

Senate Interim Calendar

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*Revised Wednesday, January 14, 2009
(Changes are underlined and italicized)*

SENATE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12-16, 2009				
(NM)* = Not Meeting and (MC)* = Meeting Cancelled				
MONDAY January 12, 2009	TUESDAY January 13, 2009	WEDNESDAY January 14, 2009	THURSDAY January 15, 2009	FRIDAY January 16, 2009
	Lunch and District Office	Lunch and District Office	8:30-9:15 a.m. Joint Administrative Procedures (MC)* Joint Legislative Auditing (MC)* Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight Rm. 401(SB)	
	1:00-3:15 p.m. (Group I) Agriculture Rm. 37(SB) Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities Rm. 301(SB) Community Affairs Rm. 412(KB) Environmental Preservation and Conservation Rm. 401(SB)	1:00-3:15 p.m. (Group II) Banking and Insurance Rm. 412(KB) Commerce Rm. 401(SB) Regulated Industries Rm. 110(SB) Transportation Rm. 37(SB)	9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon (Group IV) Education Pre-K - 12 Rm. 301(SB) Ethics and Elections (MC)* Governmental Oversight and Accountability Rm. 110(SB)	
	3:30-6:00 p.m. Select Committee on Florida's Economy Rm. 412(KB)	3:30-6:00 p.m. (Group III) Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Rm. 401(SB) Criminal Justice Rm. 37(SB) Health Regulation Rm. 412(KB) Higher Education Rm. 301(SB) Judiciary Rm. 110(SB)	Military Affairs and Domestic Security Rm. 37(SB)	
			Lunch and District Office	

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2008 - 2009 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

December 2008 - Week of the 8th: *Regular Meetings*

December 2008 - Week of the 15th: *Appropriations Meetings*

January 2009 - Week of the 5th: *Regular Meetings* CANCELLED
(Interim meetings for this week are cancelled due to special session)

January 2009 - Week of the 12th: *Regular Meetings*

February 2009 - Week of the 2nd: *Regular Meetings*

February 2009 - Week of the 9th: *Appropriations Meetings*

February 2009 - Week of the 16th: *Regular Meetings*

2009 SESSION DATES

August	1, 2008	Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
January	23, 2009	5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, <u>including requests for companion bills</u>
February	27, 2009	5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, <u>including companion bills</u>
March	3, 2009	Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), Constitution)
March	3, 2009	12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
April	21, 2009	50th day—last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(3))
April	27, 2009	All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8) Conference Committee Reports require only one reading (Rule 4.5(1)) Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4 (2)(b))
May	1, 2009	60th day—last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), Constitution)

SENATE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

[XXXX] = Policy and Steering Committee Initials

A. Policy and Steering Committee on Commerce and Industry [CPSC]

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

B. Policy and Steering Committee on Energy, Environment, and Land Use [EPSC]

Agriculture [EPSC]
Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities [EPSC]
Community Affairs [EPSC]
Environmental Preservation and Conservation [EPSC]

C. Policy and Steering Committee on Governmental Operations [GPSC]

Ethics and Elections [GPSC]
Governmental Oversight and Accountability [GPSC]
Military Affairs and Domestic Security [GPSC]
Reapportionment [GPSC]

D. Policy and Steering Committee on Social Responsibility [SPSC]

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs [SPSC]
Criminal Justice [SPSC]
Education Pre-K - 12 [SPSC]
Health Regulation [SPSC]
Higher Education [SPSC]
Judiciary [SPSC]

E. Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means [WPSC]

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

F. Committee on Rules

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations
Joint Legislative Auditing Committee
Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight
Joint Legislative Sunset Committee
Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

G. Joint Legislative Budget Commission

H. Select Committee on Florida's Economy

Committee Meetings for January 13 - 15, 2009

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

1:00—3:15 p.m.

Agriculture [EPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Dean, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Baker, and Peaden)

Consideration of proposed committee letter regarding pending rules before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on soil fumigants

Interim Project 101 (Animal Shelter Related Facilities) presentation and consideration of proposed committee bill:

SPB 7006 (CA)—Animal Shelter-related Facilities

Mandatory Review 2009-201 (Agency Sunset Review Update of the Department of Citrus) Presentation

Monitor Project 2009-401 (The Use of Casuarina Cunninghamiana (variety of Australian Pine) as a Windbreak to Slow the Spread of Citrus Canker Disease in Commercial Citrus Groves) Presentation

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Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities [EPSC]:

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

(MEMBERS: Senator King, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Fasano, Gelber, Haridopolos, Oelrich, Pruitt, Richter, and Smith)

Presentation by Tim Devlin, Director, Economic Regulation Division of the Florida Public Service Commission on the Regulatory Compact and Ratemaking

Presentation by Jeffrey Lyash, President and CEO, Progress Energy Florida or designee on Nuclear Power Projects

Community Affairs [EPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:*

(MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Deutch, Garcia, Gardiner, Hill, Ring, Storms, and Wise)

Overview of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation by Steve Auger, Executive Director

Presentation by the Department of Community Affairs on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Mandatory Review 2009-205 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 119.071(5)(c), F.S., Public Records Exemption for information that would identify or help locate a child, or the parents or guardian of a child that is participating in a government-sponsored recreation program or camp) Presentation

Mandatory Review 2009-206 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 73.0155, F.S., Business Information Provided by a Business Owner to a Governmental Condemning Authority for the Purpose of Making an Offer of Business Damages) Presentation

Environmental Preservation and Conservation [EPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Constantine, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Dockery, Jones, and Rich)

Mandatory Review 2009-208 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 253.034(6), F.S., Department of Environmental Protection, Sale of Surplus Lands) Presentation

Presentation of Department of Environmental Protection legislative priorities by Secretary Mike Sole

Presentation of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission legislative priorities by Executive Director Ken Haddad

Presentation by the five water management districts on their individual project priorities and budget situations

Presentation by the South Florida Water Management District on the current status of the proposed acquisition of U.S. Sugar lands

The committee will also take public testimony for the purpose of identifying environmental priorities that may need to be addressed during the 2009 Regular Session

3:30—6:00 p.m.

Select Committee on Florida's Economy: 3:30—6:00 p.m., *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:*

(MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Gelber, Haridopolos, Hill, King, Pruitt, Richter, and Sobel)

Panel presentation on what state and local government should stop doing, start doing, or do differently to promote economic recovery by Allan Bense, incoming Vice Chairman, Enterprise Florida; Susan Story, Chair, Council of 100; and Marshall Criser, III, Chairman, Florida Chamber of Commerce

Presentation on Florida's economic and tax incentive programs: What should be changed to make Florida more resilient and competitive in a recessionary economy by Dr. Dale Brill, Director of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, Office of the Governor

Presentation of status report from the Committee's economic advisory and research team by Dr. Rick Harper, Director of Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development

Workshop discussion of priorities for Florida's use of Federal Economic Stimulus Funds

Announcement of Select Committee workshop schedule by the Chair

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

1:00—3:15 p.m.

Banking and Insurance [CPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Fasano, Lawson, Ring, Storms, and Villalobos)

Opening comments by the Chair

Presentations by affected parties on implementing the requirements necessary to comply with the provisions of the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (S.A.F.E.)

