

Senate Interim Calendar

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Updated Wednesday, December 5, 2007
(Changes are underlined and italicized)

SENATE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 - 14, 2007 [XXXX] = Policy and Calendar Committee Initials. See page 3 for Committee Groupings (NM)* = Not Meeting and (MC)* = Meeting Cancelled				
MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2007	TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2007	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2007	THURSDAY DECEMBER 13, 2007	FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 2007
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Joint Legislative Sunset Committee (NM)*	9:00-11:30 a.m. [EPCC] Banking and Insurance (MC)* Regulated Industries Rm. 110(SB) Transportation Rm. 37(SB) 9:30-11:30 a.m. [EPCC] Commerce Rm. 401(SB)	9:00-11:30 a.m. [SPCC] 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)	9:00-11:30 a.m. [FPCC] 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)	8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Joint Workshop: Education Pre-K - 12 Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations Rm. 110(SB)
Lunch and District Office	Lunch and District Office	Lunch and District Office	Lunch and District Office	Lunch and District Office
3:00-5:00 p.m. [OPCC] Administrative Procedures Rm. 24(HB) Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations Rm. 37(SB) Legislative Auditing Committee Rm. 309(CB) Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight (NM)*	12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Legislative Budget Commission Rm. 412(KB) 2:00-4:30 p.m. [LPCC] Criminal Justice Rm. 401(SB) Ethics and Elections Rm. 412(KB) Judiciary Rm. 110(SB) Military Affairs and Domestic Security Rm. 301(SB) 5:00 p.m.-until completion of agenda Republican Caucus Old Capitol	2:00-4:30 p.m. [RPCC] 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)	1:30-6:00 p.m. Joint Workshop: Education Pre-K - 12 Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations Rm. 110(SB)	

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2007 - 2008 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2007 - Week of the 1st

November 2007 - Week of the 5th – CANCELLED

December 2007 - Week of the 10th

January 2008 - Week of the 7th

January 2008 - Week of the 22nd

February 2008 - Week of the 4th

February 2008 - Week of the 18th

2008 SESSION DATES

August	1, 2007	Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81)
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) 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]

Committee Meetings for December 10 - 14, 2007

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

OVERSIGHT AND PROCEDURAL POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [OPCC] GROUPING

3:00—5:00 p.m.

Administrative Procedures Committee [OPCC]:

3:00—5:00 p.m., Room 24, House Office Building:

(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Alternating Chair; Senators Dawson and Gaetz)

Status Report

Report on Previous Objections:

Department of Children and Family Services:

65C-20.009(3)(a)1.a. & b., Staffing Requirements
65C-20.013(5)(b)1.c. II, III, IV, Large Family Child Care Homes
65C-22.003(7)(d)3., 4., 5., Training

State Board of Education:

6A-6.040, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director
Endorsement for Private Providers.

Department of Health:

64E-2.001, Definitions

Report on the State Board of Education's English for Speakers of
Other Languages (ESOL) and ESOL-Related Rules and Unadopted
Policies

Reports and appearances

Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental

Relations [OPCC]: 3:00—5:00 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office
Building:

*(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Hill, Alternating Chair; Senators
Diaz de la Portilla, Oelrich, and Siplin)*

Opening Remarks - Senator Tony Hill, Legislative Committee on
Intergovernmental Relations' Chair

Draft Minutes from Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
Relations Meeting June 12, 2007 - Approval

Presentation of the 2007 Draft Intergovernmental Impact Report -
Kay Pelt, Legislative Analyst

Presentation of the Draft Report on the Review of Municipal
Incorporation Feasibility Studies - Chuck Hungerford, Senior
Legislative Analyst

Presentation of the Draft Report on the Review of Federal Funding
to Florida in Fiscal Year 2005 - Steve O'Cain, Senior Legislative
Analyst

Briefing on Recent Federal Activities in Washington, D.C. - Lydia
Mount, Senior Legislative Analyst

Other business

Legislative Auditing Committee [OPCC]: 3:00—5:00 p.m.,
Verle A. Pope Committee Room, 309 Capitol:

*(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Margolis, Alternating Chair; Senators
Haridopolos, Ring, Storms, and Wise)*

Organization of the Committee:

Election of Chair
Election of Alternating Chair
Adoption of Rules

Discussion and approval of the guidelines required of the Committee
pursuant to s. 11.40(6), Florida Statutes

Presentation and discussion of the Auditor General's Audit of the
Florida Atlantic University, Report No. 2008-XXX

Request by Representative David Rivera for OPPAGA to conduct a
study on whether there is a need and/or benefit for granting
prescription privileges for psychologists with post-doctoral training in
psychopharmacology

Other committee business

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [EPCC] GROUPING

9:30—11:30 a.m.

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Banking and Insurance [EPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., *Pat*
Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

MEETING CANCELLED

(MEMBERS: *Senator Posey, Chair; Senator Deutch, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Atwater, Bennett, Dawson, Gaetz, Lawson, Peadar, Storms, and Wilson*)

Status Report by the Office of Insurance Regulation on Property Insurance Rate Filings

Presentations and Discussion on Mortgage Foreclosures and Impact of Credit Restrictions on Consumers and Financial Institutions

Staff Presentations of the following Interim Project:

Open Government Sunset Review of Section 626.97411, F.S.,
Credit Scoring Methodologies (Mandatory Review Project
2008-204)

Regulated Industries [EPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., *Toni*
Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Jones, Chair; Senator Geller, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Dean, Fasano, Haridopolos, Hill, King, Rich, and Wise*)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-148 (Alternative Dispute Resolution for Homeowners' Associations)

Discussion of the Indian Gaming Compact

Transportation [EPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Baker, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Constantine, Dockery, Joyner, Margolis, Villalobos, and Webster*)

Presentation by Florida Department of Transportation regarding aggregates and alternative financing

To support the sunset review process: Presentation by Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles regarding the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Information Systems Administration

To support the sunset review process: Presentation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability on its memoranda regarding Outsourcing and Organizational Options for Motor Vehicle Titles and Registrations

Presentation by staff of Interim Project 2007-151, Enhancing Customer Services For Persons Seeking Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards

Commerce [EPCC]: 9:30—11:30 a.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Diaz de la Portilla, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Garcia, Lynn, Oelrich, Ring, Saunders, and Siplin*)

Presentations relating to the Agency Sunset Review of the Divisions of Consumer Services, Licensing, and Standards of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

Overview of the Florida Government Accountability Act and the Agency Sunset Review process
The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
The Department of Legal Affairs
The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-107 (Examination of Automobile Dealers' Documentation Fees)

12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

Legislative Budget Commission: 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m., *Pat*
Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(SENATE MEMBERS: *Senator Garcia, Chair; Senators Alexander, Carlton, Fasano, Margolis, Rich, and Wise*)

Consideration of the following budget amendments:

Executive Office of the Governor:

EOG #B2008-0373
EOG #B2008-0374

Department of Children and Family Services:

EOG #B2008-0372

Other business

LAW AND JUSTICE POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [LPCC] GROUPING

2:00—4:30 p.m.

Criminal Justice [LPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Dockery, Chair; Senator Aronberg, Vice Chair; Senators Bennett, Crist, Dawson, King, Lynn, Wilson, and Wise)

Presentation by Judge Steven Leifman, Chair, Florida Supreme Court's Subcommittee on Mental Health, on chronically mentally ill persons in our local jails and state prison system and a recommended legislative proposal for alternative financing and service delivery strategies

Presentation by Derek Zimmerman with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, on the detention of mentally ill persons charged with crimes

Presentation by Michael Thompson, Director, Justice Center, The Council of State Governments, on its Justice Reinvestment Project aimed at providing policy options to reduce spending on corrections, improve public safety and improve conditions in neighborhoods to which most people released from prison return

Presentations by the Department of Corrections on:

- The continued effect of the zero tolerance policy and absconder initiative on community supervision violators
- The challenges for state probation officers in locating appropriate housing for felony probationers convicted of sex offenses
- The initiative to resolve absconder cases by location and apprehension or determination that the offender is deceased
- The prevalence of illegal immigrants sentenced to state prison and the level of compensation by the federal government
- Trends in prison admissions, the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference Projections and the influx and absconder initiative of persons sentenced to state prison for a "year and a day"

Ethics and Elections [LPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Constantine, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Atwater, Jones, Margolis, Oelrich, Posey, and Rich)

SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING:

A public hearing for consideration of the confirmation of the below-named executive appointments to the office indicated. (All persons wishing to be heard on these appointments are requested to notify the committee administrative assistant (850-487-5828) on the day preceding the hearing.)

