carlton, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, Peaden, and Ring)*

SB 444 (CA) by Senator Bullard—Sale of Dogs and Cats/DOACS  
SB 964 (CA) by Senator Aronberg—Nicole Hornstein Act/Equine Activities  
SB 1622 (CA) by Senator Deutch—Nonprofit Cooperative Associations  
SB 2222 (CA) by the Committee on Agriculture—Florida Citrus Commission/Department of Citrus  
SB 2246 (CA) by Senator Baker and others—Land Development Regulations  
SB 2286 (CA) by Senator Dean—Florida Arborist Licensing Law  
SB 2320 (CA) by Senator Posey—Sales Tax Exemption/Ostrich Feed  
SB 2352 (CA) by Senator Aronberg and others—Urban/Residential Environments and Water

*The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.*

**Community Affairs [RPCC]:** 1:00—3:00 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Hill, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Dawson, Geller, Haridopolos, Siplin, Storms, Villalobos, and Wise)*

SB 1490 (CA) by Senator Bennett—Property Tax Exemptions/Affordable Housing  
SB 1308 (CA) by Senator Bennett—Cemeteries/Eminent Domain  
SB 1548 (CA) by Senator Saunders—Property Appraisers  
SB 798 (CA) by Senator Dean and others—Retirement/Special Risk Class  
CS/SB 706 (CA) by the Committee on Criminal Justice, Senator Baker and others—Special Risk Class Retirement Benefits  
SB 482 (CA) by Senator Garcia—Affordable Housing *(A proposed committee substitute is expected to be filed prior to the amendment deadline.)*  
SB 474 (CA) by Senator Garcia—Growth Management *(A proposed committee substitute is expected to be filed prior to the amendment deadline.)*

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**Environmental Preservation and Conservation [RPCC]:**

1:00—3:00 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Saunders, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair; Senators Dockery, Gaetz, Jones, and Justice)*

SB 542 (CA) by Senator Saunders—Land Acquisition/Florida Forever Trust Fund  
 SB 1296 (CA) by Senator Saunders—Water Management Districts  
 SB 708 (CA) by Senator Saunders and others—Desalination Technology Study  
 SB 1208 (CA) by Senator Gaetz—Water Pollution Control  
 SB 1242 (CA) by Senator Jones and others—Environmental Permitting  
 SB 2230 (CA) by Senator Aronberg—Mangrove Protection  
 CS/SB 2058 (CA) by the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security and Senator Dean—Hunter Safety Course Requirements/Military  
 SB 2394 (CA) by Senator Saunders—Protection of Springs  
 SB 2078 (CA) by Senator Oelrich—Florida Springs Stewardship Act  
 SB 326 (CA) by Senator Constantine—Vessels/Clean Ocean Act  
 SB 1094 (CA) by Senator Haridopolos and others—Gambling Vessels/Clean Ocean Act

Presentation by the Southwest Florida Water Management District on Clam Bayou restoration

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**Governmental Operations [RPCC]:** 1:00—3:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Lawson, Chair; Senator Posey, Vice Chair; Senators Dean, King, Oelrich, and Wilson)*

CS/SB 586 (CA) by the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Jones—Department of the Lottery  
 SB 1638 (CA) by the Committee on Agriculture—Pest Control Compact  
 SB 498 (CA) by Senator Bennett—Agency Inspectors General  
 SB 2310 (CA) by Senators Ring and Diaz de la Portilla—Economic Stimulus  
 CS/SB 108 (CA) by the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security, Senator Fasano and others—Service-disabled Veteran Business Enterprises  
 CS/SB 920 (CA) by the Committee on Transportation, Senator Fasano and others—Driver's License Fees  
 CS/SB 392 (CA) by the Committee on Community Affairs, Senator Storms and others—Local Govt. Transparency/Contract Information  
 SB 652 (CA) by Senator Lynn—Task Force on Workforce Safety  
 CS/SB 1684 (CA) by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, Senator Baker and others—Title Insurance  
 SB 692 (CA) by Senator Jones—Recycling  
 CS/SB 1370 (CA) by the Committee on Judiciary, the Committee on Health Regulation and others—Florida Patient Safety Corporation  
 SB 2224 (CA) by the Committee on Community Affairs—OGSR/Paratransit Services  
 SB 2318 (CA) by Senator Posey—Daylight Saving Time  
 SB 2848 (CA) by Senator Lawson—Florida Retirement System  
 SB 2660 (CA) by Senator Lawson—Historical Resources