Issue Brief 2009-301 (Status of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund) Presentation including an explanation of the status and implications of the Tower Hill petition for rule variance

Presentation on the Cover Florida health insurance pilot project

Commerce [CPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Gelber, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Detert, Justice, Lynn, Oelrich, Peadar, Rich, and Sobel)

Presentation by The Scripps Research Institute, Florida Campus (TSRI)

Mandatory Review 2009-204 (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 288.9551, F.S., Scripps Florida Funding Corporation) Presentation

Discussion of options offered in Interim Project Report 2009-107: Review of OTTED's Oversight of the Innovation Incentive Grant Program

Discussion of options offered in Interim Project Report 2009-106: Review of the Retained Spring Training Franchise Incentive Program

Regulated Industries [CPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Jones, Chair; Senator Deutch, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Hill, King, and Wise)

Presentation by Leo DiBenigno, Secretary of Lottery regarding the operation and issues affecting the department

Presentation by Charles W. Drago, Secretary Designate of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation regarding the operation and issues affecting the department

Interim Project 2009-125 (Review of Elevator Safety and Regulation) Presentation

Interim Project 2009-124 (Review of the Florida Construction Lien Law) Presentation

Transportation [CPSC]: 1:00—3:15 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Gardiner, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Baker, Constantine, Dockery, Haridopolos, Joyner, and Siplin)

Consideration of proposed committee bill:

SPB 7014 (CA)—Department of Transportation

Consideration of proposed committee bill:

SPB 7012 (CA)—Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Project 217 - Agency Sunset Review Update of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles):

SPB 7010 (CA)—Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

Mandatory Review 2009-216 (Open Government Review of Section 119.0712(2), F.S., Personal Information Contained in Motor Vehicle Records) Presentation

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3:30—6:00 p.m.

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs [SPSC]:

3:30—6:00 p.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Storms, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Garcia, Hill, Justice, and Wise)

Agency presentation: The Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement

Interim Project 2009-105 (Review of The Baker Act) Presentation

Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Project 202 - Open Government Sunset Review Regarding Noncustodial Parents Owing Past Due Child Support):

SPB 7002 (CA)—OGSR/Insurance Claim Data Exchange Information

Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Project 203 - Open Government Sunset Review of Section 125.901, F.S., Children's Service Councils and Juvenile Welfare Boards):

SPB 7004 (CA)—OGSR/Children's Services Council or Related Entity

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

Criminal Justice [SPSC]: 3:30—6:00 p.m., Room 37, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Dockery, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Dean, Deutch, King, Siplin, and Villalobos)

Presentation by the Office of the Attorney General on recent gang-related prosecutions and other developments

Presentation by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on its statutorily mandated study on the effectiveness of suspending a person's driver's license for non-driving related underlying violations

Presentation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability on a research memorandum dated December 16, 2008 relating to prison capacity and early release

Presentation by the Division of Economic and Demographic Research on the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference's trends and projections

General introduction and presentations on new initiatives and expected legislative proposals from public defenders and state attorneys

Presentation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on its proposal relating to the DNA data base

Interim Issue Brief 2009-311 (An Examination of the National Movement Toward Collecting DNA Samples From Arrestees) Presentation

SB 236 (CA) by Senator Dean—Utility Services/Unlawful Use/Controlled Substance

SB 320 (CA) by Senator Crist—Sexual Offenders and Predators

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

Health Regulation [SPSC]: 3:30—6:00 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Aronberg, Bennett, Gardiner, Jones, and Lawson)

Status report on implementation of an online organ and tissue donor registry and educational program

Status report on implementation of CS/HB 7083 relating to fraud and abuse in home health care

Presentation by the Department of Health of the 2008 Florida Physician Workforce Annual Report

Status report on implementation of the health access dental license

Overview of the Agency for Health Care Administration's initiatives relating to electronic health records and electronic health information exchange

Higher Education [SPSC]: 3:30—6:00 p.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Oelrich, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Lynn, and Pruitt)

Interim Mandatory Review 2009-213 (Open Government Sunset Review of Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Inc.) Presentation

Judiciary [SPSC]: 3:30—6:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Constantine, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Fasano, Gelber, Haridopolos, Peaden, Richter, and Ring)

Presentation on how courts are being affected by and responding to the growth in mortgage foreclosure filings

Presentation on the Justice Administrative Commission and on implementation of 2007 law creating criminal conflict and civil regional counsel administratively assigned to the commission

Presentation by the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers - Overview Priorities

Presentation by the Florida Public Defender Association - Overview and Priorities

Presentation by the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association - Overview and Priorities

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

8:30—9:15 a.m.

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee:

8:30—9:15 a.m., Room 301, Senate Office Building:

(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Joyner, Chair; Senators Dean and Villalobos)

(HOUSE MEMBERS: Representative Schenck, Alternating Chair; Representatives Gibson A. and O'Toole)

(MEETING CANCELLED)

Presentation on the Role of the Committee

Amendment of Committee Rules

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

Reports and Appearances

Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight:

8:30—9:15 a.m., Room 401, Senate Office Building:

(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Siplin, Chair; Senators Oelrich and Richter)

(HOUSE MEMBERS: Representative Snyder, Alternating Chair; Representatives Hudson and Sachs)

Opening Remarks by the Chair

Introduction and Comments from the Senators and House Members of the Committee

Introduction of Professional Staff

Presentation by the South Florida Water Management District on the current status of the proposed acquisition of U.S. Sugar lands.

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee: 8:30—9:15 a.m., 309 Capitol:

(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Diaz de la Portilla, Alternating Chair; Senators Bullard, Gardiner, Ring, and Wise)

(HOUSE MEMBERS: Representative Coley, Alternating Chair; Representatives Abruzzo, McBurney, Randolph, and Schultz)

(MEETING CANCELLED)

Organization of Committee

Election of Chair

Election of Alternating Chair

Adoption of Rules

Introduction of Staff

Discussion of Committee Responsibilities

Presentation by David W. Martin, CPA, Auditor General

Presentation by Gary VanLandingham, Ph.D., Director, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)

Other Committee Business

9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Education Pre-K - 12 [SPSC]: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, Room 301, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Detert, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Constantine, Gaetz, Sobel, Storms, and Wise)

Workshop for Discussion of Charter Schools and Educational Scholarship Programs

Ethics and Elections [GPSC]: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Alexander, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Diaz de la Portilla, Fasano, Gardiner, Joyner, Rich, and Richter)

(MEETING CANCELLED)

Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Project 2009-209):

SPB 7008 (CA)—OGSR/Campaign Finance Reports

SB 252 (CA) by Senator Constantine—Local Government/Code of Ethics

Presentation by Kurt Browning, Secretary of State

Presentation by Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

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Governmental Oversight and Accountability [GPSC]:

9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:*

(MEMBERS: Senator Haridopolos, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Dean, Jones, King, Lawson, and Ring)

General Overview of Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Interim Issue Brief 2009-324: (Setting the 2009-2010 Employer Contribution Rates for the Florida Retirement System) Presentation

Interim Mandatory Review 2009-211: (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 257.38, F.S., a Public Record Exemption for Donated Manuscripts and Archival Material) Presentation

Interim Mandatory Review 2009-210: (Open Government Sunset Review of Section 119.071(4)(a)2., F.S., a Public Records Exemption for Social Security Numbers) Presentation

Interim Issue Brief 2009-325: (General Public Records Exemption for Trade Secrets) Presentation

Interim Issue Brief 2009-329: (Agency Use of Alternate Contract Sources) Presentation