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Accountancy Appointee: Tipton, David C., Panama City Beach	10/31/2010
Board of Architecture and Interior Design Appointee: Gozdz, Wanda E., Ft. Pierce	10/31/2008
Florida Board of Auctioneers Appointee: Dietrich, Hugh Fred III, Orlando	10/31/2010

Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board

Appointee:
Gathright, Richard, Lake Worth 10/31/2010

Board of Chiropractic Medicine

Appointee:
Jenkins, Gene E., Jr., Tallahassee 10/31/2010

Florida Citrus Commission

Appointee:
Haycock, Michael W., Longboat Key 05/31/2010

Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Appointee:
Seay, Pamela A., Port Charlotte 10/31/2008

Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers

Appointees:
Brown, Millard "Chris" H., Parrish 10/31/2009
Czonstka, Steven J., Niceville 10/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Central Florida Community College

Appointee:
Little, Bernard L., Jr., Ocala 05/31/2011

Board of Trustees of Chipola College

Appointees:
Jones, Robert Lewis, Westville 05/31/2011
Page, Jan L., Chipley 05/31/2011
Plummer, Mark S., Bristol 05/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Daytona Beach Community College

Appointees:
Davison, William H., Ormond Beach 05/31/2011
Graham, John E., Jr., Ormond Beach 05/31/2010
Hosseini, Forough B., Ormond Beach 05/31/2011
Miles, Steven G., Ormond Beach 05/31/2011
Petrock, Joseph C., Daytona Beach 05/31/2011

Board of Trustees of Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Appointees:
Delaney, Kevin F., Jacksonville 05/31/2011
McGehee, Thomas R., Jr., Jacksonville 05/31/2011
Yates, Gwendolyn C., Jacksonville 05/31/2009

Board of Trustees of Florida Keys Community College

Appointees:
Bassett, Kimberly, Marathon 05/31/2011
Scales, Edwin A. III, Key West 05/31/2010
Slate, Spencer C., Key Largo 05/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College

Appointee:
Jurado, Rodrigo "Rod", Jr., Temple Terrace 05/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Indian River Community College

Appointees:
Kirtan, Cheryl L., Okeechobee 05/31/2010
Roberts, Jay Harold "Hal", Jr., Port St. Lucie 05/31/2010
Syfrett, Linda T., Okeechobee 05/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Lake City Community College

Appointee:
Wall, Harriet, Old Town 05/31/2010

Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter Community College

Appointee:
Morris, Timothy "Tim", Leesburg 05/31/2009

Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College

Appointees:
Gibson, Linda F., Madison 05/31/2010
Maultsby, John, Jr., Madison 05/31/2011
Padgett, Lester D., Perry 05/31/2011
Thomas, Albert, Jr., Monticello 05/31/2011

Board of Trustees of Okaloosa-Walton College		Florida Housing Finance Corporation	
Appointees:		Appointee:	
Pennington, Brian S., Shalimar	05/31/2011	Oellerich, David Ellis, Tampa	11/13/2010
Rice, Dale E., Jr., Crestview	05/31/2010		
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando Community College		Commission for Independent Education	
Appointees:		Appointees:	
Gavish, Jeanne M., Brooksville	05/31/2010	Bradley, Nancy M., Orlando	06/30/2009
Parker, Judy R., New Port Richey	05/31/2010	Mulherin, Lynn, Celebration	06/30/2008
Simpson, Wilton E., Trilby	05/31/2011	Rodgers, Judith "Judy" K., Bradenton	06/30/2008
Weightman, Thomas E., Dade City	05/31/2011		
Board of Trustees of Pensacola Community College		Florida Inland Navigation District	
Appointees:		Appointees:	
Norris, Celeste L., Gulf Breeze	05/31/2010	Colee, Donn R., Jr., Palm Beach Gardens	01/09/2011
Young, Deidre L., Pensacola	05/31/2010	Netts, Jonathan S., Palm Coast	01/09/2011
		Sansom, Jerry H., Rockledge	01/09/2011
Board of Trustees of Polk Community College		Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County	
Appointee:		Appointee:	
Littleton, Gregory A., Winter Haven	05/31/2011	Smith, Joseph A., Largo	08/11/2010
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River Community College		Board of Osteopathic Medicine	
Appointees:		Appointee:	
Roberts, William W., Palatka	05/31/2011	Burns, Ronald R., Winter Park	10/31/2010
Sloan, Preston B., Palatka	05/31/2010		
Board of Trustees of Santa Fe Community College		Board of Podiatric Medicine	
Appointee:		Appointee:	
Womack, Evelyn T., Hampton	05/31/2011	Weisman, Sherwood A., Altamonte Springs	10/31/2010
Board of Trustees of South Florida Community College		Tampa Port Authority	
Appointees:		Appointee:	
DeLatorre, Gary, Wauchula	05/31/2010	Lindell, Carl, Jr., Tampa	11/14/2010
Maenpaa, Richard Lee, Wauchula	05/31/2011		
Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College		Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board	
Appointees:		Appointee:	
Moore, Edward A., Kissimmee	05/31/2010	Rogers, Michael J., Pensacola	10/31/2010
Oliver, Lewis M. III, Orlando	05/31/2010		
Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind		Florida Real Estate Commission	
Appointees:		Appointee:	
Rojas, Maria Teresa, Coral Gables	11/13/2009	McCoig, Ralph J., Jr., Rockledge	10/31/2010
Turner, Edgar M., Pensacola	02/07/2011		
Wagner, Christopher D., Bradenton	11/19/2008	North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 3	
Weedon, Gerald W., Jacksonville	11/14/2010	Appointees:	
		Dodge, David L., Starke	10/01/2009
Board of Dentistry		Smith, Andrew P.	10/01/2009
Appointees:			
Gainey, Elmira R., Stuart	10/31/2010	Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 4	
Gesek, Daniel J., Jr., Jacksonville	10/31/2010	Appointee:	
Winker, Wade G., Eustis	10/31/2010	Williams, Thomas A.	10/01/2009
Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board			
Appointees:		Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, Region 5	
Langer, Roger E., Miami	10/31/2010	Appointees:	
Thomas, Noel H., Keystone Heights	10/31/2008	Kelly, Edward J. V, Ocala	10/01/2009
		Nowe, Clark Edward, The Villages	10/01/2009
Board of Employee Leasing Companies		Selph, Walter E., Brooksville	10/01/2009
Appointees:		Trimpert, Eugene C., Inglis	10/01/2009
Parks, Gayla L., Tallahassee	10/31/2009		
Seltzer, Marjorie "Midge", St. Petersburg	10/31/2010	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 6	
		Appointee:	
Board of Professional Engineers		O'Keefe, Daniel T., Windermere	10/01/2009
Appointees:			
Burke, John C., Jacksonville	10/31/2010	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Region 8	
Hyder, Zafar, Jacksonville	10/31/2010	Appointees:	
		Bittner, Linda Jane, Clearwater	10/01/2009
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists		Kinsler, Angeleah C., Lutz	10/01/2009
Appointee:			
Pickard, Robert E., Miami	10/31/2009	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Region 10	
		Appointee:	
Citrus County Hospital Board		Foley, Kevin J., Tequesta	10/01/2009
Appointee:			
Langer, David, Inverness	07/08/2010	Jacksonville Port Authority	
		Appointee:	
		Fowler, Lloyd Buck, Jacksonville	09/30/2011

Space Florida

Appointees:

Baker, Silas, Jr., Rockledge	06/30/2008
Ford, Kenneth, Pensacola	06/30/2008
Haiko, Kenneth J., Pompano Beach	06/30/2008
Mehta, Ravindra V., Windermere	06/30/2009
Spulak, Gary J., Coral Springs	06/30/2009

Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Appointees:

Cavendish, Michael R., Jacksonville	05/31/2011
Johns, A. J., Jacksonville	05/31/2010

Board of Veterinary Medicine

Appointees:

Dover, Henry B., Havana	10/31/2009
Maxwell, Guy Ray, Melbourne	10/31/2008

Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appointees:

Benac, Elizabeth O., Sarasota	03/01/2010
Carraway, Mac, Bradenton	03/01/2010

Northwest Hillsborough County Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appointee:

Welsh, Susan, Odessa	03/01/2010
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Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appointee:

Renfro, Chester "Chet" Lee, Pinellas Park	03/01/2010
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Withlacoochee River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appointee:

Rooks, Albert "Bo" L., Jr., Floral City	03/01/2010
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Update on the implementation of the 2007 voter-variable paper audit trail (Paper Trail) legislation by Secretary of State Kurt S. Browning/staff

Presentation of the Effect of Early Voting on Voter Turnout in Florida Elections (Project Number: 2008-124)

Judiciary [LPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Villalobos, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, Fasano, Gaetz, Geller, Ring, Saunders, and Webster)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-142 (Legal Issues and State Authority Related to Territorial Waters)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-143 (Apportionment of Fault of Nonparties in Negligence Actions)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-144 (Analysis of Cause of Action for False Light Invasion of Privacy)

Military Affairs and Domestic Security [LPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Dean, Chair; Senator Hill, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Garcia, Haridopolos, Lawson, Peaden, Siplin, and Storms)

Update on status of the Florida Uniform Port Access Credential and the federal Transportation Worker Identification Credential by Colonel William H. Janes, Director, Florida Drug Control Office

Presentation on Department of Veterans' Affairs 2008 Legislative package by RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr., Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Presentation on Florida Interoperable Network (FIN) by Linda Fuchs, Project Manager, Florida Department of Management Services

Presentation on Port Security by Tom McInerney, Special Agent in Charge of the Investigations and Forensics Program Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Presentation on Interim Project 2008-147 (Florida National Guard Equipment Readiness)

Presentation on Interim Project 2008-146 (Domestic Security-Radiation Detection Devices)

Presentation on Interim Project 2008-145 (Florida Veterans' Healthcare Facilities and Outreach Services)

5:00 p.m.—until completion of agenda

CAUCUS NOTICE: The Republican Caucus will meet at 5:00 p.m., in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol, for the purpose of selecting a President-designate for the 2008-2010 term.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [SPCC] GROUPING

9:00—11:30 a.m.