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**1:15—3:00 p.m.****Communications and Public Utilities [RPCC]:**

1:15—3:00 p.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Aronberg, Vice Chair; Senators Atwater, Baker, Constantine, Fasano, Joyner, Lynn, and Margolis)*

CS/SB 1544 (CA) by the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation and Senator Saunders—Energy Conservation  
 SB 2256 (CA) by Senator Baker—Prepaid Telephone Calling Cards and Services

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [SPCC] GROUPING****3:10—3:30 p.m.****Social Responsibility Policy and Calendar Committee****[EPCC]:** 3:10—3:30 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:*(MEMBERS: Senator Saunders, Chair; Senators Atwater, Crist, Dawson, Gaetz, Margolis, Oelrich, Ring, Siplin, Storms, and Wilson)*

Set the Special Order Calendar

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [EPCC] GROUPING****3:30—3:50 p.m.****Economic Opportunities Policy and Calendar****Committee [EPCC]:** 3:30—3:50 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:*(MEMBERS: Senator Atwater, Chair; Senators Baker, Bullard, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, Geller, Jones, Justice, and Posey)*

Set the Special Order Calendar

**FISCAL POLICY AND  
CALENDAR COMMITTEE [FPCC] GROUPING**

**4:00—6:00 p.m.**

**Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations [FPCC]:**

4:00—6:00 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Crist, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair;  
Senators Dawson, Dean, and Villalobos)*

**(MEETING CANCELLED)**

Finalize Chairman's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2008-2009  
Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Review of Domestic Security Funding Recommendations for the  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Budget work session

Unfinished business from March 26th meeting

**General Government Appropriations [FPCC]:**

4:00—6:00 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Alexander, Chair; Senator Lawson, Vice  
Chair; Senators Aronberg, Baker, Bennett, and Jones)*

Finalize Chairman's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize proviso language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize implementing bill language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize conforming bill language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

CS/SB 2082 (CA) by the Committee on Banking and Insurance,  
Senator Bennett and others—Insurance

*The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed  
committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is  
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. All amendments must be  
in final form and barcoded when filed.*

**Health and Human Services Appropriations [FPCC]:**

4:00—6:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate  
Office Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Peadar, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair;  
Senators Gaetz, Saunders, and Wilson)*

Finalize Chairman's Proposal for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize Proviso for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize Conforming Bill Language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize Implementing Bill Language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

CS/CS/SB 2216 (CA) by the Committees on Health Regulation,  
Children, Families, and Elder Affairs and Senator Storms—Adult  
Protection and Care/DCFS

*The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed  
committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is  
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. All amendments must be  
in final form and barcoded when filed.*

**Higher Education Appropriations [FPCC]:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.,  
Room 117, Knott Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Lynn, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair;  
Senators Justice, King, and Oelrich)*

Budget work session

Discussion of budget issues in the following entities:

District Workforce  
Community Colleges  
State Universities  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
Blind Services  
Private Colleges and Universities  
Student Financial Assistance/State/Federal  
University System Board of Governors

Review and discussion of associated proviso, implementing bill, and  
conforming bill language

**Transportation and Economic Development**

**Appropriations [FPCC]:** 4:00—6:00 p.m., Verle A. Pope  
Committee Room, 309 Capitol:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Fasano, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair;  
Senators Diaz de la Portilla, Hill, and Webster)*

Finalize Chairman's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize proviso language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize implementing bill language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Finalize conforming bill language for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

**4:30—6:00 p.m.**

**Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations [FPCC]:**

4:30—6:00 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott  
Building:

*(MEMBERS: Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair;  
Senators Bullard, Constantine, Dockery, and Garcia)*

Budget work session

Discussion of budget issues in the following entities:

Public Schools  
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten  
State Board of Education

Review and discussion of associated proviso, implementing bill, and  
conforming bill language

# DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Reports of Committees
5. Motions relating to committee reference
6. Messages from the Governor and other executive communications
7. Messages from the House of Representatives
8. Matters on reconsideration
9. Consideration of Bills on Third (3rd) Reading
10. Special Order Calendars
11. Consideration of Bills on Second (2nd) Reading
12. Correction and approval of the Journal

## BILLS ON THE CALENDAR

### BILLS ON THIRD READING

#### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [SPCC] GROUPING**

#### **CS/CS/SB 526 (3R) by the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, Education Pre-K - 12 and Senator Wise—**

**Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities;** Cites this act as "Erin's Law." Provides that charter and private school students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school under certain conditions. Provides for a public school student to participate in interscholastic sports at another public school, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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#### **CS/CS/SJR 2308 (3R) by the Committees on Higher Education Appropriations, Education Pre-K - 12, Senator Carlton and others—**

**Commissioner of Education;** Proposes amendments to the State Constitution which will create an elected Commissioner of Education who will be a member of the Cabinet and will be responsible for the supervision of public education as provided by law; requires the Commissioner of Education to hold a bachelor's degree or a higher academic degree; includes the Commissioner of Education with other Cabinet members as a trustee of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, etc.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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#### **CS/SB 646 (3R) by the Committee on Health Regulation and Senator Margolis—**

**HIV and AIDS Educational Requirements;** Revises HIV and AIDS educational course requirements for certain employees and clients of the following: hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, mobile surgical facilities, nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities, certain facilities for the developmentally disabled, receiving and treatment facilities for the mentally ill, and substance abuse facilities, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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#### **CS/CS/SB 686 (3R) by the Committees on Judiciary, Health Regulation and Senator Bennett—**

**Nursing Facilities;** Provides that every nursing facility that has a standard license may develop a plan to provide training for certified nursing assistants (CNAs), and that the Agency for Health Care Administration may adopt rules regarding the approval, suspension, or termination of such CNA programs. Modifies the definition of adverse incidents for nursing homes to clarify that events reported to law enforcement "for investigation" are adverse incidents, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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#### **CS/CS/SB 696 (3R) by the Committees on Higher Education Appropriations, Higher Education, Senator Oelrich and others—**

**Community Colleges;** Authorizes community college boards of trustees to enter into short-term loans and installments, lease-purchases, and other financing contracts for a term of not more than 5 years, including renewals, extensions, refundings, and to make payments subject to an annual appropriation. Authorizes the trustees to borrow funds and incur long-term debt as specifically provided by the provisions re the workforce education postsecondary student fees, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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**CS/CS/SB 1652 (3R) by the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, Education Pre-K - 12 and the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Gaetz)—**

**Charter Schools/Charter Technical Career Centers;** Provides that charter technical career centers are subject to certain requirements in the event of a financial emergency. Provides for duties of charter school sponsors and governing boards when charter schools and charter technical career centers experience a financial weakness or a financial emergency. Requires charter schools to disclose the identity of relatives of charter school personnel, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1712 (3R) by the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, Governmental Operations, Education Pre-K - 12, the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Gaetz) and others—**

**Ethics in Education Act;** Specifies certain additional offenses that constitute a breach of the public trust. Requires the Department of Education to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures governing educator ethics and employment. Requires each district school board to adopt ethical standards for all employees, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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**CS/CS/SB 1906 (3R) by the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, Education Pre-K - 12 and Senator Gaetz—**

**Alternative Credit High School Courses;** Establishes a pilot project for awarding high school credit to students enrolled in industry certification programs. Requires that a school district submit a letter of interest by a specified date in order to participate in the pilot project. Provides for specified courses to be included as alternative credit courses. Requires the DOE to adopt passing minimum scores on approved assessments and maintain a course directory, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time and amended on March 26, 2008*

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**CS/SB 1908 (3R) by the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 and Senator Gaetz—**

**Designation of High School Grades;** Amends a provision relating to the school grading system. Provides for a revised high school grading system beginning with the 2009-2010 school year which includes the statewide standardized assessment, graduation rates, performance and participation in certain courses, postsecondary readiness as measured by certain examinations, and the change in these factors from year to year, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Read the second time on March 26, 2008*

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**SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008**