Presentation from the State Board of Administration regarding Florida Retirement System Trust Fund

Military Affairs and Domestic Security [GPSC]:

9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, Room 37, Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Aronberg, Chair; Senator Oelrich, Vice Chair; Senators Bennett, Deutch, Hill, Lynn, Peadar, and Villalobos)

Consideration of proposed committee bill (Interim Mandatory Review 215 - Open Government Sunset Review of Section 119.071(3)(c), F.S., Building Plans, Blueprints, and Schematic Drawings of an Attraction and Recreation Facility, Entertainment or Resort Complex, Industrial Complex, and Other Developments held by an Agency):

SPB 7000 (CA)—OGSR/Building Plans, Blueprints Held by an Agency

Presentation on Florida's Domestic Security Strategic Plan, the Domestic Security Oversight Council, Regional Domestic Security Task Forces, and Urban Area Initiatives

Presentation on the Florida Division of Emergency Management, including legislative priorities, and budget impacts

Presentation of Interim Project 2009-122: Florida Seaport Security

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

Senate Bills Filed for the 2009 Regular Session

SB 12 by Haridopolos

Relief/Pierreisna Archille/DCFS; Compensates Pierreisna Archille, a mentally disabled person, by and through Darlene Archille, Limited Guardian of Property for Pierreisna Archille, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides a limitation on the payment of attorney's fees, lobbying fees, costs, and other similar expenses relating to the claim, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 14 by Aronberg

Relief/J. Rae Hoyer/Collier Co. Sheriff's Office; Compensates J. Rae Hoyer, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of David J. Hoyer, M.D., deceased, whose demise was due in part to the negligence of the Sheriff of Collier County. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 16 by Dean

Relief/Doretta Spurway/HSMV; Compensates Doretta Spurway for injuries she sustained as result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 18 by Crist

Relief/Kamel & Dimitri/Palm Beach Co. School Board; Compensates 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 Palm Beach County School Board. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 20 by Baker

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

08/01/08 Filed

SB 22 by Fasano

Relief/Stephenson/DOT; Compensates Amie Draiemann Stephenson, individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christian Darby Stephenson, deceased, and for the relief of Hailey Morgan Stephenson and Christian Darby Stephenson, II, as surviving minor children of the decedent for the wrongful death of Christian Darby Stephenson, which was due in part to the negligence of the Department of Transportation, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 24 by Lawson

Relief/Eddie Weekley/Charlotte Williams/APD; Compensates Eddie Weekley and Charlotte Williams, individually and as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Franklin Weekley, their deceased son, for the disappearance and death of their son while he was in the care of the Marianna Sunland Center, currently operated by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of negligence of the Department of Children and Family Services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 26 by Lawson

Relief/Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith/FSU; Provides an appropriation to Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith, parents of Devaughn Darling, for the loss of their son, while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University campus. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 28 by Aronberg

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

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 30 by Hill

Relief/Sheila & John Forehand/City of Jacksonville; Compensates Sheila and John Forehand for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Jacksonville. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 32 by Hill

Relief/Pena/City of Hialeah; Compensates Jose Pena, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carmen Pena, deceased, and individually, as surviving father of Katherine Pena and Richard Pena, deceased minor children of Carmen Pena and Jose Pena, and Johannes Pena, surviving son of Carmen Pena and Jose Pena, by the City of Hialeah for the death of Carmen Pena, Katherine Pena, and Richard Pena as a result of the negligence of the City of Hialeah, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 34 by Hill

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

08/01/08 Filed

SB 36 by Haridopolos

Relief/Stephen Hall/DOT; Compensates Stephen Hall for injuries and damages sustained as result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Transportation. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 38 by Baker

Relief/Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa/DOT; Compensates the Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa for Dr. Aversa's death as result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation. Provides for attorney's fees and costs. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 40 by Pruitt

Relief/Angela Isham/City of Ft. Lauderdale; Compensates Angela Isham, individually, and as co-personal representative of the Estate of David Isham, deceased, for the death of Mr. Isham which was due to the negligence of employees of the City of Ft. Lauderdale. Provides for attorney's fees and costs. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 42 by Fasano

Relief/Joseph G. & Tena Donahey/USF; Compensates Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., and Tena Donahey, his spouse, for injuries received by Joseph Donahey, Jr., and for damages sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Donahey as a result of the medical treatment of Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., provided by employees of the University of South Florida. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 44 by Deutch

Relief/Larry Bostic/Dept. of Financial Services; Compensates Larry Bostic for wrongful imprisonment and for being a victim of a miscarriage of justice. Directs the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant. Requires the purchase of an annuity. Provides for the waiver of specified tuition and fees. Provides for the waiver of fees and premiums for enrollment in the state health insurance plan. Provides conditions for payment. Prohibits the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed
12/24/08 Withdrawn prior to introduction

SLC 46 by Ring

Relief/Raul Otero/South Broward Hospital District; Compensates Raul Otero for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of Memorial Regional Hospital. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 48 by Aronberg

Relief/Cristina Alvarez & George Patnode/DOH; Compensates Cristina Alvarez and George Patnode for the death of their son, Nicholas Patnode, a minor, due to the negligence of the Department of Health. Provides for the repayment of Medicaid liens. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 50 by Rich

Relief/Pandrea/North Broward Hospital District; Compensates Charles Pandrea, husband of Janet Pandrea, for the death of Janet Pandrea as a result of the negligence of the North Broward Hospital District. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 52 by Pruitt

Relief/Eric Brody/Broward County Sheriff's Office; Compensates Eric Brody for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 54 by Siplin

Relief/Donna Sofka/Polk County; Compensates Donna Sofka for injuries suffered as a result of the negligence of Polk County. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 56 by Rich

Relief/Madonna & Reyna Castillo/City of Hialeah; Compensates Reyna Castillo, individually and as the natural guardian of Madonna Castillo, and Madonna Castillo, a minor, for injuries sustained by Madonna as a result of the negligence of the City of Hialeah. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 58 by Pruitt

Relief/Garcia-Bengochea/DCFS; Compensates Jorge and Debbie Garcia-Bengochea and their adoptive children, Brian, Matthew, and James, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of negligence by employees of the Department of Children and Family Services or its predecessor agency. Provides legislative intent with respect to ratification of terms of the parties' settlement agreement and waiver of lien interests held by the state, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 60 by Rich

Relief/Ronald Miller/City of Hollywood; Compensates Ronald Miller for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the City of Hollywood. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 62 by Haridopolos

Relief/Angela Sozzani/DCFS; Compensates Angela Sozzani, by and through her next friend, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Family Services. Provides for the reversion of funds. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 64 by Lawson

Relief/Karen W. Stripling/DOE; Compensates Karen W. Stripling for damages sustained as a result of a breach of contract by the Department of Education. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SLC 66 by Lawson

Relief/Hoffman & Weiss/City of Tallahassee; Compensates Irving Hoffman and Marjorie Weiss, parents of Rachel Hoffman, individually and as co-personal representatives of the Estate of Rachel Hoffman, for the wrongful death of Rachel Hoffman, which was allegedly due to the negligence of the Tallahassee Police Department. Provides a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

08/01/08 Filed

SB 68 by Aronberg

Nicole Hornstein Act/Equine Activities; Requires a child younger than a specified age to wear a helmet when riding an equine in certain locations. Provides requirements for helmets. Requires a person renting or leasing an equine for riding by a child younger than a specified age to provide a helmet if the child does not have a helmet. Prohibits a parent or guardian of a child younger than a specified age from authorizing or permitting the child to engage in certain conduct, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Agriculture; Transportation; Judiciary; General Government Appropriations

SB 70 by Aronberg

School Nurses/Epinephrine Auto-injectors; Provides that a district school board may authorize a school nurse to maintain supplies of prefilled epinephrine auto-injectors at schools in the school district. Provides requirements for prescriptions. Authorizes use for emergency treatment, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SR 72 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.