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs [SPCC]:

9:00—11:30 a.m., *Pat Thomas Committee Room*, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Storms, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Haridopolos, Hill, Lynn, Rich, and Villalobos*)

Presentation by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the implementation of the tiered Medicaid Waivers

Presentation by the Department of Children and Families on mental health services for children

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-106 (Missing Children)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-105 (False Reports of Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-206 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 63.0541, F.S., Putative Father Registry)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-205 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 409.175(16)(a), (b), F.S., Relating to Licensed Foster Parents and Foster Parent Applicants)

Education Pre-K - 12 [SPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., *Toni Jennings Committee Room*, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Carlton, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, and Wise*)

Presentation of Interim Project Report 2008-118, Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Child Abuse by District School Board Employees

Presentation of Interim Project Report 2008-120, Charter School Accountability

SB 286 (CA) by Senator Wise—Educators Teaching English/Inservice Requirements

SB 242 (CA) by Senator Wise—Schools/Single-gender Classes

SB 302 (CA) by Senator Siplin—Public School Dress Requirements

SB 292 (CA) by Senator Wilson—School Grading System

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

Health Policy [SPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

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

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-134 (Review of the Florida Statutes Relating to HIV Testing)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-133 (Review of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Waiver Program for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-214 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 409.821, F.S., Public Records Exemption for the Florida Kidcare Program)

Update on the federal reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Health Regulation [SPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: *Senator Atwater, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Aronberg, Fasano, Jones, Lawson, and Peadar*)

Overview of the regulation, quality, ownership, and reimbursement of Florida nursing homes by the Agency for Health Care Administration

Presentation by the Agency for Health Care Administration on home health agency regulatory and reimbursement issues

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-135 (Review of Regulatory Requirements for Home Health Agencies)

Status report by the Department of Health on implementation of legislation relating to the administration of influenza virus immunizations by pharmacists

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-138 (Availability of Physicians and Physicians Specialists for Hospital Emergency Services and Care)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-136 (Florida Patient Safety Corporation)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-137 (Evaluate Extension of Sovereign Immunity to Contract Health Care Providers in Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Centers)

Higher Education [SPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

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

Presentation of Interim Project Report 2008-139, Performance of State-Supported Private Postsecondary Institutions

RESPONSIBLE REGULATION POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [RPCC] GROUPING

2:00—4:30 p.m.

Agriculture [RPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

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

Presentation of the Sunset Memorandum of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability pertaining to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Presentation of the Sunset Memorandum of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability pertaining to the Department of Citrus

Presentation of the Open Government Sunset Review of Section 500.148, F.S., Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Reports and Dissemination of Information (Project Number: 2008-201)

Communications and Public Utilities [RPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

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

Presentation by Dr. Anne E. Smith, CRA International for the Florida Chamber of Commerce on the Economic Analysis of Florida's Executive Order 07-127

Presentation by Dr. Elizabeth A. Stanton, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University on Florida and Climate Change: The Costs of Inaction

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-108 (Review Process for Selection of Members of the Public Service Commission)

Community Affairs [RPCC]: 2:00—4:30 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)

Presentation by the Department of Community Affairs on its 2008 Legislative agenda

Presentation by Pierce Jones: Water, Energy and Residential Development in Florida, Program for Resource Efficient Communities, University of Florida

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-208 (Open Government Sunset Review of s. 119.0713(2), F.S., Personal Information Relating to Eligibility for Paratransit Services and for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-111 (Local Government Comprehensive Planning Certification Program)

Department of Financial Services report on submission of Annual Financial Reports by local governments

Environmental Preservation and Conservation [RPCC]:

2:00—4:30 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

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

A public hearing for consideration of the confirmation of the below-named executive appointments to the offices indicated. (All persons wishing to be heard on these appointments are requested to notify the committee administrative assistant at (850) 487-5372 on the day preceding the hearing.)

Steve Ghazvini, Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2011

Michael Timothy "Tim" Norris, Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2011

Jerome K. Pate, Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2009

Donald R. Curtis, Jr., Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2011

N. David Flagg, Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2011

Patricia M. Glass, Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/02/2009

Ronald E. Oakley, Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, TERM ENDING DATE: 03/01/2011

Staff presentation on the status of Agency Sunset Review Interim Project

Presentations by staff of the Department of Environmental Protection, Broward County and Miami-Dade County on issues concerning ocean outfalls

Presentation by St. Johns River Water Management District staff on the following:

Status of Rodman Reservoir and the Oklawaha River restoration
Status report on recent issues concerning alternative water supply and other general water supply issues within the District

Presentation by South Florida Water Management District staff on federal Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation and the implementation of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program

Governmental Operations [RPCC]: 2:00—4:30 p.m., *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

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

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-127 (Reducing Investment Management Expenses in the State of Florida Deferred Compensation Program)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-128 (Overview of Local Government Pension Plans)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-129 (Setting the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Rates for 2008-2009)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-130 (Improving Access to Public Records)

Presentation of Interim Project 2008-131 (Statute of Limitations for Administrative Actions)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

FISCAL POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [FPCC] GROUPING

9:00—11:30 a.m.

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations [FPCC]:

9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

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

Update on the Implementation of the Regional Conflict Counsels

Update on Prison Admissions and Population based on October 2007 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference (CJEC)

Presentation on the Re-Entry Work Release proposal by the Department of Corrections

Update on Inmate Transfer Issue by the Departments of Corrections and Law Enforcement

Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations [FPCC]:

9:00—11:30 a.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

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

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Enrollment and Prior Year Adjustments

Juvenile Justice Education

Florida Schools of Excellence Commission Status Update

Finance and Tax [FPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Haridopolos, Chair; Senator Deutch, Vice Chair; Senators Atwater, Geller, and Storms)

Overview of the Impacts of HB 1B (Ch. 2007-321, L.O.F.) on 2007 Property Tax Levies

General Government Appropriations [FPCC]:

9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

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

Elevator safety inspections update from the Auditor General and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Hotel and restaurant inspections update from the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Report on unlicensed activity functions performed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers water allocation update from the Department of Environmental Protection

Review of agency base budgets

Health and Human Services Appropriations [FPCC]:

9:00—11:30 a.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

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

Presentations on Interim Monitor Projects:

Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Program, Project Number 2008-360

Low Income Pool, Project Number 2008-361

KidCare Enrollment, Project Number 2008-362

Forensic Mental Health Services, Project Number 2008-363

Home and Community-based Waiver Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Project Number 2008-364

Higher Education Appropriations [FPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Room 117 Knott Building:

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

Higher Education Estimating Conference Updates

SUCCEED, Florida Grant Awards

Educator Preparation Institutes and Teacher Training

Unique and Innovative Research Initiatives

Transportation and Economic Development

Appropriations [FPCC]: 9:00—11:30 a.m., Verle A. Pope Committee Room, 309 Capitol:

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

Presentation on proposal for savings related to statewide distribution of transportation supplies

Department of Transportation update on CSX Transportation railroad initiative and related issues

Division of Emergency Management update on status of appropriations provided in Chapter 2006-71, Laws of Florida

OTHER MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

JOINT WORKSHOP

1:30—6:00 p.m.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [SPCC] GROUPING

Education Pre-K - 12 [SPCC]: 1:30—6:00 p.m., *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

(MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Carlton, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, and Wise)

WORKSHOP

This is a joint workshop with Senate Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 and Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

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Panel Discussion: The Future of Virtual Education in Florida - Questions and Answers on Expansion Issues, Funding Issues, Accountability Systems

Closing comments

FISCAL POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [FPCC] GROUPING

Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations [FPCC]:

1:30—6:00 p.m., *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

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Closing comments

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

JOINT WORKSHOP

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [SPCC] GROUPING

Education Pre-K - 12 [SPCC]: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

(MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Carlton, Deutch, Diaz de la Portilla, and Wise)

WORKSHOP

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FISCAL POLICY AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE [FPCC] GROUPING

Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations [FPCC]:

8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

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

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Closing comments

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

Workshops:

**Discussion on the Potential Successor
Program to Florida Forever**
(Senator Saunders, Chair)

8:30—10:00 a.m.
Room 117, Knott Building

Draft Springs Legislation Workshop
(Senator Saunders, Chair)

10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Room 117, Knott Building

Senate Bills Filed for the 2008 Regular Session

SB 12 by Aronberg

Relief/Alan Jerome Crotzer; Provides relief for Alan Jerome Crotzer for wrongful imprisonment. Requires the Department of Financial Services to purchase an annuity. Provides for the waiver of tuition and fees for up to a total of 120 hours of instruction at any specified career center, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 14 by Margolis

Relief/Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa/DOT; Provides relief for the estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa for her death, due to the negligence of an employee of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 16 by Crist

Relief/Kamel & Dimitri/Palm Beach Co. School Board; Provides relief for Ashraf Kamel and Marguerite Dimitri for the wrongful death of their minor child, Jean A. Pierre Kamel, as a result of the negligence of the school board, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 18 by Atwater

Relief/Laura D. Strazza/DOACS; Provides relief for Laura D. Strazza for injuries and damages she sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 20 by Hill

Relief/Stephen Hall/DOT; Provides relief for Stephen Hall for injuries and damages he sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 22 by Hill

Relief/Johnnie Mae Chappell Descendents; Directs the Division of Administrative Hearings to appoint an administrative law judge to determine whether a basis for equitable relief exists for compensating the descendents of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Chappell for any wrongful act or omission by the State of Florida. Authorizes compensation upon determination by the administrative law judge. Requires a report to the Legislature, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to Rules

SB 24 by Jones

Relief/Judge J. G. & Tena Donahey/USF; Provides relief for Judge Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., and Tena Donahey, his spouse, for damages sustained as a result of the medical treatment of Judge Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., by employees of the State of Florida. Requires funds to be paid from the Faculty Practice Plan Revenue affiliated at the University of South Florida Health Center, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 26 by Siplin

Relief/Stacie Wagner/Orange County Fire Department; Provides relief for Stacie Wagner (formerly known as Stacie Reyes), mother of decedent Angelica Hernandez, a minor, for injuries and damages sustained due to the death of her daughter as a result of the negligence of a firefighter of the Orange County Fire Department, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 28 by Aronberg

