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Beginning the Forty-seventh Regular Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Florida Constitution as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, and the 117th Regular Session since Statehood in 1845, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, A.D., 2015, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for convening the Legislature.

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discussions and debates of these Senators lead to laws and actions that will enhance the quality of life of all the citizens of Florida.

We pray that you grant them openness of mind and heart that will permit them to work effectively and expeditiously for the common good. Stretch their vision to embrace the entire State of Florida with all its peoples and their concerns, from its smallest villages to its place at the table in our national family. Enhance their intelligence with wisdom and temper their courage with compassion as they work with the challenges facing the State of Florida. May the concerns and needs of their private lives not be an obstacle to their elected role as public servants in understanding and advancing the concerns and needs of the people of Florida.

Keep our hearts grateful for the freedom we enjoy in these United States and for the idealism of those who enter elected service. Amen.

## COLOR GUARD

At the direction of the President, the Sergeant at Arms opened the doors of the chamber and a Color Guard of the U.S. Navy Reserves marched into the chamber bearing flags of the United States of America and the State of Florida. This year marks the 100th anniversary for the U.S. Navy Reserves.

The Color Guard included the following members: Petty Officer 1st Class Myra Treadwell; Petty Officer 2nd Class Cheri Patterson; Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Watson; Hospital Corpsman Wenceslas Montlouis; Airman Jackson Kulton; Chief Petty Officer Michael Terhune; and Lieutenant Paul Collier.

## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Gardiner at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—38:

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

Excused: Senator Gibson

## PLEDGE

Sergeant Severance was joined by several children present in the chamber in the center aisle and led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The President introduced violinist Kaylin Peavie who performed *The Star Spangled Banner*. Kaylin is a sophomore at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville.

## DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. E.J. Sanchez of Bradenton, sponsored by Senator Galvano, and Dr. Stuart Sobel of Hollywood, husband of Senator Eleanor Sobel, as the doctors of the day. Dr. Sanchez specializes in cardiology, and Dr. Sobel specializes in dermatology.

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Reverend Roland S. Nadeau, M.S., Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Orlando:

O loving God of hope and promise, we ask your blessing and guidance upon this new session of the Senate of the State of Florida so that the

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Senator Latvala, the Senate observed a moment of silence for former Senator Ken Plante, who died on March 1, 2015. Senator Plante's daughters, Melanie Steele and Colleen Baxter, and grandson, George Baxter, were present in the gallery.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced the following guests: Governor Rick Scott; Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, former Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, former congressman; Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, former Senate President; and Attorney General Pam Bondi.

The President recognized the following Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Jorge Labarga, Justice Ricky Polston, Justice Barbara Pariente, Justice Charles Canady, and Justice James E.C. Perry.

The President announced that the Senate was honored by the presence of former Senate Presidents Jim Scott and John Vogt. The President also announced the presence of former Senators Steve Geller, former Minority Leader; Dave Aronberg, Palm Beach County State Attorney; Carey Baker, Lake County Property Appraiser; Al Lawson, former Minority Leader; Arnett Girardeau, former President Pro Tempore; Van Poole; Curt Kiser; Ellyn Bogdanoff; and Burt Saunders.

The President introduced his wife, the first lady of the Florida Senate, Camille Gardiner, and welcomed all the other Senate spouses and family members who were present in the chamber. The President introduced his parents, Bill and Linda Gardiner; his mother-in-law, Joanne Wood; and his children, Andrew, Jr., Joanna Lynn, and Kathryn.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED

On motion by Senator Simmons that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the session, the President appointed Senator Bean, Chair; and Senators Hukill, Altman, Brandes, Clemens, and Bullard. The committee was excused.

## COMMITTEE RECEIVED

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Representative McBurney, Chair; and Representatives Adkins, Ray, Drake, Williams, Rouson, Clarke-Reed, and Jacobs was received and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the session. The committee then withdrew from the chamber.

## REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ANDY GARDINER

It's been three months or a little more since we were all in this chamber back before Thanksgiving. We took the month of December off, but I said at that time that we are going to come back and hit the ground running, and we are going to work very, very hard. You certainly have done that. I just want to run through a couple of very important things as we start this legislative session. As of this morning, and I'm sure this number went up before the deadline, nearly 800 bills had been filed. Thanks to our Chair of Rules, Senator Simmons, 700 of them have been referred to committees. Thank you, Chair Simmons. I know you have been very busy. I know you wanted to rewrite all of them, but you will have your time when it is appropriate.

We have moved forward on implementation of Amendment 1. Senators Dean, Simmons, Simpson, Hays, and Montford have put together what I think is really the foundation for Amendment 1. We have not gotten into the distribution of the funds, but what we have said in the Senate is that we want that transparency. We want the voters of this state who supported Amendment 1 to know exactly where those moneys have gone. With your leadership, you have started that process. Those six bills passed out of Environmental Preservation last week, and they are moving forward.

On the water policy, Chair Dean, again your leadership team has started the process of implementing what the Speaker and I talked about with the joint water policy. There are parts of that which are very important to a lot of us that we talked about. It's not just the water, but it's the maintaining of the lands; it's the access for the public to these lands. All of that, Chair Dean, has been a part of your bill as well as eco-tourism and bike trails, which I have talked a lot about. Of course, Chair Hays, you will get your shot in Appropriations. That is when we will talk

about the funding part of Amendment 1, and we look forward to your work on that.

On testing and assessments, again, the Senate has hit the ground running. When I asked Chair Legg and President Gaetz to chair the committees that oversee our education policy, we talked almost immediately about the ongoing issues dealing with testing in this state. Chair Legg, Senator Montford, and President Gaetz, the leadership that you all have shown and the openness to all sides on the testing issue have been incredible. We are ahead of schedule, and Senator Legg, you and I have talked about it. We are not going to wait around. If there is an issue with testing that needs to be addressed, then the Senate will act and we will act quickly. That bill continues to move forward. Thank you, Senator Legg.

The Department of Corrections Senate Bill 7020, Senator Evers, when you and I talked about your appointment, I asked you then to look at the issues dealing with the Department of Corrections. You have shown a tremendous amount of leadership. I never thought I'd be notified that one of my Senators was visiting prisons late at night, but you've done that. I think that has been important. It's important for us to understand the challenges the department has had. Again, under your leadership, that bill is moving, and it's moving quickly.

Also this week, Chair Bean will begin a discussion that honestly I don't know where it ends. We will start the discussion about Medicaid expansion. We have an obligation to look at this issue. That obligation is required for many of us that believe in it, but also with the Low-Income Pool possibly in jeopardy, over a billion dollars in funding potentially going away, we at least should have the discussion. Senator Bean's committee will workshop that issue this week. A Healthy Florida Works is a bipartisan group of business owners and leaders that have brought forward a plan. We want to talk about it. I don't know how it ends. I haven't read the last chapter on this one. But we, at least in the Senate, will have the discussion that's the best way to go for Florida.

On our budget, President Lee is our chair. There have been a lot of discussions about revenues being increased, but, in the meetings that I've been in with President Lee, we just keep getting invoices. We are not getting much new revenue, but I have a tremendous amount of confidence in you, President Lee. As we move forward on the issues of the day, not just Amendment 1, but funding and tax cuts—all of that has to be discussed. But we are going to do it deliberately, we are going to do it right, and we are going to do it smart.

President Gaetz, you and I talked about adoption in the State of Florida, the need for significant changes, and how we handle individuals in our systems. Even those with unique abilities, we understand that the best place for them to be is with a family. Your bill, again, will be heard in Fiscal Policy this week. That is a road map for all families to adopt children and incentives to do so. We thank you for your leadership on that.