12/02/08 Filed

SB 74 by Wilson

Use of the Term Illegal Alien; Prohibits the term's use by a state agency or official in an official document of the state. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary

SB 76 by Wilson

Juvenile Records; Requires each clerk of court to submit information concerning juvenile arrest records to the Department of Law Enforcement. Revises the criteria for disseminating criminal justice information. Provides for agents of the Department of Juvenile Justice to administer oaths and affirmations. Requires that fingerprints and photographs be taken from certain juveniles for use in investigating other violations of law, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 78 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. Conforms provisions to changes made by the act. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 80 by Wilson

School Progression & Retention/Reading Proficiency; Revises the components of school district student progression programs. Eliminates guidelines for allocating resources for school district remedial and supplemental instruction. Eliminates mandatory retention requirements for certain students in grade three. Eliminates midyear promotion. Eliminates standards for exemption from mandatory retention. Revises guidelines for remedial reading instruction and intervention strategies, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 82 by Wilson

Compulsory School Attendance/Age Requirement; Changes the ending age for mandatory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 84 by Wilson

Juveniles/Sentencing; Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of juvenile and adult sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to file a written report with the court if the department believes that the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Authorizes the court to order that the child attain appropriate educational goals, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 86 by Wilson

Criminal Records/Expunction/Sealing; Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to notify certain specified agencies of the criminal records of a minor which are expunged. Requires the arresting agency, the county, and the department to notify those entities that received the criminal records information. Prohibits certain criminal records from being expunged. Prohibits certain criminal records from being sealed, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 88 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 the Blind and from a minimum of two persons recommended by the Americans with Disabilities Working Group. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SR 90 by Wilson

STOP Day/Stopping Violence in Schools; Recognizes April 17, 2009, as "STOP Day" in the State of Florida.

12/02/08 Filed

SB 92 by Wilson

Students Withdrawing from School; Requires that a student who is withdrawing from school be assigned a counselor or other school personnel to provide educational information until the student is 18 years old. Requires 9th graders and students who are withdrawing from school to receive instruction about the effects of withdrawing from high school and certain available options. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 94 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. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SR 96 by Wilson

Minority Cancer Awareness Week; Recognizes the week of April 12-18, 2009, as "Minority Cancer Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.

12/02/08 Filed

SB 98 by Wilson

Public Schools/Reading Lab for Grades 1-3; Requires that certain students who are enrolled in a public elementary school and reading below grade level be placed into an intensive reading lab. Specifies criteria for such a reading lab. Provides for oversight of the progress of students assigned to a lab. Requires the principal of a public school where students in grades 1 through 3 are enrolled to create, by hiring or training, a team of teachers having expertise in specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 100 by Wilson

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Revises the number of instructional hours that are required for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private kindergarten provider and by a public school. Revises the number of instructional hours that are required in order for a student in a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a public school or a private prekindergarten provider to be considered a full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary Pre-K Education Program. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SR 102 by Wilson

Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day; Recognizes March 12, 2009, as "Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

12/02/08 Filed

SB 104 by Wilson

Inmates/Female Parents of Minor Children; Provides legislative findings and intent with respect to the importance of a female inmate maintaining a relationship with her minor child. Requires the Department of Corrections analyze the institutional assignment of each female inmate who is a parent and determine the inmate's proximity to her minor child. Requires that a female inmate be assigned to a facility as near as possible to her minor child, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 106 by Wilson

Racial Profiling/Complaint Against Law Enforcement; Prescribes responses that the Attorney General may take upon the filing of a complaint alleging racial profiling against a law enforcement officer or agency. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 108 by Wilson

Restraints/Use During Juvenile Proceedings; Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint on a child during court proceedings or elsewhere in a courthouse. Provides specified exceptions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 110 by Bullard

Community Redevelopment/Blighted Areas; Expands the definition of the term "blighted area" to include land previously used as a military facility. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 112 by Bullard

Cell Phone Use/Operating Vehicles in School Zones; Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone. Provides an enhanced penalty. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 114 by Justice

Contaminated Property/Notification; Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to provide notice to certain property owners within a 1-mile radius of contaminated property. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Education Pre-K - 12; General Government Appropriations

SB 116 by Justice

Contributions/Electioneering Communication Orgs.; Limits the amount of contributions to electioneering communication organizations to a specified amount per person or committee. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary

SB 118 by Constantine

Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal; Creates the Wekiva Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Compliance Grant Program in the Department of Health. Authorizes low-income property owners in certain areas of the Wekiva basin to apply for grants to improve onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems. Requires the grant to be a rebate of costs incurred. Requires continued evaluation of nitrogen levels due to onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 120 by Constantine

Deferred Presentment Transactions; Provides that any deferred presentment transaction entered into by a drawer with a nonexempt person who is not registered under the Money Services Businesses law is void. Provides penalties and civil remedies. Provides that it is a felony of the third degree to collect on any deferred presentment transaction known to be void. Provides criminal penalties. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 122 by Constantine

Exceptional Students with a Disability; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and residential facilities licensed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to notify certain school districts following the placement of an exceptional student in a private residential care facility. Requires review of the student's individual educational plan. Provides for determining responsibility for educational instruction, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 124 by Constantine

Lake Jesup Restoration; Requires the DEP, the St. Johns River WMD, the FWC, and the City of Sanford to develop a plan concerning the progress of the FWC's project to restore aquatic habitats in Lake Jesup. Provides that the acquisition of a site to dispose of muck from the project is a conservation and restoration acquisition under the Florida Forever program. Encourages state agencies to help fund the removal of muck from Lake Jesup, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; General Government Appropriations

SB 126 by Dockery

Children and Vulnerable Adults/Records; Requires that the case file of a child under the supervision or in the custody of the DCFS be maintained in a complete and accurate manner. Specifies who has access to the case file and records in the file. Limits the public-records exemption provided for reports relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation to personally identifying information in the reports, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/02/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;
Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and
Accountability; Health and Human Services
Appropriations

SB 128 by Bullard

Major Disasters/Cash, Food and Shelter Assistance; Requires the DCFS, to the extent permitted by federal law, to expedite application procedures for persons who reside in an area damaged by a major disaster and who apply for temporary cash assistance. Authorizes the Governor to employ such measures and give such directions to certain specified agencies as are necessary for the purpose of addressing the needs for immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;
Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Health and
Human Services Appropriations

SB 130 by Bullard

Barriers/Highways, Canals, or Bodies of Water; Requires limited access facilities that are adjacent to a canal or other water body to have a system of guardrails, retention cables, or other barriers between the highway and the canal or water body. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish certain standards governing the installation and maintenance of the barriers. Requires that barriers be installed for existing highways by a specified date. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs;
Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations

SB 132 by Bullard

Motorsports Entertainment Complexes; Requires that a specified sum be distributed monthly to an applicant for certification as a motorsports entertainment complex, beginning a specified period after certification. Requires that the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development screen applicants for state funding and certify applicants as motorsports entertainment complexes. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to perform an audit for certain purposes, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Community Affairs; Finance
and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations
12/31/08 Withdrawn from Commerce; Community Affairs;
Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic
Development Appropriations; Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 134 by Bullard

Bicycle Safety; Revises safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that must be worn by certain riders and passengers. Provides for enforcement of requirements for bicycle lighting equipment. Provides penalties for violations. Provides for dismissal of the charge following a first offense. Effective Date: 10/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice;
Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations
12/31/08 Withdrawn from Transportation; Criminal Justice;
Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations;
Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 136 by Bullard

Gifts/Candidates, Officers, and State Employees; Deletes a limitation on the amount of time that a gift accepted on behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization may be retained. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

SB 138 by Bullard

Culpable Negligence/Assault Weapons; Cites this act as the "Officer Jose Somohano Assault Weapons Act." Prohibits storing or leaving an assault weapon within the reach or easy access of another person if the person obtains the weapon and uses it to inflict injury or death. Provides criminal penalties. Conforms provisions of the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and
Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 140 by Bullard

Concealed Weapon or Firearm Licensure; Revises conditions precedent to the issuance of a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm. Revises conditions under which a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm is suspended or revoked and under which an application for such license is denied or the processing thereof suspended. Makes technical corrections. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Criminal Justice; General
Government Appropriations

SB 142 by Bullard

Debtors and Creditors; Requires lenders or creditors to verify the identity of persons applying for a loan, credit card, or extension of credit. Provides that knowing and willful use of personal identifying information of another individual creates a rebuttable presumption. Provides for the forfeiture of any future indebtedness for failure to verify an applicant's identity. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary

SB 144 by Bullard

Beach Safety; Expands the beach safety program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection to apply to certain private beaches. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

SB 146 by Bullard

School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills; Requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having completed a class in swimming life skills conducted by a certified instructor. Provides for certain exemptions from the requirement, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 148 by Aronberg

Mangrove Protection; Expands the penalty previously applicable to violations involving mangrove trimming or alteration to apply to any violation under the Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act. Provides that the act does not authorize trimming on uninhabited islands or lands that are publicly owned or set aside for conservation or mitigation except under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

SB 150 by Aronberg

Department of Transportation/Leases; Prohibits the department for a specified period from entering into an agreement with a private entity to lease an existing transportation facility. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SM 152 by Aronberg

Home Health Services/Increase Federal Funding; Urges the Congress of the United States to increase federal funding for home health services for the elderly.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation

SB 154 by Ring

Vaccines Containing Mercury Compounds/Regulation; Creates the "Vaccine Safety Act." Prohibits the sale, purchase, manufacture, delivery, importation, administration, and distribution of vaccines containing organic or inorganic mercury compounds in excess of a certain amount. Effective Date: 07/01/2010.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 156 by Ring

Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions/Accreditation; Requires that a licensed independent postsecondary educational institution notify the Commission for Independent Education of changes in its accreditation status. Requires that institutions become accredited within a specified period after licensure. Requires that the commission revoke the license or authorization of an institution that does not meet requirements concerning accreditation, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Higher Education; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 158 by Ring

Student Financial Assistance; Creates the Sure Futures Postgraduate Scholarship Program. Requires that a participating student who graduates with an advanced degree remain employed by his or her sponsor in this state for a specified period. Requires that a prorated portion of the scholarship convert to a low-interest loan under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Higher Education; Commerce; Finance and Tax; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 160 by Ring

Sports Coaches/Criminal History Screening; Requires the sanctioning authority of an independent youth athletic team to screen any person who is a sports coach of an independent youth athletic team. Requires the sanctioning authority to screen the sports coach through the designated public websites of the Department of Law Enforcement and the United States Department of Justice, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 162 by Ring

Electronic Health Records; Expands access to a patient's medical records to facilitate the electronic exchange of data between certain health care facilities, practitioners, and providers and attending physicians. Creates the "Florida eHealth Initiative Act." Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to award and monitor grants to certain health information organizations, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 164 by Ring

Offenses Against Computer Users/Spyware; Provides that whoever willfully, knowingly, and without authorization introduces any computer contaminant, including spyware, into any computer, computer system, computer program, or computer network commits an offense against computer users, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Provides enhanced criminal penalties under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 166 by Ring

Pub. Rec./Donors' Identification/Public Buildings; 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 of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. Provides a statement of public necessity. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Higher Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

SB 168 by Joyner

Florida Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking; Creates within the Executive Office of the Governor the Florida Statewide Task Force on Human Trafficking. Requires that the task force prepare a final report by a specified date. Provides duties of the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Higher Education; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 170 by Joyner

Mary B. Hooks Act/Breast Cancer Treatment; Amends certain provisions including lymph node dissections under provisions prescribing the length of hospital stay relating to a mastectomy and the outpatient postsurgical followup care that specified health insurers and HMOs must cover. Limits application. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Regulation; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 172 by Wilson

Heather's Law/Cellular Telephone Use in Vehicles; Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle except when using a headset or hands-free device. Provides exemptions. Provides a penalty. Provides for enforcement only as a secondary offense. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 174 by Wilson

Infectious Disease Testing/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 the DJJ to designate certain counties, if approved by the county's governing body, to participate in a program to test each juvenile for HIV who is referred to or who is under the supervision of the department, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 176 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 of the exemption. Provides a statement of necessity. Effective Date: Contingent.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 178 by Wilson

AIDS Education Grants/Public School Districts; Requires the DOE to award grants to public school districts to implement schools-based AIDS educational activities. Provides for the grant awards to be made from funds appropriated by the Legislature. Specifies requirements for grant proposals by school districts. Requires that the DOE consider specified factors in awarding grants. Requires each school district that receives a grant to file an annual report with the DOE. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SR 180 by Wilson

The Links, Incorporated; Commends the Links, Incorporated, for its work in Florida.

12/03/08 Filed

SR 182 by Wilson

Internet Sexual Solicitation of Youth; Encourages the education of parents and children regarding the dangers of sexual solicitation and the abuse of youth.

12/03/08 Filed

SB 184 by Wilson

HIV Testing/County Detention Facilities/Inmates; Requires the DOH to designate certain counties, if approved by the county's governing body, to participate in a program to test each inmate for HIV before the inmate is released if the inmate's HIV status is unknown. Requires that certain county detention facilities notify the DOH and the county health department in the county where the inmate plans to reside following release if the inmate is HIV positive, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 186 by Wilson

HIV Testing in Prisons; Requires the Department of Corrections to perform an HIV test upon inmates upon entry into prison. Requires the department to record the results of an inmate's HIV test in his or her medical record. Requires an HIV-positive inmate to participate in an education program regarding HIV. Provides that the state and its agencies, subdivisions, and employees are not liable for the death or personal injury of an inmate arising from compliance, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 188 by Wilson

State Inmates/Sexual Barrier Protection Devices; Authorizes a nonprofit or public health care organization to distribute sexual barrier protection devices to inmates in the state correctional system. Requires the Department of Corrections to develop a plan to properly dispose of used sexual barrier protection devices. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 190 by Wilson

School-based Health Centers; Defines the term "school-based health center" for purposes of the School Health Services Act. Provides that such a center is a health care entity acting as an instrumentality of the state for purposes of certain limitations on liability. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 192 by Wilson

Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations; Requires certain eye examinations for all infants born in hospitals in the state. Revises an exception to the applicability of certain requirements concerning infant eye care. Clarifies the application of a penalty. Provides that coverage for children under health insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts must include certain eye examinations for infants and children. Provides for application, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 194 by Wilson

School-entry/Vision Examinations; Requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination. Requires the imposition of a fee on the retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses. Provides for the fee to be used by the DOH to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations. Requires rules for eligibility for and the distribution of funds, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009 except as otherwise provided.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Finance and Tax; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 196 by Wilson

School Wellness and Physical Education Policies; Revises each school district's requirement for reviewing its wellness and physical education policies. Provides specific guidelines for a school district's wellness and physical education policies with regard to nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served on campus, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 198 by Justice

Firefighter Memorial Flag; Provides for the creation of an official state Firefighter Memorial Flag. Provides for the use of the flag. Provides for the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services to provide for the creation and distribution of the flag. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

SB 200 by Bennett

Vaccines Containing Mercury Compounds/Regulation; Creates the "Vaccine Safety Act." Prohibits the sale, purchase, manufacture, delivery, importation, administration, and distribution of vaccines containing organic or inorganic mercury compounds in excess of a certain amount. Effective Date: 07/01/2010.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SJR 202 by Justice

Apportionment and Redistricting; Proposes amendments to the State Constitution replacing existing provisions providing for legislative apportionment with new provisions that establish standards for legislative reapportionment and congressional redistricting and that provide for the creation of a nine-member commission to prepare an apportionment plan for the state legislature and a redistricting plan for the congressional districts of the state.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Reapportionment; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 204 by Aronberg

Department of Transportation/Leases; Prohibits the department from entering into an agreement for the lease of an existing transportation facility to a corporation that obtains more than a specified percentage of its financing from extraterritorial corporations. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 206 by Justice

Military Affairs; Provides that a person who knowingly omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with any duty imposed upon him or her by provisions relating to military affairs law is liable, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, for a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation, attorney's fees, and court costs. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Judiciary

SB 208 by Crist

Veterans' In-state Tuition Rate; Requires state universities and community colleges to waive a percentage of the in-state tuition rate for veterans who meet specified criteria. Provides a percentage cap on the number of required credit hours for which a tuition waiver may be received. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Higher Education; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 210 by Baker

Commercial Motor Vehicles/Maximum Weight Limits; Increases the maximum weight limits on certain vehicles to compensate for weight increases that result from the installation of idle-reduction technologies. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 212 by Baker

Electronic Wireless Communications/Driving; Prohibits certain persons from using an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. Provides for enforcement and penalties. Provides for a point assessment against the driver's license. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 214 by Baker

Hurricane Preparedness/Sales Tax Exemption; Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales of certain tangible personal property for a certain period. Provides an exception for sales within a public lodging establishment, theme park, entertainment complex, or airport. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt rules. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 216 by Justice

Campaign Financing/Local Government Expenditures; Defines the terms "local government" and "public funds." Prohibits a local government from expending, and a person or group from accepting, public funds for a political advertisement or electioneering communication concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment that is subject to the vote of the electors. Provides an exception for certain electioneering communications. Clarifies restrictions with respect to local officials. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Judiciary

SB 218 by Ring

Homeless/Employment; Specifies the order for applying the tax credit for employment of the homeless. Provides a tax credit for incorporation that hires a homeless person residing in a transitional housing facility. Specifies the information that must be provided to the DOR when applying for the credit. Provides penalties for fraudulently claiming the tax credit. Limits the total amount of tax credits that may be granted per taxable year, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 220 by Deutch

Public Schools/Human Sexuality Education; Creates the "Florida Healthy Teens Act." Requires public schools that provide certain information or programs to students concerning human sexuality to provide information that meets specified criteria. Provides a process to review compliance with such requirement. Authorizes parents and guardians to seek review of a school's compliance, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 222 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.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Judiciary

SR 224 by Joyner

Women's History Month; Recognizes the month of March 2009 as "Women's History Month."

12/03/08 Filed

SR 226 by Joyner

Black History Month; Recognizes February 2009 as "Black History Month" in Florida.

12/03/08 Filed

SB 228 by Joyner

Judicial and Execution Sales of Property; Requires a lienholder to serve a certain notice on a homestead owner before a foreclosure sale. Specifies that the notice must inform of bankruptcy as a potential alternative to foreclosure and warning against foreclosure "saving" schemes. Provides for an affirmative defense from foreclosure for failure to provide notice. Amends a provision relating to the required service of notice of potential relief through bankruptcy, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Judiciary; Banking and Insurance

SB 230 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 equal to a specified percentage of the annual salary for the office sought. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SJR 232 by Wilson

Full-time Public School Teachers/Minimum Salaries; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to set minimum salaries for new and experienced full-time public school teachers, commencing in 2012. The minimum salary for a new school teacher must be the national average salary for new school teachers. The average salary for experienced teachers must be no less than the national average salary for public school teachers, etc.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules

SB 234 by Gaetz

State University Presidents; Revises powers and duties of the Board of Governors and university boards of trustees relating to personnel. Provides that a state university president is not subject to the personnel program established by the Board of Governors. Requires that a board of trustees appoint the university president and administer a personnel program for the president. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Higher Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Higher Education Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 236 by Dean

Utility Services/Unlawful Use/Controlled Substance; Prohibits trespass and larceny in relation to utility fixtures for the purpose of manufacturing a controlled substance. Provides for prima facie evidence of the intent to commit such offense. Provides that prosecution for trespass and larceny in relation to utility fixtures does not preclude prosecution for theft of utility services, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 238 by Wise

Wounded Warrior Project Participants/Tuition; Provides that severely wounded active duty members or veterans of the Armed Services of the United States who are participants in the Wounded Warrior Project and enrolled at a community college or state college shall be classified as residents for tuition purposes. Effective Date: 07/01/2008.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Higher Education; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Higher Education Appropriations

SB 240 by Bennett

Ballots/Selection of "I Choose Not to Vote"; Requires that each ballot include a selection allowing the voter to indicate that he or she chooses not to vote for any candidate. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Rules

SB 242 by Ring

Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening/Minors; Requires that a physician refer a minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances. Defines the terms "appropriate specialist" and "neuropsychologist." Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 244 by Ring

Fire Safety Requirements/Condominiums; Exempts certain condominium buildings from specific provisions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance

SB 246 by Ring

Noncriminal Moving Traffic Violations Surcharge; Provides a surcharge on noncriminal moving traffic violations. Provides for the proceeds from such surcharge to be used to fund the cost of civil traffic infraction hearing officers. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 248 by Ring

Court Costs/Joint Select Committee of Legislature; Requires certain persons who owe court-related fees, service charges, costs, and fines to appear before the court. Requires each circuit court to implement the Comprehensive Court Enforcement Program. Requires the clerk of the court to record in the official record a certified copy of any court order imposing additional court costs, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
12/17/08 Referred to Judiciary; Finance and Tax; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules

SB 250 by Bullard

Funeral and Burial Arrangements; Authorizes a medical examiner to record the identity of certain persons who may have unlawfully participated in the death of a decedent. Directs said examiner to provide to the funeral director findings of the identity of certain persons who may have unlawfully participated in a decedent's death. Narrows a public records exemption to authorize the parent or adult child of a decedent to obtain autopsy records, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary
- 12/18/08 References corrected to Health Regulation; Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 252 by Constantine