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [EPCC] GROUPING**

**CS/SB 1026 (SO) by the Committee on Governmental Operations, Senator Fasano and others—**

**Unemployment Compensation Benefits;** Authorizes the Agency for Workforce Innovation to develop a system for the payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer. Requires that commodities or services for the system be procured by competitive solicitation or from a state term contract. Requires the agency to adopt rules necessary to administer the system, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Governmental Operations and the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, reports the committee substitute favorably*

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**CS/SB 966 (SO) by the Committee on Commerce, Senator Alexander and others—**

**Automated Teller Machine Transactions;** Provides for prior electronic disclosure of any fee or surcharge applicable to completing an automated teller machine (ATM) transaction, and that the disclosure shall be in compliance with federal law. Provides that, subject to disclosure, an agreement to operate or share ATMs may not prohibit, limit, or restrict the right of owners or operators of ATMs to charge fees or surcharges to certain customers, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Commerce*

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**CS/SB 732 (SO) by the Committee on Transportation and Senator Hill—**

**Bethune-Cookman University License Plates;** Changes references from Bethune-Cookman College to Bethune-Cookman University in the statutes relating to collegiate license plates, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

*Reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Transportation*

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**SB 874 (SO) by Senator Fasano—**

**Title Loans/Regulation/Consumers;** Clarifies that the Florida Title Loan Act regulates motor vehicle title loans to consumers, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, and reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce*

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**CS/CS/SB 854 (SO) by the Committees on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, Commerce, Senator Fasano and others—**

**Unemployment Compensation/Day Laborer;** Provides that a day laborer is disqualified for benefits following loss of employment with a labor pool. Provides that the time of hire for a day laborer is upon acceptance of the first assignment with a labor pool. Requires the labor pool to provide written notice to the temporary employee regarding the availability of work and reassignment, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Commerce and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations*

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**SR 2004 (SR) by Senator Storms—**

**Swimming Pool Safety Month;** Recognizes April 2008 as "Swimming Pool Safety Month" and encourages support from the media and other organizations in advocating practices of pool safety and providing information to the public, etc.

**SR 2922 (SR) by Senator Rich—**

**State of Israel;** Recognizes the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States, the State of Florida, and Israel, etc.

**ADOPTION BY PUBLICATION**

**SR 2282 (SR) by Senator Wise and others—**

**Clay County;** Recognizes the accomplishments of the residents of Clay County since its establishment in 1858 and celebrates the County's Anniversary Celebration Day, May 10, 2008, etc.

**SR 2892 (SR) by Senator Saunders—**

**Riverdale High School Raiders Wrestling Team;** Recognizes the Riverdale High School Raiders Wrestling Team as winners of the 2008 Florida State High School Athletic Association Class A State Championship, etc.

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**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [EPCC] GROUPING**

**CS/SB 604 (2R) by the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Jones—**

**Quarter Horse Racing;** Removes provisions requiring an application to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering for a permit to conduct quarter horse race meetings. Removes provisions for granting a license to conduct quarter horse racing. Removes a provision for governance and control of quarter horse racing. Removes a requirement for intertrack wagering to be conducted by a quarter horse permitholder. Provides for a grandfather clause, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Regulated Industries*

**SB 1022 (2R) by Senator Peaden and others—**

**Health Flex Plans;** Revises eligibility for enrollment in a health flex plan. Extends the expiration date of the health flex plan program to July 1, 2013, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, and reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations*

**LAW AND JUSTICE POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [LPCC] GROUPING**

**SB 96 (2R) by Senator Aronberg—**

**Marital Assets and Liabilities;** Defines "barrier to remarriage" to mean, without limitation and not exclusively, any religious, secular, or conscientious restraint or inhibition of which the spouse is aware, which is imposed on the other spouse, and which exists by reason of the spouse's commission or withholding of any voluntary act. Authorizes the court to take into consideration the failure or refusal of one spouse to remove a barrier to the remarriage, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary*

**CS/SB 322 (2R) by the Committee on Governmental Operations, Senator Constantine and others—**

**Political Subdivision/Officer & Employee Conduct;** Specifies standards of conduct for officers and employees of entities serving as the chief administrative officer of political subdivisions. Provides for penalties to be imposed against persons other than lobbyists or public officers and employers. Provides for the Commission on Ethics to report to the Governor violations involving persons other than lobbyists or public officers and employees, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Ethics and Elections, and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Governmental Operations*