Finally, an issue that I've talked a lot about deals with economic independence for people with unique abilities. The Senate has embraced this journey that my family has been on for 11 years now, and I am forever grateful. Senate Bill 7030 that will be heard this week deals with post-secondary options for individuals with unique abilities. The PLSA, the policy that we passed last year, had over 5,000 families apply for those learning scholarships. It will be heard in a second committee this week. We are also moving forward with Senate Bill 7022, which will be heard in its second committee and deals with the opportunity to promote employment for individuals with unique abilities. Specifically, our goal is, if we are going to ask businesses to embrace individuals with unique abilities, we should lead by example in government.

Financial literacy under Senator Hukill, the ABLE Act, which Leader Benacquisto is leading, and then finally, the unique abilities designation recognizing our businesses that do step forward, these are all very, very important issues. Senator Lawson, when he was here, said that, "Rarely will we be remembered for what we say, but we will be remembered for what we do." These are things that are very, very dear and very important. I am forever grateful to the Senate and its support of these issues.

I will leave you with this. This is day one of 60. I stand here very humbled. The reality is that this time next year, we may be about to sine die; so, this journey will be quick. You have my commitment that I talk a

lot about servant leadership. I believe in my heart that if I empower the individuals in this room, Republican and Democrat, there will be many times that you will come to me and say, "What do you want to do?" I will say, "Whatever you want to do." That is what I believe. I hope that when this journey is done, we will be able to look at some of these issues, especially those for families with unique abilities, and say, "We moved the needle; we made some significant changes." I hope when each of you leaves, you say, "You know what? I had every opportunity to be successful. Win, lose, or draw I was in the game. I was in the debate." When you drive home on I-10 under the speed limit and you think that, then I will consider this to be a successful presidency. I am truly honored. This will be the last speech you will hear from me—probably. It's not my thing. What is my thing is to make you all very empowered and successful. Thank you.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 8003 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Bob Ward, Clerk*

By Representative(s) Workman—

**HCR 8003**—A concurrent resolution providing that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

—was read the first time by title. On motion by Senator Simmons, **HCR 8003** was read the second time by title, unanimously adopted and certified to the House.

### MOTION

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote **HCR 8003** was ordered immediately certified to the House.

### COMMITTEE DISCHARGED

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives returned to the Senate chamber and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sergeant Severance presented the President with a cherry wood gavel which was handmade from a tree on his property.

### RECESS

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Senate recessed at 10:37 a.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. or upon call of the President, for the purpose of receiving the message of the Governor and conducting other Senate business.

(See remainder of Senate business following the joint session.)

### JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to **HCR 8003**, the Senate formed in processional order and marched in a body to the chamber of the House of Representatives where they were received in due form. The joint session was called to order by The Honorable Steve Crisafulli, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, and Justices of the Supreme Court were received and seated.

The Speaker invited President Gardiner, President of the Senate, to the rostrum and requested that the President preside over the joint session.

### THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

The President declared a quorum of the joint session present.

Representative Shevrin Jones delivered the prayer.

Senate President Pro Tempore Garrett Richter and House Speaker Pro Tempore Matt Hudson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Jeanne Plakon, daughter of Representative Plakon, performed *America the Beautiful*.

On motion by Representative Corcoran that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was assembled to receive his message, the President appointed Senator Bradley, Co-Chair; and Senators Benacquisto, Simpson, Thompson, and Braynon. On behalf of the Speaker, the President appointed Representative Fresan, Co-Chair; and Representatives Van Zant, Wood, Cruz, Kerner, and Murphy. The committee withdrew from the chamber.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized the following guests: first lady of the House of Representatives, Kristin Crisafulli and family; and first lady of the Senate, Camille Gardiner.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor subsequently returned to the chamber escorting His Excellency, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, who was escorted to the rostrum.

The President presented the Governor to the joint assembly.

### ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Good morning, President Gardiner, Speaker Crisafulli, and distinguished members of the Florida Legislature. Welcome, Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, Chief Justice Labarga, and members of the Florida Supreme Court. And I would like to recognize my wonderful wife, Ann. We have been married for almost 43 years. I love you Ann. We have been blessed.

So now it's time for another state of the state speech or, as I like to call it, a chance for me to show off my world-renowned oratorical skills. It's okay, you can laugh. It was meant to be a joke.

I want to start off today by talking about what unites us: a love for our great state. Like me, I know all of you don't have to be in these offices. No one forced you to take these jobs. You signed up for service, and you worked hard to get here. And, like me, you wanted to work for the people of Florida because you know we are the best state in the country. Certainly, we all have our own ideas, and we debate with vigor. But I do believe it is important to acknowledge that we all have common goals for the families that live in our great state. We want every person in Florida to have the opportunity to live the dream of America. I believe we are the best place in the country and the world to make dreams come true. I call this Florida exceptionalism.

Let me take just a minute to brag about our great state, which I know you love just as much as I do. These are some of the successes created by the great people in our state. In the last four years, the unemployment rate in Florida has dropped in half—from 11.1 percent to 5.6 percent—the second biggest drop in unemployment in the United States. We have added over 728,000 new private-sector jobs. We have 279,000 job openings right now in our state. In the last year, around 250,000 people moved to our state, and we are now the third biggest state in the nation—bigger than New York. From 1992-2011, Florida inherited \$100 billion in adjusted gross income from other states. This is more than one-eighth of our annual GDP. Last year, we had our fourth record year of tourism—97.3 million people visited our state. Clearly, our investment in Visit Florida is working, and every 85 tourists create another Florida job.

We have 15 seaports. Our investments in ports are working, with over 150,000 trade jobs added in the last four years. We have also made

significant investments in our airports, which have helped bring record numbers of tourists to Florida. Enterprise Florida has won over 400 competitive projects for new jobs, projects like Hertz and Navy Federal Credit Union. We are a right-to-work state. We are the gateway to Latin America. We are the number two state for trade infrastructure. We are also number two for aerospace and aviation establishments in the U.S. We are the second best state for business by CEO Magazine, and we will soon be number one.

We are home to over 250 languages. We are at a 43-year low in our crime rate. We are clearly the best melting pot in the world. Housing prices are up. Taxes are down. We have cut taxes more than 40 times in four years. We have no personal income tax. The average person pays about \$1,800 in state taxes in Florida—the lowest in the nation. We have the lowest number of state workers per capita in the country, and we are going to continue to look for productivity gains. Our LLCs and Subchapter S corporations don't pay a business tax. Over 80 percent of our C corporations don't pay the business tax. We have reduced taxes for our small businesses.

For the first time since Governor Martinez was in office, we have reduced state debt. We have paid down \$7.5 billion in debt. Our fourth graders are number two in the world in reading. The National Council on Teacher Quality says we have the best equipped teachers in the nation for two surveys in a row. Our state colleges offer \$10,000 degrees in areas where our students can get jobs. When we held the line on tuition last year, the price of a Florida Prepaid Plan dropped in half.

Florida is an exceptional place. As far back as the 1800s, people were moving to Florida to make their dreams come true. In 1851, a doctor and researcher in North Florida received a patent for a refrigeration invention he developed after experimenting with ways to cool a room to make his patients more comfortable. Today, we know this man as the "father of air conditioning," and without John Gorrie's invention, the beauty of Florida wouldn't be home to almost 20 million people today!

In 1878, Henry Flagler moved to Florida and began dreaming big. He saw beautiful beaches that were warm year-round, and when people told him there wasn't any way people up north would come down here, he was bold enough to build a railway to get them here and hotels for them to stay in. We now have the vibrant cities of Miami and Palm Beach thanks to the dreams of Henry Flagler over 100 years ago.