Local Government/Code of Ethics; Specifies standards of conduct for officers and employees of entities serving as the chief administrative officer of a political subdivision. Provides for penalties to be imposed against persons other than lobbyists or public officers and employers for violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. Provides for the Commission of Ethics to report to the Governor violations involving persons other than lobbyists, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 254 by Siplin

School Food Service Programs; Creates the Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Requires the department to work with the Department of Education to recommend policies and rules to the State Board of Education relating to school food services which encourage schools and school districts in this state to buy fresh and local food, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; General Government Appropriations

SB 256 by Wise

Electrical Journeymen/New Construction Sites; Requires that an electrical journeyman be present on any industrial or commercial new construction site when certain electrical work is being performed. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs

SB 258 by Wise

Name Change/Petition/Criminal History Check; 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 an exception to such requirement. Provides procedures for the taking and submission of fingerprints. Provides for the payment of costs associated with processing fingerprints and conducting criminal history checks, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 260 by Wise

Alzheimer's Disease; Directs the Department of Elderly Affairs to develop and implement a public education program relating to screening for Alzheimer's disease. Requires grant recipients to submit an evaluation of certain activities to the department. Authorizes the department to provide technical support. Requires an annual report to the Legislature. Requires the department to conduct or support a study on memory-impairment screening, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 262 by Wise

Traffic Accidents/Blood Testing; Requires a law enforcement officer who has a reasonable suspicion that a person was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle when it was involved in an accident that may have caused or contributed to the death of a human being to require that the person submit to a blood test to determine the alcoholic content thereof or the presence of specified substances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 264 by Joyner

Voter Information Cards; Requires the Department of State to prescribe by rule a uniform statewide voter information card. Requires voter information cards to contain the address of the polling place of the registered voter. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

SB 266 by Justice

Voting/Challenging a Person Desiring to Vote; Prohibits a voter from being challenged on the basis of certain documents. Prohibits certain persons from submitting a formal challenge to an individual's eligibility to register to vote or to vote in any election under certain circumstances. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

SB 268 by Ring

Public K-12 Health Education/Human Sexuality; Amends a provision relating to health education. Deletes provisions that require schools to teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students as part of instruction in human sexuality. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation

SB 270 by Dockery

Pub. Rec./Insured Dependents/Agency Group Plan; Provides an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of certain insured dependents. Provides a statement of retroactive application of the exemption. Provides for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. Provides a statement of public necessity. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules
- 12/18/08 References corrected to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

SB 272 by Dockery

Wine Shipments; Authorizes certain direct shipments of wine. Requires licensure of winery shippers. Provides requirements for licensure. Requires that a winery shipper licensee file a surety bond with the Div. of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the DBPR. Provides age requirements for those purchasing wine for direct shipment or receiving direct shipments of wine. Revises qualifications for the certification of Florida Farm Wineries, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Commerce and Industry; General Government Appropriations

SB 274 by Constantine

Florida Springs Protection Act; Requires the DEP to delineate the springsheds of specified springs. Requires the DEP to adopt spring protection zones by secretarial order and to adopt total maximum daily loads and basin management action plans for spring systems. Provides effluent requirements for domestic wastewater treatment facilities. Requires certain local governments to adopt a springs protection element as one of the required elements of the comprehensive plan, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Health Regulation; General Government Appropriations

SB 276 by Crist

Contract Carriers Transporting Railroad Employees; Applies specific requirements to contract carriers employed by railroad companies. Provides requirements for drug and alcohol testing and rest periods. Requires that contract carriers keep logs and maintain certain insurance coverage. Requires the DOT to adopt rules regulating such contract carriers. Requires the department to inform contract carriers and railroad companies of applicable requirements and statutes. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Commerce; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 278 by Gaetz

Charter Schools; Provides that a charter technical career center is subject to certain requirements in a financial emergency. Provides for the development of a financial recovery plan, which may be approved by the Commissioner of Education. Provides for duties of a charter school sponsor and governing board if a charter school or charter technical career center experiences a deteriorating financial condition or is in a financial emergency, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 280 by Bullard

Electric Utilities/Farms; Requires that an electric utility provide on-demand rates to a single-entity farm that has multiple meters and produces food, fiber, or timber. Requires that the electric utility provide for conjunctive billing. Prohibits the electric utility from imposing a customer service charge for each of the farm's meters. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Agriculture; Finance and Tax
- 12/31/08 Withdrawn from Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Agriculture; Finance and Tax; Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 282 by Bullard

Congenital Craniofacial Anomalies/Insurance Study; Requires that the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation, conduct a study concerning the medical necessity, costs, and efficacy of mandating coverage for certain treatments and therapies. Requires that the agency report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 284 by Bullard

Department of Transportation; Directs the department to maintain specified training programs for employees and prospective employees. Eliminates the requirement for annual updating of the Florida Transportation Plan. Deletes the requirement to develop a short-range component of the plan. Amends provisions relating to proposed turnpike projects, the Transportation Regional Incentive Program, and the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

- 12/03/08 Filed
- 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 286 by Bullard

Super Enterprise Zones; Defines the term "certified business" for purposes of a tax exemption provided to certain businesses located within a super enterprise zone. Provides a tax exemption for certain property purchased for use or consumption by businesses in a super enterprise zone and for retail sales made by certified businesses in a super enterprise zone, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 288 by Bullard

Sale of Dogs and Cats; Requires that additional information relating to the genetic disorders to which dogs and cats are susceptible be included in the written notice that pet dealers provide to a consumer at the time of sale. Redefines the term "pet dealer" for purposes of provisions authorizing a purchaser to return an animal to the pet dealer and receive a refund, exchange the animal, or receive a reimbursement of expenses, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Agriculture; Judiciary; General Government Appropriations

SB 290 by Bullard

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT); Removes the requirement that a district school board adopt policies for meeting class size maximums which allow a student to graduate from high school if the student passes the grade 10 FCAT. Removes the requirement that a student earn a passing score on the FCAT or alternative assessment to graduate from high school. Removes the requirement that a student pursuing an accelerated 3-year high school graduation earn a passing score, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 292 by Bullard

Statewide Legacy Communities Initiative; Establishes the statewide legacy communities initiative. Provides criteria governing the services and activities to be supported under the initiative. Provides requirements and goals concerning the provision of such services or assistance. Creates the Urban Empowerment Corporation within the Department of Community Affairs. Provides that the corporation is an instrumentality of the state for purposes of sovereign immunity, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 294 by Bullard

Interstate 95/Alternative Routes Study; Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of alternative highway routes parallel to Interstate 95. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SR 296 by Bullard

All Mothers; Expresses gratitude and affection to all mothers.

12/03/08 Filed

SR 298 by Bullard

All Fathers; Expresses affection for and gratitude to all fathers.