Relief/J. Rae Hoyer/Sheriff of Collier County; Provides relief for J. Rae Hoyer, individually, and as personal representative of the estate of David J. Hoyer, M.D., whose demise was due in part to negligence on the part of the Sheriff of Collier County, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 30 by Lawson

Relief/Eddie Weekley & Charlotte Williams/APD; Provides relief for Eddie Weekley and Charlotte Williams, individually and as co-personal representatives of the estate of Franklin Weekley, for the disappearance and death of their son while he was in the care of the Marianna Sunland Center, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 32 by Lawson

Relief/Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith/FSU; Provides relief for Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith, parents of Devaughn Darling, for the loss of their son while he was engaged in football training at Florida State University, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 34 by Lawson

Relief/Laura Laporte/DOACS; Provides relief for Laura Laporte for injuries and damages she sustained as a result of negligence by a grove inspector of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 36 by Joyner

Relief/Dennis & Diana Gay/DOT; Provides relief for Dennis Gay and Diana Gay for injuries and damages sustained due to the negligence of the Department of Transportation. Provides for placing specified funds in a special needs trust created for the use and benefit of Dennis Gay. Provides for reversion of funds to the state upon his death, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 38 by Deutch

Relief/J. Miller/Memorial Reg. Hosp./Broward Co.; Provides relief for Janaria Miller, a minor child, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of Memorial Healthcare System of Broward, Inc., d/b/a Memorial Regional Hospital. Provides for placing funds in a special needs trust created for the exclusive use and benefit of Janaria Miller. Provides for reversion of funds to the hospital upon her death, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 40 by Wilson

Relief/Gough/Miami-Dade Co. School Board; Provides relief for Maria Gough and Jorge Gough, parents and natural guardians of Jaime Gough, a minor, and of Jorge Gough, as personal representative of the estate of Jaime Gough, for the wrongful death of their son which was due in part to negligence of the school board, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 42 by Hill

Relief/Rhonda A. Hughes/Escambia County; Provides relief for Rhonda A. Hughes for injuries and damages she sustained as a result of the negligence of an Escambia County emergency medical technician, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 44 by Posey

Relief/Karen W. Stripling/DOE; Provides relief for Karen Stripling for damages she sustained as a result of a breach of contract by the Department of Education, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to Rules

SB 46 by Lawson

Relief/Marissa Amora/DCFS; Provides relief for Marissa Amora, a minor, by and through her legal guardians, Dawn and Rick Amora for injuries and damages she sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 48 by Aronberg

Relief/Pierreisna Archille/DCFS; Provides relief for Pierreisna Archille, a mentally disabled person, by and through her Limited Guardian of Property, Patrick Weber, for injuries and damages she sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides for placing specified funds in a special needs trust created for the exclusive use and benefit of Pierreisna Archille, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 50 by Baker

Relief/Salazar/City of Lake Worth; Provides relief for Lisa Freeman-Salazar and Andy Salazar, individually and as co-personal representatives of the estate of Alexandria Salazar, for the death of Alexandria Salazar due to the negligence of the City of Lake Worth, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 52 by Baker

Relief/Timothy & Theresa Ann Kulik/HSMV; Provides relief for Timothy and Theresa Ann Kulik for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 54 by Joyner

Relief/Daniel Decembre/Orange County School Board; Provides relief for Daniel Decembre, a minor, by and through his parents and natural guardians, Desnar and Mignone Decembre, for injuries and damages he sustained as a result of negligence by agents and employees of the school board, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 56 by Aronberg

Relief/Schneidine Theogene/Miami-Dade County; Provides relief for Schneidine Theogene, a minor, by and through her parent and natural guardian, Jeanne Coicou, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of a Miami-Dade County bus driver, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 58 by Villalobos

Relief/Luis Diaz; Provides relief for Luis Diaz for injuries and damages sustained as a result of his wrongful imprisonment. Provides conditions for payment, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 60 by Ring

Relief/Adrian Fuentes/South Broward Hospital Dist.; Provides relief for Adrian Fuentes, a minor, by and through his parents and natural guardians, Luz Fuentes and Jose Fuentes for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a Memorial Hospital Primary Care Center. Provides for payment to a special needs trust established for the care and benefit of Adrian Fuentes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 62 by Fasano

Relief/Stephenson/DOT; Provides relief for Amie Draiemann Stephenson, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Christian D. Stephenson, and her minor children, Hailey Morgan Stephenson and Christian D. Stephenson, II, for the wrongful death of Christian D. Stephenson which was due in part to the negligence of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 64 by Diaz de la Portilla

Relief/Brian Daiagi/SFWMD; Provides relief for Brian Daiagi for injuries and damages he suffered due to the negligence of the South Florida Water Management District, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 66 by Atwater

Relief/Garcia-Bengochea/DCFS; Provides relief for Jorge and Debbie Garcia-Bengochea and their adoptive children Brian, Matthew, and James for injuries sustained as a result of negligence by employees of the Department of Children and Family Services or its predecessor agency, the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to Rules

SLC 68 by Dean

Relief/Tyler Giblin/Marion County Hospital Dist.; Provides relief for Tyler Giblin, a minor, by and through his parents and legal guardians, Gina and Mark Giblin, for injuries and damages he sustained as a result of the negligence of the Marion County Hospital District. Provides for placing funds in a special needs trust created for the use and benefit of Tyler Giblin. Provides for the reversion of funds to the state upon his death, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SLC 70 by Lawson

Relief/Police & Donaldson/City of Belle Glade; Provides relief for Willie Police, III, Cora Donaldson, Willie Police, Sr., and the estate of Willie Police, Jr., for injuries and damages suffered as a result of the death of Willie Police, Jr., due to the negligence of employees of the City of Belle Glade, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills

SB 72 by Aronberg

Relief/Estrada/USF Board of Trustees; Provides relief for Daniel and Amara Estrada, individually, and as the parents and guardians of Caleb Estrada, for damages sustained as a result of negligence by employees of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/07 Filed
09/17/07 Referred to The Special Master on Claim Bills
09/24/07 Withdrawn from The Special Master on Claim Bills;
Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 74 by Geller

Documents Excise Taxes/State Housing Trust Fund; Removes a limitation on the amount of proceeds from excise taxes on documents which may be deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund on or after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax;
Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations

SB 76 by Atwater

Criminal Activity/Criminal Gangs; Prohibits the possession of bulletproof vests by felons and delinquents. Redefines "criminal street gangs" as "criminal gangs" and includes street gangs, terrorist organizations, and hate groups. Revises provisions relating to the enjoining of public nuisances to include certain places frequented by members of criminal gangs. Revises provisions regarding soliciting or causing another to join a criminal gang, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and
Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 78 by Wilson

Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day; Designates the second Monday in May as "Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day" to recognize all professionals who work with abused children and dysfunctional families. Encourages the Department of Children and Family Services, local governments, and other agencies to sponsor events promoting the awareness of the child welfare system, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;
Governmental Operations

SB 80 by Wilson

Documents Excise Tax Distribution/State Housing TF; Revises provisions governing the distribution of a portion of the proceeds of the excise tax on documents to the State Housing Trust Fund. Provides for the annual appropriation of at least 90 percent of the tax proceeds distributed to the trust fund to provide affordable housing units and other purposes for which the trust fund was created, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax;
Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations

SB 82 by Fasano

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.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Governmental Operations; Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 84 by Saunders

Outdoor Recreation/Local Govts. Project Grants; Increases up to three the number of grant applications a local government may submit to the Department of Environmental Protection under the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. Increases up to four the number of active projects expending grant funds during any state fiscal year. Increases the maximum amount, not to exceed \$500,000, of a project grant which may be awarded to a local government under the program. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

SB 86 by Baker

Sales Tax Exemption/Hurricane Preparedness Items; Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales of certain tangible personal property related to hurricane preparedness from June 1, 2008, through June 12, 2008, with exceptions being made for sales within public lodging establishments, theme parks, entertainment complexes, or airports. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 88 by Baker

School Safety/Bullying and Harassment; Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnson Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain education institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Criminal Justice; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 90 by Saunders

United States Flag Display/Local Ordinances; Designates this act as the "Florida Flies the Flag Act." Prohibits a county or municipality from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the display of a United States flag by a property owner or tenant in a respectful manner or that requires a permit or payment of a fee to authorize such display, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security

SB 92 by Villalobos

Persons Injured by Crime/Medical Treatment; Creates the "Frank Pacheco Aid to Victims Act". Provides that depriving medical treatment to a victim of a crime with intent to avoid, delay, hinder, or obstruct any investigation of criminal activity contributing to the injury is a criminal offense. Provides that felony penalties apply if a victim's medical condition worsens or deprivation of medical care contributes or results in the death of the victim, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 94 by Rich

Safety Belt Law Enforcement; Cites this act as the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law. Provides for primary enforcement of the Safety Belt Law, etc. Effective Date: 06/30/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 96 by 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.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary

SB 98 by Wilson

Testing for Infectious Diseases/Juvenile Centers; Requires each juvenile assessment center or juvenile detention facility to have a written procedure regarding the testing of juveniles for infectious diseases. Requires DOH to designate two counties having a population of 1.2 million or more and five counties having a population of fewer than 1.2 million to participate in a program to test juveniles for HIV who are referred to or who are under the supervision of DJJ, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Governmental Operations; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SJR 100 by Wilson

Clemency/Restoration of Civil Rights; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide the conditions under which fines and forfeitures may be suspended or remitted, reprieves may be granted, civil rights may be restored, and punishments may be commuted, etc.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

SB 102 by Wilson

Pub. Rec./Juveniles/Blood Test Results/DJJ; Provides an exemption from public records requirements for serologic blood test results from juveniles referred to or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: Contingent.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice;
Governmental Operations; Criminal and Civil Justice
Appropriations

SB 104 by Wilson

School Wellness and Physical Education Policies; Requires that each school district shall set school wellness and physical education policies in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. Provides policy guidelines re nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served on campuses or in the school district, etc Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Policy;
Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 106 by Fasano

FRS/Special Risk Class Credit Purchase; Authorizes law enforcement or correctional officers who have earned creditable service in the Regular Class of the FRS between July 1, 1978, and June 30, 1984, while attending a certified training academy or other certified training facility approved by the employer for certification, to purchase such service in order to upgrade prior service to Special Risk Class, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental
Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 108 by Fasano

State Contracts/Disabled Veterans Bus. Enterprises; Provides a statewide goal for each state agency or political subdivision to award specified governmental contracts to disabled veteran business enterprises. Provides for retention as a qualified disabled veteran business enterprise under specified conditions when the business is inherited or controlled by the spouse of a majority owner disabled veteran, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security;
Governmental Operations; General Government
Appropriations

SR 110 by Fasano

Disability History and Awareness Weeks; Recognizes October 1-15, 2008, as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" and encourages public schools and universities to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement, etc.