In the middle of the Great Depression, George Jenkins, Jr., left his job at a grocery store and decided he would open up his own store. I am sure many people thought Mr. Jenkins was crazy, but he had a dream. Today, his chain of stores employs 127,000 Floridians and is the largest employee-owned company in the country. We know it as Publix.

Of course, we all know about the dreams of Walt Disney. He never lived in Florida, but dreamed up Disney World, which opened in 1971 and put Florida on the map to be the worldwide tourist destination we are today.

Florida has long been a place where dreams come true. But, this is not just our past—it is our future. We have to ask ourselves who has the next big dream for Florida? Who are the inventors? The builders? The trailblazers? We want more people to chase their dreams in Florida. In fact, some of the people whose dreams are changing the world are here with us today. Please help me welcome: Richard Gonzmart, the fourth-generation President of the Columbia Restaurant Group in Tampa—Florida's oldest restaurant.

Mary Ann Carroll—a world renowned artist from Florida—unfortunately could not be with us this morning. Mary Ann began selling her paintings in the 1950s along Fort Pierce's roadsides. As an African American, she said she was not allowed into any galleries at the time. But, with her 60-year career of hard work and many struggles, Mary Ann now promotes the beauty of our state through her artwork hanging in museums and galleries all across the world.

Please help me welcome theme park designer, Bill Coan, President of ITEC Entertainment Corporation in Orlando. Bill has designed theme parks and attractions around the world like Daytona USA.

Finally, let's welcome meteorologist and storm chaser, Gladys Rubio. Gladys and her husband, Jose, moved to Miami from Cuba in the early 1990s for a better life. Today, Gladys tracks giant storms across the

world at the National Hurricane Center for Spanish language audiences in the United States and the Caribbean.

Florida is an exceptional place. Every one of you has dreamed big and helped make our state great. I am now a proud grandfather, and I think a lot about how we can make Florida the place where our children's and grandchildren's dreams come true. In order to be a land where dreams come true, I believe we have to out-compete the rest of the world. There are five ways we can do that. First: Let's keep cutting taxes! Floridians can spend their money better than government can. I want to say that again: Floridians can spend their money better than government can.

I have recommended cutting the tax on cell phones and TVs for every Florida family so they can save around \$43 a year for spending as little as \$100 a month on cell phone and TV bills combined. I have also recommended that we permanently end the tax on manufacturing equipment so more companies will make major capital investments in Florida. Businesses can spend their money and create jobs better than government can. I have recommended that we get rid of the state sales tax on college text books because getting a higher education degree must become more affordable. Students can spend their money better than government can. It should not require a federal loan and decades of debt for students to get a college degree. Price limits access—plain and simple.

If we are going to out-compete the world, the second thing we must do is make higher education more affordable. I want to work with you this year to pass a college affordability bill that will hold the line on graduate school tuition and bring transparency to university costs. Just like any business, we should expect education to become more affordable each year, not more expensive. Let us never again say, "We have to raise tuition because tuition in other states is higher than ours." We don't raise taxes when other states have taxes higher than ours, and we shouldn't raise tuition when other states have higher tuition.

Third, to out-compete the world, we must invest in workforce development. Our recommended investments this year include: \$30 million for high-skill workforce training; \$20 million for advanced workforce training at our tech centers; \$5 million to incentivize \$10,000 STEM degrees at our state colleges; and \$1 million to create a paid summer program for STEM teachers.

Fourth, if we are going to out-compete the world, we must invest in K-12 education. This year, we are recommending an increase in K-12 funding to \$50 above the historic level to \$7,176 per student. Four years ago, I stood before you and said we would have to make some hard decisions. And we did. We made reductions that dipped into education, knowing that when the economy improved we could invest again. Many of these decisions were unpopular, but by living within our means it created an environment for success. Few thought we could add 728,000 jobs, have the highest funding for education, and invest in our environment just four years later. But, we did it together—and we have more work to do. Now that our economy is thriving, it is time to make major investments in education. Let's not squander our budget surplus on special interests. Our budget should reflect the principles we campaigned on or, in other words, we should do exactly what we told voters we would do.

The final thing we must do to out-compete the world is keep Florida beautiful. Florida is an exceptional place—we have the economy and the opportunity to keep it that way. Our recommended budget includes more than \$3 billion for environmental and agriculture programs, which includes a total of \$150 million in funding to protect the Everglades and another \$150 million that will help protect land for the Florida panther. It is important to point out that our recommended environmental investments in land and water programs will be \$82 million above what is required by Amendment 1.

The goals I just outlined to out-compete the world are bold. I have met with many of you over the last few months, and I know we share the exact same vision. We want Florida to be the best place in the world for our children and grandchildren to live their dreams. We agree on more than we disagree on. We want to give families back more of the money they earn and reduce the burden of government. In the weeks ahead, I expect some people will try to divide us. They will try to distract us. But, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, I believe we can come together with our shared desire to improve this great state. Many of our shared goals are already outlined in your "Work Plan 2015." Members of the Senate,

members of the House, I commit to all of you that I will be a tireless partner in your fight to make Florida the best place in the world for all of our children and grandchildren to get a great job and live their dreams.

I believe that our rich history is only a glimpse of what we can do in the future. Everything is possible in Florida. We are now in the lead, and it's ours to lose. We have to avoid any temptation to stand down or rest on our laurels. And of course, even with our tremendous progress, there are still some Floridians who have not yet found their opportunity. Having grown up in a family that was at times down on our luck, I know the importance of each and every family having an opportunity. Remembering those tough times drives me every day to do all I can to give each and every one of our citizens the chance to realize their dreams. Government cannot guarantee outcomes for everyone, but we should all be united in our desire to guarantee opportunities for everyone who is willing to work hard.

I am looking forward to working side-by-side with you during session to achieve our shared goals, inspire future generations to dream, and keep Florida working. God bless America, and God bless the exceptional state of Florida. Thank you.

**DISSOLUTION OF JOINT SESSION**

Following the Governor's address, the previously appointed committee escorted the Governor from the rostrum and from the House Chamber, followed by the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, and Justices of the Supreme Court.

**SPEAKER CRISAFULLI PRESIDING**

On motion by Senator Simmons, the joint session was dissolved at 11:54 a.m., and the Senators were escorted from the House Chamber by the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Senate was called to order by the President at 2:00 p.m. A quorum present—38:

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

**SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR**

At the direction of the President, by unanimous consent—

**CS for SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to greyhound racing injuries; providing a short title; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported on a form adopted by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation within a certain timeframe; specifying the information that must be included in the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms as public records for a specified time; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee of the department who fails to report an injury or who makes false statements on an injury form; exempting injuries to certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was taken up out of order and by two-thirds vote read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Sobel, by two-thirds vote **CS for SB 2** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
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| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
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Nays—None

**CO-INTRODUCERS**

All Senators voting yea, not previously shown as co-introducers, were recorded as co-introducers of **CS for SB 2**.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

The President recognized Vicky Gaetz, wife of Senator Gaetz, who was present in the gallery.