12/03/08 Filed

SB 300 by Wise

Use Tax Exemption/Aircraft Temporarily in State; Provides an exemption from the use tax for an aircraft that temporarily enters the state or is temporarily in the state for certain purposes. Requires documentation that identifies the aircraft in order to qualify for the exemption. Provides that the exemption is in addition to certain other provisions. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 302 by Sobel

Slot Machine Revenue Tax/K-12 Education Funding; Provides that funds derived from the slot machine revenue tax, which are transferred to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, be used only to supplement funding for K-12 public education. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Finance and Tax; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 304 by Bennett

Homestead Property Assessments/Increase/Just Value; Permits an increase in the assessed value of homestead property only when the just value increases. Provides for retroactive application of the act. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 306 by Rich

Vessel and Personal Watercraft Safety; Revises certain requirements for operating personal watercraft. Revises the requirements relating to the boating safety course required for leasing or renting a personal watercraft from a livery. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/03/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Commerce; General Government Appropriations

SB 308 by Ring

Childhood Vaccinations; Requires that health care providers disclose information about childhood vaccinations to a minor's parent or legal guardian before vaccinating the minor. Requires the DOH to develop a standardized form. Prohibits a provider from administering a vaccination to a minor until after the minor's parent or guardian signs the form. Requires certain health care providers to provide information about childhood vaccines to patients who are pregnant, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/05/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 310 by Rich

Reproductive Health Services and Family Planning; Creates the "Prevention First Act." Provides duties of licensed health care practitioners and facilities relating to the treatment of rape survivors. Requires the AHCA to provide for enforcement and impose penalties. Requires licensed pharmacies to dispense certain forms of contraception without delay. Provides for a person to file a complaint with the DOH if he or she believes that a violation of such provisions has occurred, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/05/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 312 by Ring

Entertainment Industry; Renames the entertainment industry financial incentive program as the entertainment industry financial incentive and tax credit program. Revises the program to provide qualified entertainment entities with a choice of corporate income tax and sales and use tax credits or reimbursement from appropriations. Establishes the Florida Graduate Film Investment Program. Requires administration by the Office of Film and Entertainment, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/05/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Commerce; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SJR 314 by Sobel

Basic Rights; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to eliminate authority granted to the Legislature by a constitutional amendment that at the time of its adoption in 1926 allowed the Legislature to regulate or eliminate the real property rights of individuals based on race or national origin, etc.

12/08/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Judiciary; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Rules

SB 316 by Constantine

High School Diplomas/Vietnam War Veterans; Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award a high school diploma to honorably discharged Vietnam War veterans. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/08/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Military Affairs and Domestic Security

SB 318 by Sobel

Criminal Usury Laws/Discriminatory Language; Removes the term "shylocking" from certain provisions of state law relating to loan sharking. Deletes the terms "shylock" and "shylocking" from the definitions of "loan shark" and "loan sharking," respectively, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/08/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice

SB 320 by Crist

Sexual Offenders and Predators; Prohibits loitering or prowling by certain offenders within a specified distance of places where children regularly congregate. Provides exceptions. Revises provisions relating to reporting requirements for sexual predators in transient status. Requires search in an additional specified sex offender registry for information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders when an offender is placed on misdemeanor probation, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/09/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 322 by Alexander

Pest Control Compact; Enacts the Pest Control Compact. Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to administer the compact. Provides for the establishment of the Pest Control Insurance Fund to finance pest-control operations under the compact. Provides for the fund to be administered by a governing board and executive committee. Provides for an application for assistance from the fund on behalf of a nonparty state, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/09/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; General Government Appropriations

SB 324 by Crist

Public Libraries/Internet Safety Education Program; Encourages all public libraries to implement an Internet safety education program for children and adults. Provides minimum requirements for the program. Requires libraries to annually report to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State the number of participants who complete the program. Requires that the division adopt rules to award additional points to grant applicants implementing such a program. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/09/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal Justice; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 326 by Dean

Optometry; Revises definitions to conform to provisions authorizing the oral administration of ocular pharmaceutical agents by certain practitioners. Requires the Board of Optometry to adopt rules governing the administration and prescription of oral ocular pharmaceutical agents. Redefines the term "practitioner" for purposes of the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act to include certified optometrists, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/09/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 328 by Wilson

Low-income & Moderate-income Homeowners/Insurance; Provides for counties to establish a fund for providing no-interest loans to assist low-income and moderate-income homeowners in paying homeowners' insurance premiums. Authorizes the governing authority of a county to levy surtaxes on building-related permits to finance the assistance fund. Limits the amount a family may receive from the fund in any year. Requires that a loan be repaid if the homestead is sold or refinanced, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009 except as otherwise provided.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 330 by Wilson

School Health Services; Cites this act as the "One School, One Nurse Act." Provides legislative intent and purpose relating to public-private partnerships for the provision of school nurse services. Provides duties of the DOH and the DOE. Provides a process for a community to submit a proposal to receive matching funds. Provides for the scope of services to be provided. Provides review and selection criteria. Provides legislative intent relating to funding the act. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 332 by Wilson

Ex-offenders/Restrictions on Employment; Provides legislative intent. Requires state agencies and regulatory boards to submit to legislative officers and committees a report that states current restrictions on the employment of ex-offenders and possible alternatives that are compatible with protecting public safety. Requires that a report be submitted biennially, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; General Government Appropriations

SB 334 by Wilson

State Housing Trust Fund; 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 a portion of the taxes distributed to the State Housing Trust Fund for specified uses conforming to the purposes for which the fund was created. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 336 by Aronberg

Election Contributions; Prohibits a person or political committee from contributing in excess of a certain monetary amount to a committee of continuous existence or an electioneering communication organization. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules

SB 338 by Wilson

Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children; Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to perform a study of the outreach efforts of the Kidcare program. Provides requirements for the study. Requires a report to the Legislature by a specified date. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 340 by Ring

Sexual Offenders & Sexual Predators/Phone Numbers; Requires a sexual predator or a sexual offender to register telephone numbers with the Department of Law Enforcement. Provides penalties. Provides for designation of a person as a repeat sexual offender. Requires the Department of Corrections to provide notice of the telephone numbers of a sexual offender who is being released. Effective Date: 10/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

SB 342 by King

St. Johns River License Plate; Creates the St. Johns River license plate. Establishes an annual use fee for the plate. Provides for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 344 by Rich

Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law; Creates the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law. Deletes a requirement for enforcement of the Florida Safety Belt Law as a secondary action. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

12/10/08 Filed
 12/17/08 Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

SB 346 by Justice

High School Graduation Requirements/Health Educ.; Provides for a mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of physical education credit requirements, for high school students who enter their first year of high school in 2008-2009. Provides a waiver for students who request to take and successfully complete a health education assessment developed by the Department of Education. Reduces the number of credits in elective courses. Effective Date: 07/01/2009.

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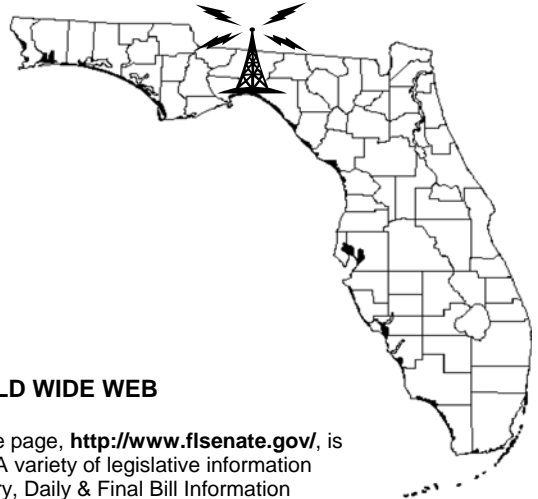
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