09/06/07 Filed

SB 112 by Fasano

Student Voter Education Program; Encourages each district school board and county supervisor of elections to cooperate in providing voter education to high school students who are in grade 12. The voter education program shall be in the form of a presentation and is voluntary for public and nonpublic high schools. Requires the program to provide students with the opportunity, sufficient information, and the time to submit a voter registration application, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Ethics and
Elections; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 114 by Fasano

Decorated Combat Vets/Repayment of Student Loans; Requires the Department of Education to repay student loans outstanding after a waiver has been granted to a decorated combat veteran if the loan was certified by a postsecondary institution and awarded before receipt of the combat decoration, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security;
Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 116 by Fasano

Electronic Monitoring/Lost Persons; Establishes a grant program to encourage counties to implement lifesaver programs modeled after Project Lifesaver, a search-and-rescue program designed to quickly find a lost or wandering person who is mentally impaired due to Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down syndrome, or other causes. Designates FDLE as the administrative agency. Provides for a county sheriff's office or other lead agency to submit an annual application, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;
Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice
Appropriations

SB 118 by Fasano

Qualified Blind Trusts/Public Officials; Defines "covered public official" as the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the cabinet. Requires covered public officials to place all personal investments that are in any form of property traded on a national or regional exchange into either a qualified blind trust or a publicly traded mutual fund prior to taking office, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental
Operations; Judiciary

SB 120 by Fasano

Residential Property Just Valuation; Provides an alternative methodology for deriving just valuation of residential property. Provides for retroactive application to assessments made for tax years beginning January 1, 2003, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax;
General Government Appropriations

SB 122 by Fasano

Personal Identification Information/Criminal Use; Provides an enhanced penalty for certain fraudulent uses of personal identification information concerning an individual 65 years of age or older without first obtaining the consent of the individual. Deletes fraudulent intent as an element of certain offenses involving use, possession, or creation of personal identification information, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 124 by Fasano

Aliens/Unauthorized Employment; Requires denial of agricultural land classification and assessment for a minimum period of 2-10 years for knowingly employing persons who are not authorized to work by federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States. Provides an additional civil penalty of \$25,000 for each employed unauthorized alien, etc. Effective Date: 01/01/2009.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Agriculture; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 126 by Wilson

Bishop Victor Tyrone Curry Boulevard/Miami-Dade; Designates a portion of N.W. 135th Street in Miami-Dade County as the "Bishop Victor Tyrone Curry Boulevard", etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Transportation

SB 128 by Wilson

AIDS Education Grants in Public Schools; Requires the Department of Education to award grants to public school districts to implement school-based AIDS educational activities. Requires each school district that receives a grant to file an annual report with the Department of Education, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 130 by Wilson

School-based Health Centers; Includes in the definition of "school-based health center," for purposes of the School Health Services Act, an organization that provides at least 25 hours per week of primary care services for adolescents or other school-age children for the majority of the year, primarily provides services onsite at the school, and provides other comprehensive services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SJR 132 by Wilson

Commissioner of Education/Elected Cabinet Member; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to create the office of Commissioner of Education, who will be an elected member of the Cabinet and responsible for the supervision of the free public education system in the manner prescribed by law. Deletes the power of the state board of education to appoint the Commissioner of Education, etc.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Rules

SB 134 by Wilson

Elections/Qualifying Fee for Write-in Candidates; Requires a write-in candidate who seeks to qualify for nomination or election to any office to pay a qualifying fee that is 3 percent of the annual salary for the office sought unless the person is seeking to qualify pursuant to the petition process, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 136 by Wilson

Child Care Personnel Training/Domestic Violence; Requires each child care facility to establish standards for instructing child care personnel on matters pertaining to domestic violence. Requires that the instruction include not less than 2 hours of training for new personnel and not less than 1 hour of instruction on a periodic and timely basis for experienced personnel each year thereafter, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 138 by Wilson

Imitation Firearms; Prohibits the sale of imitation firearms except for certain purposes. Provides that a person who sales, or offers for sale, an imitation firearm in this state commits a first degree misdemeanor and that any subsequent violation is a third degree felony. Defines "imitation firearm" as any toy gun, replica of a firearm, air-soft gun that fires nonmetallic projectiles, or other specified device, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Criminal Justice; Judiciary

SB 140 by Wilson

Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints on a Child; Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets, on a child during court proceedings or elsewhere in a courthouse. Provides exceptions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary

SB 142 by Wilson

Racial Profiling/Complaint Against Law Enforcement; Prescribes the responses that the Attorney General may take when a complaint alleging racial profiling is filed against a law enforcement officer or agency, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 144 by Wilson

Female Inmates Who are Parents of Minor Children; Provides legislative intent that each female inmate in the state correctional system be assigned, whenever possible, to a correctional facility that is located in close proximity to the residence of the inmate's minor children so that she can maintain contact through visitation. Requires the Department of Corrections to collect information concerning the minor children of female inmates, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary

SR 146 by Wilson

Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day; Recognizes March 13, 2008, as "Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

09/06/07 Filed

SB 148 by Wilson

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Requires that a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private provider must comprise up to 720 instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first grade. Provides that a prekindergarten program provided by a public school must comprise at least the same number of instructional hours, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 150 by Wilson

Miccosukee Tribe of Indians/State Jurisdiction; Specifies that the state's jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed within Indian reservations and over civil causes of action arising on reservations between Indians or other persons or to which Indians or other persons are parties does not apply to Indian reservations of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Judiciary

SB 152 by Wilson

Mandatory Employee Paid Sick Leave; Creates the "Healthy Workers, Healthy Families Act." Requires an employer, other than a small employer, to provide 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked. Requires a small employer to provide 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 80 hours worked. Requires the employer to provide notice to employees of sick leave accrual, guaranteed uses, and employee rights. Prohibits retaliatory action by an employer, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Health Policy; Judiciary; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 154 by Fasano

Pedestrian Safety/Driver Requirements; Requires a driver to stop at intersections with traffic control signals, or crosswalks so indicated with signage, to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Transportation

SB 156 by Garcia

Insurance Fraud/Motor Vehicles/Specialty Clinics; Prohibits an owner or operator of a motor vehicle from recovering noneconomic damages if the owner or operator cannot establish that he or she maintained proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle at the time of the accident by one of the methods specified by state law. Provides legislative findings that additional regulation of specialty health care clinics is necessary to prevent significant fraudulent practices in infusion therapy, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Regulation; General Government Appropriations

SB 158 by Wilson

Public Schools/Reading Lab for Grades 1-3; Requires each student who is entering kindergarten through third grade to be assessed in reading proficiency and, if reading below grade level, be placed into an intensive reading lab. Requires that each student be reassessed in the middle and at the end of each school year. Encourages the principal to ask for donations of funds or materials for the lab. Requires the principal to hire teachers, or secure training for teachers, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 160 by Diaz de la Portilla

Sports Franchises; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to sports franchises. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Rules

SB 162 by Crist

Veterans' In-state Tuition; Cites this act as the "Veterans' Tuition Assistance Act". Requires state universities and community colleges to waive 50 percent of the in-state tuition rate for veterans who meet certain criteria including, but not limited to, being a wartime veteran or having received an honorable discharge. Provides a cap of 110 percent on the number of required credit hours for which a tuition waiver may be received, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 164 by Crist

Insurance/Mental & Substance-related Disorders; Revises requirements for optional coverage for mental, nervous, and substance-related disorders. Revises certain benefits limitations. Provides an options application requirement, etc. Effective Date: 01/01/2009.

09/06/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; General Government Appropriations

SB 166 by Crist

Official Orchestra Designation; Provides criteria for designation as an "Official Orchestra of the State of Florida" including, but not limited to, continually performing concerts for at least 20 years preceding designation, conducting 100 performances each year, having an annual operating budget of at least \$7.5 million and periodically performing live broadcasts. Requires the Florida Arts Council to review applications, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Governmental Operations

SR 168 by Wilson

Minority Cancer Awareness Week; Recognizes April 13-19, 2008, as "Minority Cancer Awareness Week" and urges all Floridians to work with cancer-education providers, such as the American Cancer Society, to increase awareness of the disparities that minority populations face in the fight against cancer, etc.

09/06/07 Filed

SR 170 by Wilson

The Links, Incorporated; Commends the dedicated efforts and example of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, led by Margaret Thompson Johnson, in their successful campaign for the advancement and accomplishment of equitable health care policy and services for all Floridians, etc.