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote—

**SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2015 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2015 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the August 7-11, 2014, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2015 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the 2015 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote **SB 700** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote—

**SB 702**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.45, 11.9336, 20.255, 27.366, 28.22205, 39.307, 39.524, 40.32, 61.13016, 112.31455, 163.32466, 189.074, 200.065, 212.0606, 285.18, 287.0595, 288.9934, 288.9936, 298.01, 316.545, 322.058, 327.391, 337.403, 339.041, 339.135, 339.2818, 348.753, 348.7546, 365.172, 373.223, 376.3072, 377.6015, 379.2495, 380.06, 381.78, 394.494, 394.495, 394.913, 397.333, 397.754, 397.92, 400.022, 403.067, 408.036, 408.061, 409.1678, 409.906, 409.966, 409.986, 409.987,

456.039, 456.074, 479.03, 479.16, 480.041, 480.043, 482.161, 487.2031, 499.84, 499.91, 499.92, 514.0115, 538.03, 570.07, 570.482, 597.020, 605.0712, 605.0805, 624.523, 625.1212, 626.0428, 627.062, 627.745, 627.797, 662.121, 662.122, 662.1225, 662.130, 662.141, 662.146, 662.147, 680.528, 721.13, 775.0862, 775.21, 775.25, 784.078, 787.02, 787.06, 921.1402, 940.031, 943.0435, 944.275, 960.03, 960.065, 961.06, 985.0301, 985.265, 1002.395, 1003.4203, 1003.4282, 1003.493, 1003.4935, 1003.51, 1003.5716, 1005.33, 1007.271, 1008.22, 1008.25, 1008.34, 1008.44, 1011.80, 1011.81, 1011.905, 1013.738, F.S.; reenacting and amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; reenacting ss. 288.001, 430.502, 509.032, 539.001, and 718.116, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; and confirming the restoration of provisions unintentionally omitted from republication in the acts of the Legislature during the amendatory process; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote **SB 702** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote—

**SB 704**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 88.7011, 120.745, 163.336, 218.077(5), 220.33(7), 253.01(2)(b), 288.106(4)(f), 339.08(1)(n), 381.0407, 403.709(1)(f), 409.911(10), 409.91211, 430.04(15), 430.502(10)-(12), 443.131(5), 624.351, 624.352, and 626.2815(7), F.S., and amending ss. 110.123, 339.135, 409.912, 409.9122, 576.061, 828.27, and 1002.32, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2015 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 409.91195, 409.91196, 409.962, 636.0145, 641.19, 641.225, and 641.386, F.S., to conform cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote **SB 704** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President | Detert              | Latvala  |
| Abruzzo       | Diaz de la Portilla | Lee      |
| Altman        | Evers               | Legg     |
| Bean          | Flores              | Margolis |
| Benacquisto   | Gaetz               | Montford |
| Bradley       | Galvano             | Negron   |
| Brandes       | Garcia              | Richter  |
| Braynon       | Grimsley            | Ring     |
| Bullard       | Hays                | Sachs    |
| Clemens       | Hukill              | Simmons  |
| Dean          | Joyner              | Simpson  |

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| Smith     | Soto    | Thompson |
| Sobel     | Stargel |          |
| Nays—None |         |          |

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote—

**SB 706**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 257.171, 257.193, 257.43, 393.0651, 393.066, 394.4789, 394.495, 394.496, 394.497, 397.406, 397.407, 397.427, 397.471, 397.901, 397.96, 400.147, 401.113, 401.252, 401.34, 402.04, 402.47, 403.414, 403.510, 403.7061, 403.763, 403.871, 403.873, 403.874, 403.876, 403.942, 406.11, 409.2598, 409.9102, 415.112, 420.526, 420.527, 429.44, 467.0125, 467.013, 467.019, 468.1165, 468.307, 468.3851, 468.3852, 468.404, 468.435, 468.532, 468.8312, 468.8317, 468.8412, 476.214, 477.022, 479.07, 481.205, 502.121, and 509.035, F.S., and repealing s. 415.112, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rule-making authority; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Sobel moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (219210) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 45-77.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 3 and insert: 257.171, 257.193, 257.43, 394.4789,

Senator Dean moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 2 (912826) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 359-367.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 6 and insert: 401.34, 402.04, 402.47, 403.414, 403.7061,

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote **SB 706** as amended was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote—

**CS for SB 426**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds of the Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System; terminating the Building Fee Trust Fund, the Replacement Trust Fund, the State University System Concurrence Trust Fund, the State University System Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and the Uniform Payroll Trust Fund within the Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System; providing for the disposition of balances in and revenues of such trust funds; amending s. 932.7055, F.S.; requiring certain proceeds to be deposited

into a state university's appropriate local account instead of the special law enforcement trust fund; amending s 1010.86, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote **CS for SB 426** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President       | Evers    | Montford |
| Abruzzo             | Flores   | Negron   |
| Altman              | Gaetz    | Richter  |
| Bean                | Galvano  | Ring     |
| Benacquisto         | Garcia   | Sachs    |
| Bradley             | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes             | Hays     | Simpson  |
| Braynon             | Hukill   | Smith    |
| Bullard             | Joyner   | Sobel    |
| Clemens             | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean                | Lee      | Stargel  |
| Detert              | Legg     | Thompson |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Margolis |          |

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Hays, by two-thirds vote—

**CS for SB 428**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds administered by the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.25501, F.S.; codifying the Administrative Trust Fund, Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund, and Working Capital Trust Fund; requiring the department to administer such trust funds; providing for the funding of such trust funds; creating s. 376.41, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Minerals Trust Fund; creating s. 403.0874, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund; amending s. 403.1832, F.S.; removing provisions relating to federal aid; authorizing the department to transfer all outstanding appropriations supported by federal grants to the Federal Grants Trust Fund; providing for expiration; amending s. 403.709, F.S.; increasing the amount of funding for mosquito control; limiting the amount of the funding that may be used for a solid waste management grant program; deleting obsolete provisions; reenacting s. 403.7095(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.709, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for SB 428** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Latvala, by two-thirds vote—

**SB 430**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the termination of a trust fund within the Department of Transportation; terminating the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund; providing for the transfer of any balances or revenues in the terminated trust fund; requiring that the department pay outstanding debts or obligations of the terminated trust fund; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the state accounting systems; repealing s. 338.250, F.S., relating to Central Florida Beltway mitigation; repealing s. 2(2)(a) of chapter 2004-235, Laws of Florida, relating to an exemption of the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund from termination; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Latvala, by two-thirds vote **SB 430** was read the third time by title, passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President | Bean        | Brandes |
| Abruzzo       | Benacquisto | Braynon |
| Altman        | Bradley     | Bullard |

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| Clemens             | Hays     | Ring     |
| Dean                | Hukill   | Sachs    |
| Detert              | Joyner   | Simmons  |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Latvala  | Simpson  |
| Evers               | Lee      | Smith    |
| Flores              | Legg     | Sobel    |
| Gaetz               | Margolis | Soto     |
| Galvano             | Montford | Stargel  |
| Garcia              | Negron   | Thompson |
| Grimsley            | Richter  |          |

Nays—None

**MOTIONS**

On motion by Senator Simmons, by two-thirds vote all bills passed on the Special Order Calendar this day were ordered immediately certified to the House: **CS for SB 2, SB 700, SB 702, SB 704, SB 706, CS for SB 426, and SB 430.**

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Senator Sobel introduced her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Ira and Mrs. Barbara Finegold, who were present in the gallery.

**SENATE RULES**

**RULE ONE**

**OFFICERS, SENATORS, EMPLOYEES, AND ETHICS**

**PART ONE—SENATE OFFICERS**

**1.1—Election of the President, President Pro Tempore, President Designate, President Pro Tempore Designate, Minority Leader, and Minority Leader Pro Tempore; designation of Majority Leader**

(1) A President and a President Pro Tempore shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at the organization session. They shall take an oath to support the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office.