**CS/SB 656 (2R) by the Committee on Banking and Insurance and Senator Joyner—**

**Judicial and Execution Sales of Property;** Requires that before a court-ordered sale of property, the mortgagee or lienholder must serve a "Notice Regarding Requested Property Sale" to the property owner or owners which will inform the owner of the possibility of relief through the filing of a bankruptcy petition and warning against purported foreclosure "saving" schemes. Provides for an affirmative defense for failing to provide the notice, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Banking and Insurance*

**SB 1036 (2R) by Senator Lawson and others—**

**Inmate Death Notification;** Requires the Department of Corrections to include, in its rules, procedures to provide notice of the death of inmates in state correctional facilities. Prescribes the information to be provided in writing, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Criminal Justice*

**RESPONSIBLE REGULATION POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [RPCC] GROUPING**

**CS/SB 82 (2R) by the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations, Senator Fasano and others—**

**Public Library Grants/State Aid;** Revises eligibility criteria for multicounty library grants. Revises the determination for and the amount of base grants. Revises eligibility criteria, calculation, and determination for equalization grants. Limits equalization grants and amounts under specified conditions. Removes a requirement for the issuance of warrants to political subdivisions eligible for certain funding, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably, with one amendment, by the Committee on Governmental Operations and reported favorably by the Committee on Community Affairs and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations*

**SB 784 (2R) by Senator Bennett—**

**Local Telecommunications Services;** Repeals the provisions relating to procedures for seeking a stay from the Florida Public Service Commission of a price reduction for basic local telecommunications services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Communications and Public Utilities*

**SM 1454 (2R) by Senator Wilson—**

**Federal 2010 Census in Creole;** Urges the Congress of the United States to require the United States Census Bureau to make census forms for the United States Decennial Census of 2010 available in the Creole language to provide for optimal accessibility by the Haitian population of Florida and to prepare the census forms in a manner that will allow a respondent to indicate whether he or she is a Haitian national or of Haitian descent, etc.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Governmental Operations*

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**CS/SB 192 (2R) by the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation and Senator Baker—**

**State Parks;** Creates penalties for the violation of rules adopted under the provisions of state parks and preserves and for specified activities within the boundaries of a state park. Authorizes the operation of a golf cart within a state park under certain circumstances. Authorizes state employees, state park volunteers, and state park visitors to operate golf carts and utility vehicles on public roads within state park boundaries, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

*Reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation, and the Committee on Transportation reports the committee substitute favorably*

**CS/SB 1070 (2R) by the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 and Senator King—**

**Intergovernmental Cooperation;** Authorizes parties to an interlocal agreement to provide for the use or maintenance of facilities or equipment. Authorizes district school boards to perform certain functions by means of an interlocal agreement. Provides for the use of school buses for additional public purposes. Provides for reimbursement and indemnification, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

*Reported favorably by the Committee on Community Affairs and reported favorably as a committee substitute by the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 and the Committee on Education Facilities Appropriations reports the committee substitute favorably*

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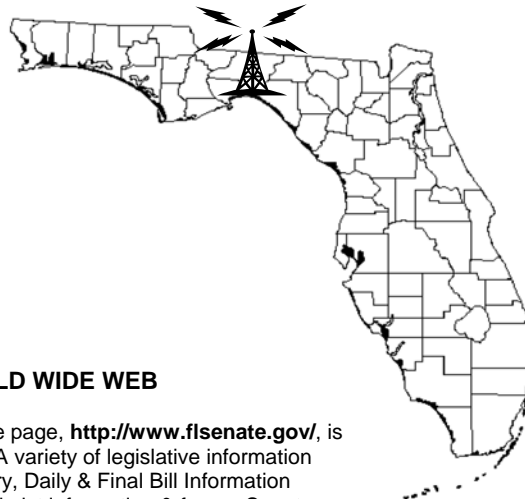
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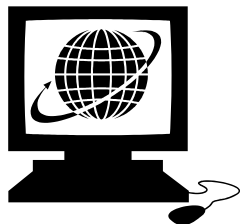
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