09/06/07 Filed

SJR 172 by Wilson

Teachers/Beginning and Average Salaries; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to require that, by 2011, the beginning salary for full-time public school teachers shall be no less than the national average beginning salary for full-time public school teachers, as provided by law. Requires that, by 2011, the average salary for full-time public school teachers shall be no less than the national average salary for full-time public school teachers, as provided by law, etc.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Rules

SB 174 by Wilson

Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations; Requires every baby born in a hospital to receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities. Provides an exception to eye examinations when parents file a written objection, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 176 by Wilson

School Nurse Services; Creates the "One School, One Nurse Act" to provide for funding of a nurse in every public school. Provides matching funds in those communities where interest in school health services is evidenced by the participation of public or private entities in the funding or delivery of school nurse services. Encourages the development of those programs that offer potential for promoting the health of students, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 178 by Wilson

Motor Vehicle Insurance/Foster Children; Directs the Department of Children and Family Services to create a 3-year pilot program in Miami-Dade County. Provides that the program reimburse foster parents, residential facilities, or foster children who live independently for a portion of the increased costs of motor vehicle insurance for a foster child who has a driver's license. Provides a formula for the amount of reimbursement to be provided, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 180 by Wilson

Teachers/Public School/Cost-of-Living Increase; Requires the Legislature to fund a cost-of-living increase in the General Appropriations Act for teachers who teach prekindergarten through grade 12 in the public school system, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 182 by Wilson

Prisoners/Sexual Barrier Protection Devices; Authorizes any nonprofit or public health care organization to distribute sexual barrier protection devices, such as condoms, to prisoners in prisons. Requires the Department of Corrections to develop a plan to properly dispose of used sexual barrier protection devices, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Policy

SB 184 by Garcia

Telecommunications Svc. Contracts/Written Consent; Prohibits certain telecommunications service companies, without the express written consent of the customer, from extending the length of a customer's telecommunications contract solely because the customer adds or removes services from the contract, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Communications and Public Utilities; Commerce

SB 186 by Alexander

University of South Florida Lakeland; Establishes the University of South Florida Lakeland campus to be operated as a separate organizational and budget entity of the University of South Florida (USF) and to operate under separate accreditation when in the best interest of the campus. Provides for a Campus Board. Provides for administration by a Campus Executive Officer who shall be appointed by, report directly to, and serve at the pleasure of the President of USF, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 188 by Fasano

Elderly or Disabled/Criminal Offenses Against; Cites this act as "The Seniors' Safety Act." Provides for reclassification of felonies committed against the elderly or disabled and for misdemeanors committed against persons 65 years of age or older. Provides for a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain thefts against persons 65 years of age or older. Provides a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain acts of exploitation against an elderly person or disabled adult, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 190 by Fasano

Small Business Health Care Insurance Assistance; Creates the Small Business Health Care Insurance Assistance Pilot Program as a statewide 2 year program to provide a one-time rebate to small businesses that provide comprehensive major medical health insurance coverage for employees. Requires employer and employee participation in certain costs. Limits authorization to provide rebates under the program pursuant to a specific appropriation, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 192 by Baker

State Park Violations; Creates penalties for the violation of rules adopted under the State Parks and Preserves Law. Provides for fines to be paid to the Department of Environmental Protection and deposited into the State Park Trust Fund. Provides for citation penalties, including up to a \$500 fine and ejection from property. Provides for second degree misdemeanor charge for failure to sign a citation, appear in court or to comply with a court order, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Transportation

SB 194 by Wilson

Students Withdrawing From School; Requires that a student who is withdrawing from school, who has not graduated, and who attains the age of 16 during the school year must be assigned a counselor or other school personnel to provide educational information until the student is 18. Requires that 9th graders, prior to the second semester, and students who are withdrawing without graduating or transferring to another school be provided certain information, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 196 by Wilson

Miami-Dade County Foster Care Pilot Program; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to develop an optional continued foster care pilot program in Miami-Dade County. Provides that the participants shall continue to receive foster care services, remain under continued court jurisdiction, and remain in his or her current foster or group home placement or another licensed foster home until he or she leaves the pilot program or reaches the age of 21 years, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 198 by Wilson

HIV Testing in Prisons; Requires the Department of Corrections to perform an HIV test on an inmate within 14 days after an inmate enters prison and to record the results in the inmate's medical record. Requires an HIV-positive inmate to participate in an education program. Provides for immunity for complying entities, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Policy; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 200 by Rich

Adoption; Provides that a homosexual is eligible to adopt a child under certain enumerated circumstances including but not limited to, if the child has resided with the person, the child's parents are deceased, and the person proposing to adopt the child is the guardian. Provides that certain provisions apply only with respect to a petition, declaration, or will or codicil that is filed or executed on or after July 1, 2008, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary

SB 202 by Lynn

DNA Testing of Mentally Incompetent Offenders; Requires persons who are charged with any offense or attempted offense including, but not limited to, sexual battery, lewdness, indecent exposure, murder, aggravated battery, or burglary, and adjudicated mentally incompetent to stand trial to submit blood or other biological samples to a testing facility designated by the Department of Law Enforcement, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 204 by Lynn

Health Insurance for Dependent Children; Revises the criteria governing mandatory coverage of a dependent child under group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies covering residents of this state. Provides for a dependent child to make a written election to extend coverage or restore previously terminated coverage. Provides guidelines for extended coverage and limitations on additional premiums, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; Governmental Operations

SB 206 by Lynn

Construction Licensing Exemptions; Provides that the exemption from construction licensing provided to property owners, and mobile home owners situated on a leased lot, also applies to an owner's guardian or attorney in fact. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Regulated Industries; Judiciary

SR 208 by Wilson

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Recognizes the commitment of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to community service and expresses special appreciation for their service in the State of Florida.

09/06/07 Filed

SR 210 by Wilson

STOP Day/April 18, 2008; Realizes the importance of stopping violence in schools and recognizes April 18, 2008, as "STOP Day" in the State of Florida.

09/06/07 Filed

SB 212 by Wilson

HIV Testing/County Detention Facilities/Inmates; Requires the Department of Health to designate two counties having a population of 1.2 million or more and five counties having a population of fewer than 1.2 million to participate in a program to test each inmate in county detention facilities for HIV before release, if the inmate's HIV status is unknown, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/06/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Policy; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 214 by Fasano

Disability History and Awareness Pilot Project; Creates the Pilot Project for Disability History and Awareness. Provides that during Disability History and Awareness Weeks, each public school in Hillsborough, Leon, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties shall provide instruction in disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement and shall strive to raise disability awareness, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/07/07 Filed
10/05/07 Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 216 by Fasano

State Procurement Advisory Committee; Establishes the Advisory Committee on State Procurement for the purpose of evaluating the entire state procurement process, and carrying out the policy of the Legislature. Provides that it is the policy of the Legislature to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the procurement of goods, services, and facilities by and for the executive branch of state government. Requires state agency cooperation with the committee, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/07/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 218 by Wise

Firefighter & Municipal Police Pensions; Revises provisions relating to the board of trustees of the firefighters' pension trust fund and the municipal police officers trust fund. Defines "firefighter" to clarify that certified supervisory and command personnel are covered by the firefighter pension plans and that part-time and auxiliary employees are not included in these plans. Describes the boundaries of a special fire control district, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/11/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Operations; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 220 by Wise

Change of Name/Petition; Requires that a person filing a petition for change of name submit fingerprints for a state and national criminal history records check before the court hearing on the petition. Provides exceptions for those seeking to restore a former name and those seeking to change names in connection with adoptions and dissolutions of marriages. Provides procedures for the taking and submission of fingerprints, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/11/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 222 by Wise

License Plates/County/State Motto/Sunshine State; Requires counties to offer license plates with county name, state motto, or term "Sunshine State" printed on the plate, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/11/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 224 by Fasano

Luring or Enticing a Child; Increases the age limit of a victim from under the age of 12 to under the age of 18 with regard to the criminal offense of luring or enticing a child, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/11/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 226 by Rich

Social Worker Identification; Defines "social worker" to mean any person who has a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in social work. Prohibits a social worker from conducting clinical social work unless licensed or certified by the Department of Health. Provides requirements, penalties, and exemptions for using the title "social worker." Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/11/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Higher Education; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 228 by Baker

Sales Tax on Rent; Provides that the tax levied on rent or license fees charged for the use or occupancy of real property may not be assessed against any portion of the rent or license fee attributable to the payment of property taxes, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/12/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 230 by Baker

State Symbol/Florida Cracker Horse (Marshstackie); Designates the Florida Cracker Horse (Marshstackie) as the official state horse. Provides for repeal on July 1, 2018, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature before that date, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/12/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Agriculture; Governmental Operations

SB 232 by Fasano

Developmental Disabilities Institutions; Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to give written notice to the Governor and Cabinet, each resident of the developmental disabilities institution, the resident's guardian, and any other authorized individual if it proposes to close or reduce by more than 10 percent, the resident population of an institution. Requires the Governor and Cabinet to give notice and hold a public hearing on any such proposal, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 234 by Wise

Governor's School for Science and Technology; Establishes the school within the Florida K-20 public education system with administrative offices in the Department of Education. Provides advanced educational classes in the areas of science, mathematics, engineering, and technology in a residential setting for qualified students who are selected through a statewide application and qualification system, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 236 by Wise

Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Creates the Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to recommend procedures to administer licensing and permitting of interpreter professionals which the Department of Business and Professional Development shall adopt by rule. Provides grounds for board recommendation of revocation or suspension of license or permit or other disciplinary action, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Regulated Industries; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 238 by Wise