See Rule 5.6—Election by ballot.

See FLA. CONST. art. II, s. 5 Public officers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 2 Members; officers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 3(a) Sessions of the legislature.

(2) The Majority Party may, by caucus called by the President, elect a President Designate and a President Pro Tempore Designate whose names shall be certified to the Secretary. The President may designate a Majority Leader whose name shall be certified to the Secretary.

(3) The Minority Party may, by caucus, elect a Minority Leader and a Minority Leader Pro Tempore whose names shall be certified to the Secretary at the organization session.

(4) All elected officers are to hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever shall occur first.

**1.2—The President calls the Senate to order**

The President shall call the Senate to order at the hour provided by these Rules or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting. A quorum being present, the President shall direct the Senate to proceed with the Daily Order of Business. The President may informally recess the Senate for periods of time not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

**1.3—The President's control of Chamber, corridors, and rooms**

The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the Chamber, corridors, passages, and rooms of the Senate

whether in the Capitol or elsewhere. If there is a disturbance, the President may order the area cleared.

#### **1.4—The President’s authority and signature; questions of order; travel**

(1) The President shall sign all acts, joint resolutions, resolutions, and memorials. No writ, warrant, subpoena, contract binding the Senate, authorization for payment, or other papers shall issue without the signature of the President. The President may delegate signing authority for the authorization of payments. The President shall approve vouchers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

(2) The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator.

See Rule 8.9—Appeals.

See Rule 8.10—Appeals debatable.

(3) As necessary, the President is authorized to incur travel and per diem expenses for the next session of the Legislature. The President shall have the power to assign duties and sign requisitions pertaining to legislative expenses incurred in transacting Senate business as authorized. The President shall have responsibility for Senate property and may delegate specific duties or authority pertaining thereto.

(4) The President may authorize or retain counsel to initiate, defend, intervene in, or otherwise participate in any suit on behalf of the Senate, a Senate committee, a Senator (whether in the legal capacity of Senator or taxpayer), a former Senator, or a Senate officer or employee when such suit is determined by the President to be of significant interest to the Senate and when it is determined by the President that the interests of the Senate would not otherwise be adequately represented. Expenses incurred for legal services in such proceedings may be paid upon approval of the President.

#### **1.5—The President’s appointment of committees**

(1) The President appoints members to all standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees. The President also appoints the Senate members of conference committees, joint committees, and joint select committees.

(2) Any member removed from a committee without his or her consent shall have the right to appeal such removal to the Rules Committee.

#### **1.6—The President’s vote**

The President or temporary presiding Senator shall not be required to vote in legislative proceedings, except on final passage of a measure. In all yeas and nay votes, the President’s name shall be called last.

See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

#### **1.7—The President’s absence from the chair; duties of President Pro Tempore**

(1) The President may name any Senator to perform the duties of the chair during a sitting.

(2) If for any reason the President is absent and fails to name a Senator, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the chair.

(3) If the President resigns, he or she may, prior to resignation, designate a member of his or her party to assume the duties of the chair until a permanent successor is elected.

(4) In the event the chair is vacated permanently, nothing herein shall preclude the Senate from electing a presiding officer. If the chair is vacated permanently during a session of the Legislature, a new presiding officer must be elected within seven (7) days of the vacancy. If the chair is vacated permanently while the Legislature is not in session, the President’s designee shall convene the Senate independently no later than thirty (30) days after the vacancy for the sole purpose of electing a new presiding officer. The election shall be the Senate’s first order of business. In the event that a designation is not made pursuant to sub-

section (3) of this Rule, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the designee in convening the Senate to elect a new presiding officer.

#### **1.8—Election of the Senate Secretary**

(1) The Senate shall elect a Secretary to serve at its pleasure. A staff of assistants shall be employed to regularly transact such business as required by law, as required by Senate Rules, or as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall take an oath to support the *Constitution of the United States* and the *Constitution of the State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office.

See FLA. CONST. art. II, s. 5(b) Public officers.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 2 Members; officers.

(2) The Secretary shall be under the supervision of the President, who may assign additional duties to the Secretary. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Secretary, the President may appoint someone to perform the duties of the office until the Senate, by its vote, fills the vacancy.

(3) The Secretary shall be the Senate enrolling and engrossing clerk and may designate staff to assist with the duties of the office.

#### **1.9—Duties of the Secretary at organization session**

If the President and the President Pro Tempore of the preceding session are absent or are no longer members, the Secretary shall, at the organization session of the Legislature, call the Senate to order. Pending the election of a President or a President Pro Tempore, the Secretary shall preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any Senator. The duties prescribed by this section may be delegated by the Secretary to any Senator.

#### **1.10—Duties of the Secretary generally; keeps Journal**

(1) The Secretary shall keep a correct daily Journal of Senate proceedings. The Journal shall be numbered serially from the first (1st) day of each session of the Legislature and shall be made available by the Secretary for the information of the Legislature and the public.

(2) The Secretary shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, and transmitting of bills, resolutions, and memorials.

(3) The Secretary shall keep under seal a separate Journal of the proceedings of the executive sessions of the Senate.

(4) The Secretary shall not permit any official records or papers belonging to the Senate to be removed from the custody of the Secretary other than in the regular course of business and with proper receipt.

#### **1.11—The Secretary prepares daily calendar**

(1) The Secretary shall prepare a daily calendar that shall set forth:

- (a) The order of business;
- (b) The committee report on each bill, i.e., whether favorable, favorable with committee amendments, or favorable with committee substitute;
- (c) The status of each bill, i.e., whether on second (2nd) reading, third (3rd) reading, or unfinished business;
- (d) Notices of committee meetings; and
- (e) Notices of meetings required pursuant to Rule 1.45.

(2) The Secretary shall publish the daily calendar for the information of the Legislature and the public.

#### **1.12—The Secretary reads papers; calls roll; records votes**

The Secretary shall have read to the Senate all papers ordered to be read; note responses of Senators when the roll is called to determine the presence of a quorum; call the roll verbally or by electronic roll call and record the votes when a question is taken by yeas and nays; and assist, under the direction of the President, in taking the count when any Senate vote is taken by a show of hands or otherwise.

See Rule 5.1—Taking the yeas and nays.



**1.13—The Secretary attests to warrants, subpoenas, and the passage of all measures**

The Secretary shall attest to all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate and shall attest to the passage of all bills, resolutions, and memorials.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

**1.14—The Secretary prepares forms**

The Secretary shall prepare all forms used by the Senate.

**1.15—The Secretary examines legal form of bills for introduction**

The Secretary shall examine all bills on their tender for introduction, but prior to their receiving a number, he or she shall determine whether they meet the requirements of law and of these Rules. The Secretary shall direct the attention of the introducer to apparent defects, but the introducer shall be exclusively responsible for the constitutional and legal correctness of the bill.

See Rule 3.1—Form of bills.

**1.16—The Secretary supervises information technology operations; indexes bills**

The Secretary shall supervise Senate information technology operations and maintain a numerical index of bills and a cumulative index by introducers.

**1.17—The Secretary transmits bills to the House of Representatives**

Unless otherwise directed by the President, the Secretary shall transmit all bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and appropriate memorials to the House of Representatives without delay. Each measure shall be accompanied by a message stating the title to the measure being transmitted and requesting the concurrence of the House.

See Rule 6.8—Reconsideration; Secretary to hold for period.

**1.18—The Secretary receives and delivers for reading messages from the House of Representatives; summaries of House amendments to Senate bills**

(1) The Secretary shall receive all messages from the House of Representatives and shall be responsible for their security. The Secretary shall have them available for reading to the Senate during the appropriate order of business.

(2) All messages reflecting House amendments to Senate bills shall be reviewed by the appropriate committees for research and summary. Special notice of the summaries shall be made available to each Senator.

(3) The President shall be informed by the Chair of the Rules Committee when a House amendment to a Senate bill substantially changes or materially alters the bill as passed by the Senate. The President may refer such bill and House amendments to an appropriate committee or committees for hearing and further report to the Senate. Upon such reference by the President, committee or committees of reference shall meet on a date and at a time set by the President and shall make a report to the Senate recommending action on the relevant House amendments. The report may be received when the message is reached under Messages from the House of Representatives.

**PART TWO—SENATORS****1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts**

(1) Unless excused for just cause or necessarily prevented, every Senator shall be within the Senate Chamber during its sittings and in attendance at all assigned committee meetings.

(2) A Senator who is in the Chamber or in a committee meeting shall vote on each question, except as provided in Rule 1.6.

(3) However, a Senator shall abstain from voting if, in the Senator's judgment, a vote on a question would constitute a conflict of interest as

defined in Rule 1.39. A Senator who abstains from voting shall file the disclosure required by Rule 1.39.

See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

**1.21—Excused absence**

The President may excuse a Senator from attending a sitting of the Senate or any meetings of Senate committees for any stated period. An excused absence from a sitting of the Senate shall be noted in the Journal.

**1.22—Senate papers left with Secretary**

A Senator necessarily absent from a sitting of the Senate or meeting of its committees and having in his or her possession official papers relating to Senate business shall leave such papers with the Secretary before leaving the Capitol.

**1.23—Senators deemed present unless excused**

A Senator who answers the quorum roll call at the opening of a sitting or who enters after such roll call and announces his or her presence to the Senate shall thereafter be considered present unless excused by the President.

See Rule 4.2—Quorum.

**1.24—Contested seat**

If a seat in the Senate is contested, notice stating the grounds of such contest shall be given by the contestant to the Senate prior to the day of the organization session of the Legislature; and the contest shall be determined by majority vote as soon as reasonably possible. The President shall appoint a Credentials Committee to be composed of not more than ten (10) members who shall consider the question and report their recommendations to the President, who shall inform the Senate. If a Credentials Committee submits its final report and recommendations to the President when the Legislature is not in session, the President may convene the Senate independently for the sole purpose of deciding a seating contest.

**1.25—Facilities for Senators**

Each Senator shall be entitled to facilities and expenses that are necessary and expedient to the fulfillment of the duties of the office, the location and sufficiency of which shall be determined by the President.

**1.26—Nonlegislative activities; approval of the President**

No Senator shall accept appointments to nonlegislative committees, commissions, or task forces without prior approval of the President if travel and per diem expenses are to be taken from Senate funds.

**PART THREE—SENATE EMPLOYEES****1.28—Dismissal of employees; employment of a spouse or immediate relative**

(1) The President shall resolve disputes involving the competency or decorum of a Senate employee, and may terminate the services of an employee. At the President's discretion, the issue may be referred to the Rules Committee for its recommendation. The pay of an employee so terminated shall stop on the termination date.

(2) A Senator's spouse or immediate relatives may serve in any authorized position. However, they shall not receive compensation for services performed, except as a participant in the Florida Senate Page Program.

**1.29—Employees forbidden to lobby**

No employee of the Senate shall directly or indirectly interest or concern himself or herself with the passage or consideration of any matter whatsoever. Violation of this Rule by an employee shall be grounds for summary dismissal. This Rule shall not preclude the performance of duties that may be properly delegated to a Senator's legislative assistant.

**1.30—Duties and hours**

Employees shall perform the duties assigned to them by the President and required of them by Rule and policy of the Senate. When the Senate is in session, employees shall remain on duty as required. When the Senate is not in session, permanent staff of the Senate shall observe the hours of employment set by the President. Part-time employees and Senators' district staff shall observe hours that are prescribed by their respective department head or Senator.

**1.31—Absence without permission**

If employees are absent without prior permission, except for just cause, their employment shall be terminated or their compensation forfeited for the period of absence as determined by the President.

**1.32—Employee political activity**

Senate employees shall be regulated concerning their political activity pursuant to Senate Administrative Policies and Procedures.

**PART FOUR—LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT AND ETHICS****1.35—Legislative conduct**

Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

**1.36—Improper influence**

A Senator shall not accept anything that will improperly influence his or her official act, decision, or vote.

**1.361—Solicitation or acceptance of contributions; registration and disclosure requirements**

(1) During any regular legislative session, extended session, or special session, a Senator may not directly or indirectly solicit, cause to be solicited, or accept any contribution on behalf of either the Senator's own campaign, any organization described under section 527 or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, any political committee, any committee of continuous existence, any political party, or the campaign of any candidate for the Senate; however, a Senator may contribute to his or her own campaign.

(2) Any fundraising activity otherwise prohibited during an extended or special session by subsection (1) shall not be considered a violation of this Rule and may take place provided that it can be shown that the event was already scheduled prior to the issuance of the proclamation, resolution, or other communiqué extending the session or convening a special session.

(3) Any Senator who directly or indirectly solicits, causes to be solicited, or accepts any contribution on behalf of any organization described under section 527 or section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, any political committee, or any committee of continuous existence must immediately disclose such activity to, and register with, the Rules Committee. However, no registration is required as a result of a Senator's solicitation or acceptance of contributions on behalf of his or her own campaign, a campaign for any other office, or a political party. When required by law, the Senator shall promptly create a public website that contains a mission statement for such organization, the names of the Senators associated with that organization, and disclosure of contributions received by and expenditures made by the organization.

(4) Upon a determination that a Senator has violated this Rule, the President may refer the question of disciplinary action to the Rules Committee for a recommendation. Upon receipt of the Rules Committee recommendation, the President shall decide upon appropriate action.

**1.37—Conflicting employment**

A Senator shall not allow his or her personal employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.

**1.38—Undue influence**

A Senator shall not use his or her influence as a Senator in any issue that involves substantial conflict between his or her personal interest and his or her duties in the public interest.

**1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon**

(1) Abstention on matters of special private gain or loss.—A Senator may not vote on any matter that the Senator knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of the Senator. The Senator must disclose the nature of the interest in the matter from which the Senator is required to abstain.

(2) Disclosure on matters of special private gain or loss to family or principals.—When voting on any matter that the Senator knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of:

- (a) 1. Any principal by whom the Senator or the Senator's spouse, parent, or child is retained or employed;
2. Any parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which the Senator is retained or employed; or
3. An immediate family member or business associate of the Senator,

the Senator must disclose the nature of the interest of such person in the outcome of the vote.

- (b) For the purpose of this Rule, the term:
  1. "Immediate family member" means any father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.
  2. "Business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the Senator as a partner, joint venturer, corporate shareholder where the shares of such corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange, or co-owner of property.

(3) Methods of disclosure.—If the vote is taken on the floor, disclosure under this Rule or under any related law shall be accomplished by filing with the Secretary a memorandum the substance of which shall be printed in the Journal. If the vote is taken in a committee or subcommittee, the memorandum shall be filed with the committee or subcommittee administrative assistant, who shall file such memorandum in the committee or subcommittee files and with the Secretary. A Senator shall make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum pursuant to this Rule prior to the vote. If it is not possible to file the memorandum prior to the vote, then the memorandum must be filed immediately but not more than fifteen (15) days after the vote. The Secretary shall also make all memoranda filed pursuant to this Rule available online.