Charter Schools; Provides for the extension of Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) beyond 60 months to up to 96 calendar months for certain charter school instructional personnel in grades prekindergarten through 12. Provides that eligibility for participation requires authorization from the governing board of the school. Authorizes charter school instructional personnel employed in grades prekindergarten through 12 to participate in the DROP extension, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Operations; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 240 by Wise

Workforce Education Grant Program; Creates the Workforce Education Grant Program (WEG Program) to be administered by the Department of Education (DOE). Requires a grant be issued by DOE to any student who meets the residency requirements and is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a nonpublic higher educational institution and is seeking an associate or higher degree that leads to employment in occupations consistent with the workforce needs, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 242 by Wise

Schools/Single-gender Classes; Authorizes district school boards to establish and maintain a school, class, or program limited to pupils of a single-gender if the school district makes available a coeducational and other gender school, class, or program that has substantially equal academic standards. Provides that participation is voluntary, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary

SB 244 by Wilson

Statewide Educational Assessment Program; Requires that the Commissioner of Education receive input as to the statewide educational assessment program from a minimum of two persons recommended by the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and from a minimum of two persons recommended by the Americans with Disabilities Working Group. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12

SB 246 by Wilson

Restoration of Civil Rights Act/Former Felons; This act is contingent on passage of an amendment to the State Constitution which authorizes or removes impediments to enactment of this act. Provides for automatic restoration of a former felon's civil rights other than the right to own, possess, or use firearms, following completion of his or her sentence of incarceration and community supervision. Provides conditions for and exemptions from automatic restoration, etc. Effective Date: Contingent.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Criminal Justice; Judiciary

SB 248 by Wilson

Juvenile Sentencing; Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of both sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to file a written report with the sentencing court if the DJJ believes the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Requires the DJJ to notify the court no later than 30 days before it discharges a child from a sanction, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 250 by Wilson

Criminal History Records/Expunction and Sealing; Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to notify the appropriate clerk of the court, the state attorney or statewide prosecutor, the county, and the arresting agency of any criminal history records of minors which are expunged. Requires the arresting agency, the county, and the department to notify those entities that received the criminal records information, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 252 by Wilson

Compulsory School Attendance/Age Requirement; Changes the ending age for compulsory school attendance from 16 years to 18 years, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 254 by Wilson

School Progression/Retention/Reading Proficiency; Removes the requirement for alternative placement of a student who has been retained two or more years from the comprehensive program for student progression. Eliminates the guidelines for allocating school district remedial and supplemental instruction resources. Eliminates mandatory retention of a student who is not reading at grade level by grade three, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 256 by Wilson

Council on the Social Status of Black Men & Boys; Transfers the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys from the Department of Legal Affairs to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Transfers administrative support and staffing for the council from the Office of Attorney General to DCFS, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
10/02/07 Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 258 by Wilson**Corporate Income Tax Credits/Nonprofit Educ. Orgs.;**

Provides for tax credits for contributions to eligible nonprofit educational-improvement organizations. Requires such organization to spend 100 percent of any eligible contribution it receives to establish scholarships to eligible students in the same year the contribution was received and that no portion of the contribution may be used for administrative expenses, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 260 by Wilson

Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement; Provides legislative intent that children who have not attained the age of eligibility for kindergarten, and who are under the jurisdiction of a circuit court due to a documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, receive first priority for placement in a Gold Seal Quality Care facility, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 262 by Wilson

Indigent Care/Hospital Reimbursement; Authorizes a county hospital or a hospital district to request reimbursement of reasonable and necessary costs of care incurred for an indigent from the county where that indigent is a resident. Requires the county of residency to reimburse the county or county hospital district within 60 days after the date of the request, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 264 by Wilson**Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children;**

Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to perform a study of the effectiveness of the Kidcare outreach program for uninsured children. Requires OPPAGA to consult with the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services and other interested entities that would provide experiences and perspectives when conducting the report, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 266 by Wilson

Cellular Telephones/Use in a Motor Vehicle; Prohibits the use of a cellular phone while dialing, sending a call, texting, listening, or speaking while operating a motor vehicle without using a headset or hands-free device. Exempts the use for safety or by law enforcement if approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/14/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Transportation; Communications and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 268 by Villalobos

Truth in Government Act/Legislature; Requires any person who addresses a legislative committee to take an oath or affirmation of truthfulness. Excludes members of the general public who are not registered lobbyist or paid to appear and minors who are determined to understand the duty to tell the truth from such requirement. Authorizes the use of a signed appearance form in lieu of an oral oath or affirmation prior to addressing the committee, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Rules

SM 270 by Wilson

Haitians/Temporary Protective Status; Urges the Congress of the United States to support revisions of federal immigration policies in order to provide Temporary Protective Status for Haitians fleeing their home country because of political, religious, and other recognized persecution, etc.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary

SB 272 by Aronberg

Street Gang Prevention/Civil Causes of Action; Provides for recovery of reasonably incurred costs of investigation and litigation relating to civil causes of action under the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 1996. Authorizes the state, including any of its agencies, instrumentalities, subdivisions, or municipalities to bring a civil action against any person or organization if it proves by clear and convincing evidence that it has been injured by reason of a violation of the act, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary

SB 274 by Dean

POW-MIA Flag/State Parks; Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to display, year-round, the POW-MIA flag at state parks displaying the United States flag, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; General Government Appropriations

SB 276 by Rich

Food Donation by Public Food Service Establishment; Designates this act as the "Florida Restaurant Lending a Helping Hand Act." Amends provisions regarding liability for canned or perishable food distributed free of charge. Expands the definition of "perishable food" to include foods that have been prepared at licensed public food service establishments, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Regulated Industries; Judiciary

SB 278 by Rich

Ocean Lifeguards/Assault or Battery; Defines "ocean lifeguard" as a lifeguard employed along the coastal or intracoastal beaches and shores of the state to help prevent injury or drowning of persons. Provides enhanced penalties for an assault or battery on an ocean lifeguard while he or she is engaged in the lawful performance of his or her duties, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 280 by Lynn

Religious-exempt Child Care Programs; Cites this act as the "Zaniyah Hinson Act." Allows child care programs or weekday preschool programs that qualify as religious-exempt child care programs to choose to be exempt from the requirements for child care licensing or to be licensed voluntarily. Provides that if programs choose to be exempt they must meet statutory screening requirements and display a certificate of compliance issued by an accrediting agency, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Commerce; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 282 by Lynn

Drivers' License Restrictions/Person Under 18 Yrs.; Restricts the operation of a motor vehicle by a person who has not attained the age of 18 years during the first 6 months after the date of his or her licensure. Provides that, thereafter, until attaining 18 years of age, he or she shall not operate a motor vehicle with more than three passengers in the vehicle who have not attained 18 years of age. Provides for secondary enforcement, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice

SB 284 by Wise

Technical Colleges; Redesignates "technical centers" as "technical colleges," etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 286 by Wise

Educators Teaching English/Inservice Requirements; Requires that educators of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) have inservice requirements that will ensure a conducive learning environment and the use of appropriate teaching strategies for students with limited English. Requires that primary English instructors have 300 inservice hours or the equivalent, that instructors in basic subject areas have 60 inservice hours or the equivalent, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SM 288 by Aronberg

Home Health Services/Increase Federal Funding; Urges the Congress of the United States to increase federal financial assistance for home health services for elderly patients when it is determined that a patient is in need of such services. Urges the Congress to establish federal guideline requirements for students and schools that train certified nurse assistants and home health aides, etc.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Regulation

SB 290 by Geller

Electronic Gaming Machines; Provides definition for "video lottery game," "video lottery terminal," "video lottery terminal vendor," "net terminal income," and "video lottery retailer." Provides for the Department of the Lottery to adopt procedures by rule for testing and evaluating video lottery terminals for compliance with State Lotteries law. Prohibits persons younger than 21 years of age from playing video lottery games, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 292 by Wilson

School Grading System; Removes letter grades from the performance grade categories by which schools must be identified in the Commissioner of Education's annual report of the results of the statewide assessment program, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/19/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 294 by Fasano

FRS/Special Risk Class; Redefines "compensation" to include supplementary payments made to firefighters, paramedics, or EMTs for successful completion of employer-approved educational training or for additional job-related duties and responsibilities. Redefines "average final compensation" with respect to members of the Special Risk Class as the average of the 3 highest fiscal years of compensation for creditable service, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 296 by Fasano

Bingo/Electronic Verification of Numbers; Authorizes verification of numbers drawn at bingo games by electronics or other technology in lieu of vocal verification. Revises the definition of "organization" to include chambers of commerce. Exempts chambers of commerce from the prohibition on conducting drawings by chance. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Regulated Industries

SB 298 by Crist

Blind Children/Literacy Education; Requires that instruction in braille be part of the individualized education program for a child who is blind or visually impaired based on an evaluation of the child. Requires the evaluation to be based on reading and writing skills and needs and of appropriate reading and writing media, including, but not limited to, an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in braille, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 300 by Crist

Service of Process; Increases the fees charged by the sheriff in civil cases for service of process from \$20 to \$40. Exempts the state and its agencies from increased fees. Deletes a prohibition on additional fees for alias and pluries documents when service was not affected on the original document in the county of original request by that sheriff, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 302 by Siplin

Public School Dress Requirements; Prohibits students from wearing and exposing below-waist underwear in a specified manner while on the grounds of a public school, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12

SB 304 by Aronberg

Corporations Not for Profit; Revises provisions relating to the Corporations Not for Profit law, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 306 by Garcia

Motor Vehicle Insurers/Homeowners' Insurance; Expands a prohibition against insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance unless certain circumstances are met related to writing homeowners' insurance policies in this state, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/24/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance

SB 308 by Constantine

Energy Conservation; Revises provisions authorizing the use of solar collectors and includes condominiums in such provisions. Revises provisions relating to rebates provided under the Solar Energy System Incentives Program. Revises provisions relating to the renewable energy source property tax exemption, the sales tax exemption on equipment, machinery, and other materials for renewable energy technologies, and the renewable energy production tax credit, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications and Public Utilities; Governmental Operations; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 310 by Constantine

Biomass Energy Production; Establishes the Farm-to-Fuel Grants Program within the DOACS to provide matching grants for bioenergy projects. Allows grants for research, demonstration, or commercialization projects relating to the production of bioenergy or feedstocks used in bioenergy production. Requires the DOACS to consult with the DEP, the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, and other experts when evaluating applications, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications and Public Utilities; Agriculture; General Government Appropriations

SB 312 by Constantine

Sustainable Standards for State Buildings; Provides that buildings and equipment owned or leased by the state meet energy-efficiency and sustainable-materials standards. Requires specified state buildings to meet the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system or another nationally recognized, high-performance sustainable building rating system as approved by the Department of Management Services, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 314 by Constantine

Renewable Energy Technologies Tax Credits; Revises provisions relating to the renewable energy source exemption for improved real property. Prohibits granting an exemption if a renewable energy source device is installed before July 1, 2008. Specifies that items identified by the Department of Environmental Protection as being eligible for a sales tax exemption on equipment, machinery, and other materials for renewable energy technologies are limited to only one refund, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications and Public Utilities; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 316 by Constantine

Biodiesel and Ethanol Fuels/State Fleet Usage; Establishes standards for the purchase of biodiesel fuel for use in state-owned diesel vehicles and equipment and for the purchase of ethanol for use in state-owned flex-fuel vehicles. Provides that the Dept. of Management Services will provide administrative services and report to the Legislature the extent of biodiesel and ethanol use. Establishes standards for the purchase of biodiesel fuel by school district transportation services, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

SB 318 by Constantine

Exceptional Students with Disabilities/Cost; Provides that educational services to an exceptional student with a disability who receives such services in a school district other than his or her assigned school district is the responsibility of the school district where the parent resides, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 320 by Constantine

University Fees/Undergraduate Tuition Differential; Modifies the criteria for establishing a uniform maximum undergraduate tuition differential for universities that have research contracts, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 322 by Constantine

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.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Operations

SB 324 by Constantine

Gift Certificates; Revises expiration dates for gift certificates. Clarifies the term "gift certificate" to exclude discount or promotional coupons or tickets to specified theme parks or entertainment complexes and permanent exhibitions or recreational activities within such theme parks or entertainment complexes, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; General Government Appropriations

SB 326 by Constantine

Vessels/Clean Ocean Act; Requires that owners or operators of certain vessels operating in coastal waters register with the Department of Environmental Regulation (DEP) prior to entering the marine waters of the state. Requires ports to establish procedures for the release of certain substances from vessels at port facilities and such procedures shall include a process for the verification of the contents released, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Regulated Industries; General Government Appropriations

SB 328 by Aronberg

Video Voyeurism; Provides that it is a third-degree felony for persons 18 years of age or older who are responsible for the welfare of a child younger than 16 years of age to commit the offense of video voyeurism, video voyeurism dissemination, or commercial video voyeurism dissemination against that child. Provides that it is a third-degree felony for persons 18 years of age or older who are employed at schools to commit such offenses against a student, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 330 by Aronberg

State Excise Tax/Casualty Insurance Premiums; Provides that a municipality that has entered into an interlocal agreement to provide police protection services to another incorporated municipality, in its entirety, is eligible to receive the premium taxes reported for the other municipality if it notifies the Department of Management Services Division of Retirement, and for as long as the interlocal agreement is in effect, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/25/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Operations; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations

SB 332 by Saunders

Construction Liens/Notices of Commencement; Requires that if a direct contract for construction is greater than \$2,500, a notice of commencement must be recorded before a building permit can be issued. Requires that notices of commencement be accepted in electronic format and be in a searchable format on the Internet for public use, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs

SB 334 by Saunders

Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians; Revises provisions governing licensure by endorsement of pharmacists. Provides for the registration of pharmacy technicians and revises applicable general regulatory provisions. Requires the Board of Pharmacy to maintain a current directory of registered pharmacy technicians which must be published on the Internet, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

09/25/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 336 by Saunders

Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs/Complaint Review Boards; Extends the right to a complaint review board to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2008.

09/25/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Governmental Operations

SB 338 by Saunders

Officers' Rights in Disciplinary Proceedings; Provides for imposing a fine not to exceed \$10,000 against the person, that person's employing agency, or both for each violation of a law enforcement or correctional officers' rights in disciplinary proceedings, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/25/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Governmental Operations; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 340 by Lynn

Controlled Substances List/Schedule I; Includes Salvia divinorum and Salvinorin A on the list of controlled substances in Schedule I, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/26/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 342 by Lynn

Candidates for Public Office/Qualifying Fee; Authorizes a candidate to pay a pro rata portion of the qualifying fee if a candidate obtains at least 50 percent, but less than 100 percent, of the required number of signatures set forth in the provisions governing the petition process for persons seeking to qualify for office, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/26/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 344 by Ring

Sports Coaches/Youth Athletic Teams/Screening; Requires any person who is a sports coach of an independent youth athletic team to meet level 2 background screening requirements. Requires each sanctioning authority to sign an affidavit annually, under penalty of perjury, stating that all sports coaches under its jurisdiction have been screened or are newly hired and awaiting the results of required screening, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 346 by Ring

Sure Futures Postgraduate Scholarship Program; Creates the Sure Futures Postgraduate Scholarship Program to match private-sector businesses with students who are seeking advanced degrees and employment. Provides for a better-educated workforce by offering students greater access to advanced degrees and to recruit and retain the best and brightest graduate students by offering them comprehensive financial assistance and employment, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Higher Education; Commerce; Finance and Tax; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 348 by Ring

Stalking; Redefines "harass," "credible threat," and "cyberstalk." Defines "electronic communication" and "electronic communication device." Defines "immediate family" as spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed

10/15/07 Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 350 by Ring

Repeat Sexual Offenders/Electronic Monitoring; Requires that a person designated as a repeat sexual offender be electronically monitored for the duration of the person's supervision following conditional release. Requires that a sexual predator or repeat sexual offender be monitored by an electronic monitoring system meeting certain designated specifications following release on probation, community control, or conditional release, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed

11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SR 352 by Ring

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; Recognizes May 2008 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month." States that Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, etc.

09/27/07 Filed

SB 354 by Ring

Online Dating Safety; Defines "Florida Member" and "online dating service provider" or "provider." Requires online dating service providers to offer Florida members a safety awareness notification containing, at a minimum, information that increases the awareness of safer dating practices. Requires online dating service providers to display on their home page a link directing Florida members to the safety awareness notification page, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Commerce; Criminal Justice

SB 356 by Ring

Pub. Rec./Donor Info./Pub. Buildings or Facilities; Creates an exemption from public records requirements for information that identifies a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned building or facility if the donor desires to remain anonymous. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Higher Education; Governmental Operations; Rules

SB 358 by Fasano

Biomedical Research/Botanical Drugs; Provides the legislative intent to support biomedical research conducted by an independent biomedical organization for the purpose of combating chronic and infectious diseases and gaining a better understanding of the human immune system. Funds the development of botanical drugs recognized by the federal Food and Drug Administration and derived from a patented polyphenylpropenoid polysaccharide complex (PPC), etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Health Policy; Commerce; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 360 by Fasano

Community Redevelopment Areas/Ad Valorem Taxes; Authorizes a county or municipality to use ad valorem tax revenues to provide law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency medical services within a community redevelopment area, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax

SCR 362 by Margolis

Equal Rights for Men and Women; Ratifies the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution relating to equal rights for men and women, etc.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Judiciary; Rules

SB 364 by Margolis

Cystic Fibrosis Treatment/Insurance Coverage; Requires that group health insurance policies, HMO contracts, and out-of-state groups cover services needed to treat cystic fibrosis which are authorized by a physician and are medically necessary. Provides that the policy holder or contract subscriber may be held responsible by the insurer or HMO for any deductibles or copayments, etc. Effective Date: 01/01/2009.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; General Government Appropriations

SB 366 by Margolis

Elderly Persons & Disabled Adults/Abuse & Neglect; Reclassifies the offense of aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony. Requires certified law enforcement officers to complete training in identifying and investigating elder abuse and neglect before June 30, 2011, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 368 by Oelrich

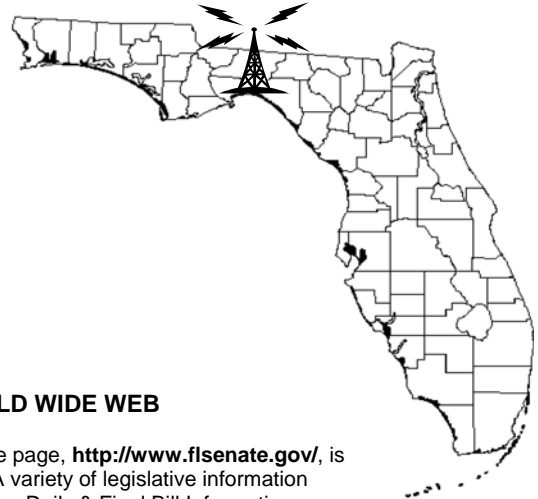
Collective Bargaining Impasse/Legislative Body; Specifies that for resolution of a collective bargaining impasse, the sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, and clerk of the circuit court shall each be deemed to be the legislative body for their respective employees, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

09/27/07 Filed
11/28/07 Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations

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