(4) Exception.—Notwithstanding this Rule, a Senator may vote on the General Appropriations Act or related implementing legislation without providing any disclosure. However, a Senator must follow the provisions of this Rule when specific appropriations or amendments are considered for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act or related implementing legislation.

See Rule 1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts.

**1.40—Ethics training**

Prior to the opening day of a regular session in odd-numbered years, all Senators shall complete a course of at least one (1) hour in length which addresses the requirements of law under the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, open meetings, public records, and any other subject approved by the President.

**1.41—Senate employees and conflicts**

Senate employees shall be accountable to the intent of these Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics.

**1.42—Advisory opinions**

Questions from Senators relating to the interpretation and enforcement of Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Senate General Counsel and shall emanate therefrom. A Senator may submit a factual situation to the Senate General Counsel with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Senate General Counsel shall enter an opinion responding to each inquiry on which a Senator may reasonably rely. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without the Senator's consent.

**1.43—Violations; investigations, penalties**

(1) Any person may file a sworn complaint with the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, alleging a violation by a Senator of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics. The complaint shall be based on personal knowledge, shall state detailed facts, shall specify the actions of the named Senator which form the basis for the complaint, shall attach all documentation on which the complaint is based, and shall identify the specific Rule alleged by the complainant to have been violated by the Senator.

- (a) Upon a determination by the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, that the complaint fails to state facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed.
- (b) Upon a determination by the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, that the complaint states facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be referred to a special master. The special master shall conduct an investigation, shall give reasonable notice to the Senator who is alleged to have violated the Rules and shall grant the Senator an opportunity to be heard unless the investigation fails to reveal facts supporting a finding of probable cause. A special master's report and recommendation is advisory only and shall be presented to the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair, as soon as practicable after the close of the investigation. If the special master's report and recommendation conclude that the facts do not support a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed by the Rules Chair, or the President when the complaint is against the Rules Chair. If the complaint is not dismissed, the Rules Committee shall consider the special master's report and recommendation, shall grant the Senator an opportunity to be heard, and shall develop its own recommendation. If the complaint is against the Rules Chair, the chair is excused and the vice chair shall conduct the deliberation. If the Rules Committee votes to dismiss the complaint, the Rules Chair or vice chair shall dismiss the complaint. Otherwise, the special master's report and recommendation and the recommendation of the Rules Committee shall be presented to the President. The President shall present the committee's recommendation, along with the special master's report and recommendation, to the Senate for final action.

(2) Separately from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law, a Senator determined to have violated the requirements of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics may be censured, reprimanded, or expelled. Such determination and disciplinary action shall be taken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, on recommendation of the Rules Committee.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(d) Quorum and procedure.

**PART FIVE—PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS****1.44—Open meetings**

(1) All meetings at which legislative business is discussed between more than two (2) members of the Legislature shall be open to the public except:

- (a) At the sole discretion of the President, after consultation with appropriate law enforcement, public health, emergency management, or security authorities, those portions of meetings of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee

concerning measures to address security, espionage, sabotage, attack, and other acts of terrorism.

- (b) Discussions on the floor while the Senate is sitting and discussions among Senators in a committee room during committee meetings shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Rule.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) All meetings shall be subject to appropriate order and decorum at the discretion of the person conducting the meeting.

(3) For purposes of this Rule, "legislative business" is defined as issues pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or Senate subcommittee.

**1.45—Notice required for certain meetings**

(1) A written notice of the following meetings at which legislative business is to be discussed shall be filed with the Secretary. While the Legislature is not in regular or special session and during the first fifty (50) days of a regular session, the notice shall be filed at least four (4) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. After the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session and during a special session, the notice shall be filed at least two (2) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting:

- (a) Meetings of the President (or a Senator designated to represent the President) with the Governor or with the Speaker (or a representative designated to represent the Speaker);
- (b) Meetings of a majority of the Senators who constitute the membership of any Senate committee or subcommittee; and
- (c) Meetings called by the President or the President's designee of a majority of the chairs of the Senate's standing committees.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) Notices of meetings required by Rule 1.45(1) shall be filed by or at the direction of the person at whose call the meeting is convened; shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting; shall contain a brief description of the general subject matter scheduled to be discussed. In the case of a meeting required to be noticed pursuant to this Rule, if the meeting is to take place at or after 10:00 p.m., then the notice must be delivered to the Secretary by 5:00 p.m. Notices of such meetings shall appear in the daily calendar.

(3) In the event the times required for notice under Rule 1.45(1) are not sufficient to permit publication in a daily or interim calendar, the Secretary shall publish on the Senate website and post on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol. The Secretary shall make a diligent effort to give actual notice to members of the media of all noncalendared meeting notices.

(4) Political caucuses shall be open to the public in accordance with Rule 1.44 and noticed in accordance with this Rule when legislative business then pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or a Senate subcommittee are discussed. Political caucuses held for the sole purpose of designating a President, a President Pro Tempore, a Minority Leader, or a Minority Leader Pro Tempore need not be open or noticed.

**1.46—Constitutional requirements concerning open meetings**

(1) All legislative committee and subcommittee meetings and joint conference committee meetings shall be open and noticed to the public.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) All prearranged gatherings between more than two (2) members of the Legislature, or between the Governor, the President, or the Speaker, the purpose of which is to agree upon formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding pending legislation or amendments shall be reasonably open to the public.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(3) In cases of conflict between this Rule and any other Senate Rule, the Rule providing greater notice or public access shall prevail.

#### 1.47—Reapportionment information

All Senators shall have equal access to the Senate electronic redistricting system, census data, and all other information promulgated by, maintained by, or available to any Senate standing committee or subcommittee appointed for the analysis of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

#### 1.48—Legislative records; maintenance, control, destruction, disposal, fee for copies, and disposition

(1) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, may be inspected by any person desiring to do so at reasonable times, under reasonable conditions, and under supervision of the person who has custody of the records, or that person's designee.

See FLA. CONST. art. I, s. 24(a) Access to public records and meetings.

(2) The following standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee public records, not exempted from public disclosure, shall be retained electronically by each staff director until transferred by the Secretary to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division: copies of bills, amendments, vote sheets, bill analyses, and fiscal notes; meeting files including agendas and appearance cards; files relating to assigned projects; final staff reports submitted to subcommittees or committees; final reports submitted by subcommittees or committees; correspondence sent or received; and audio recordings of committee meetings. At the time of transfer, the actual correspondence to be sent to the Department of State shall consist only of correspondence which relates to other committee public records required by this Rule to be transferred. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(3) Except for records specifically required by law or Senate Rule to be filed or retained, district office records and constituents' records may be retained by the district office until those records become obsolete, at which point they may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(4) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, created or received by the President, President Pro Tempore, or Secretary shall be retained by that officer as specifically required by law or Senate Rule until transferred to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(5) The Secretary shall, with the approval of the President, establish a reasonable fee for copies of public legislative records not exempted from public disclosure. Such fees shall be based upon the actual cost of duplication of the record and shall include the material and supplies used to duplicate the record but not the labor cost or overhead cost associated with such duplication. If the nature or volume of records requested to be inspected or copied is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by employees of the Senate, a special service charge in addition to the actual cost of duplication may be imposed. Such special service charge shall be reasonable and based on the cost incurred for the extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of employees providing the service that is actually incurred by the Senate or attributable to the Senate for the clerical and supervisory assistance required.

(6) Once the retention period for a public record, not exempted from public disclosure, has expired, the public record may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed. A public record need not be retained if it is published or retained by another legislative office. Only one (1) copy of a public record need be retained; additional copies of that record may be destroyed at any time. In the case of mass mailings, only one (1) sample copy of the mailing, or an abstract, need be retained.

(7) For the purpose of this Rule, a Senator's district office shall include the offices each Senator retains for the transaction of official legislative business in his or her respective district and the assigned offices located in the Senate Office Building or the Capitol in Tallahassee.

(8) The following public records are exempt from inspection and copying:

- (a) Records, or information contained therein, held by the legislative branch of government which, if held by an agency as defined in section 119.011, *Florida Statutes*, or any other unit of government, would be confidential or exempt from the provisions of section 119.07(1), *Florida Statutes*, or otherwise exempt from public disclosure, and records or information of the same type held by the Legislature.
- (b) A formal complaint about a member or officer of the Legislature or about a lobbyist and the records relating to the complaint, until the complaint is dismissed, a determination as to probable cause has been made, a determination that there are sufficient grounds for review has been made and no probable cause panel is to be appointed, or the respondent has requested in writing that the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives make public the complaint or other records relating to the complaint, whichever occurs first.
- (c) A legislatively produced draft, and a legislative request for a draft, of a bill, resolution, memorial, or legislative rule, and an amendment thereto, which is not provided to any person other than the member or members who requested the draft, an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (d) A draft of a report, bill analysis, fiscal note, report prepared by a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature or the Senate and materials in support thereof until the draft is provided to a person other than an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (e) A draft, and a request for a draft, of a reapportionment plan or redistricting plan and an amendment thereto. Any supporting documents associated with such plan or amendment until a bill implementing the plan, or the amendment, is filed.
- (f) Records prepared for or used in executive sessions of the Senate until ten (10) years after the date on which the executive session was held.
- (g) Portions of records of former legislative investigating committees whose records are sealed or confidential as of June 30, 1993, which may reveal the identity of any witness, any person who was a subject of the inquiry, or any person referred to in testimony, documents, or evidence retained in the committees' records; however, this exemption does not apply to a member of the committee, its staff, or any public official who was not a subject of the inquiry.
- (h) Requests by members for an advisory opinion concerning the application of the rules of either house pertaining to ethics, unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information. All advisory opinions shall be open to inspection except that the identity of the member shall not be disclosed in the opinion unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information.
- (i) Portions of correspondence held by the legislative branch which, if disclosed, would reveal: information otherwise exempt from disclosure by law; an individual's medical treatment, history, or condition; the identity or location of an individual if there is a substantial likelihood that releasing such information would jeopardize the health or safety of that individual; or information regarding physical abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, or abuse of the elderly.

(9) Any Senate record created prior to July 1, 1993, which was so designated by the President on June 30, 1993, shall remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993. Records held by joint committees, commissions or offices of the Legislature, that were jointly determined by the presiding officers of both houses to remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993, remain exempt.

(10) For purposes of this Rule, "public record" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by the legislative branch.

(11) All records, research, information, remarks, and staff work products, made or received during or in preparation for a closed meeting of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee, shall be confidential and exempt from inspection and copying for a period of thirty (30) days after the closed meeting, at which time they will automatically become legislative public records open to inspection and copying, unless the confidentiality and the prohibition against inspection and copying has, within the thirty (30) day period, been extended by the President. Unless the above-listed confidential and exempt items have been earlier released by operation of this Rule, they shall automatically become available for public inspection and copying five (5) years after the date of the closed meeting, unless this confidentiality and exemption is further extended by the President for subsequent five-year (5) periods.

#### 1.49—Violations of Rules on open meetings and notice

Violations of Rules 1.44 and 1.45 constitute violations of the Rules regulating legislative conduct and ethics and shall be subject to the procedures and penalties prescribed in Rule 1.43.

See Rule 1.43—Violations; investigations, penalties.

### RULE TWO

#### COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, VOTING, MOTIONS, DECORUM, AND DEBATE

#### PART ONE—COMMITTEES—ORGANIZATION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

##### 2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees; select subcommittees

(1) The following standing committees with standing subcommittees are created:

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Appropriations
  1. Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
  2. Subcommittee on Education
  3. Subcommittee on General Government
  4. Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
  5. Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
- (c) Banking and Insurance
- (d) Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- (e) Commerce and Tourism
- (f) Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities
- (g) Community Affairs
- (h) Criminal Justice
- (i) Education Pre-K - 12
- (j) Environmental Preservation and Conservation
- (k) Ethics and Elections
- (l) Finance and Tax
- (m) Fiscal Policy
- (n) Governmental Oversight and Accountability
- (o) Health Policy
- (p) Higher Education
- (q) Judiciary
- (r) Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- (s) Reapportionment
- (t) Regulated Industries
- (u) Rules
- (v) Transportation

(2) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees, when created and designated by Senate Rule, shall exist and operate both during and between sessions.

See Rule 1.5—The President's appointment of committees.

(3) No standing committee shall consist of fewer than five (5) members.

(4) A select subcommittee may be appointed by a standing committee or the chair thereof, with prior approval of the President.

- (a) A select subcommittee may study or investigate a specific issue falling within the jurisdiction of the standing committee or hear a bill referred to it.
- (b) The President and the Secretary shall be promptly notified of the appointment of a select subcommittee, its assignment, and the time allowed for the assignment, and shall be notified on completion of the assignment.
- (c) Select subcommittees shall be governed by the Rules regulating standing subcommittees, except that a select subcommittee shall exist only for the time necessary to complete its assignment or thirty (30) days, whichever is less, unless extended by the President.
- (d) The advisory report by a select subcommittee whether favorable or unfavorable shall be reviewed by the standing committee and accepted, amended, or rejected by majority vote of those committee members present.

##### 2.2—Powers and responsibilities of committees

(1) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees are authorized:

- (a) To maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each subject area;
- (b) To invite public officials, employees, and private individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to submit information;
- (c) To request reports from departments performing functions reasonably related to the committees' jurisdictions; and
- (d) To complete the interim work assigned by the President.

(2) In order to carry out its duties, each standing committee or standing subcommittee has the reasonable right and authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operation, and physical plant of any public agency in this state.

(3) In order to carry out the committee's duties, the chair of each standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee may request the President to issue subpoenas, subpoenas *duces tecum*, and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee. The President may issue said process at the request of the committee chair. Any member of a standing committee, standing subcommittee, or select committee may administer all oaths and affirmations, in the manner prescribed by law, to witnesses who appear before such committees to testify in any matter requiring evidence.

##### 2.4—Committee staffing

A committee shall be staffed with personnel, subject to guidelines and criteria authorized by the President. The staff shall also be subject to the pay and classification code of the Senate. The President may authorize joint utilization of personnel with the House of Representatives and may authorize the Senate to share in the cost.

##### 2.6—Committee meeting notices; regular session and interim; day fifty (50) rule

(1) Senate committees shall submit a notice of meetings (including site visits and public hearings) as provided herein. Reference to committee meeting notices in these Rules shall include all standing committees, standing subcommittees, select committees, select subcommittees, and such other committees or subcommittees as may be created by the Senate.

(2) Committee meeting notices shall include the date, time, amendment deadline, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, subject, and number of each bill to be taken up and other subjects to be considered.

(3) Notice of committee meetings shall be published in the daily calendar. No committee shall consider any bill during the first fifty (50) days of a regular session until proper notice has been published in three (3) weekday calendars, including the calendar published on the day of such committee meeting.

(4) If a weekend meeting is scheduled, notice of such meeting shall appear in three (3) daily calendars, including those published on the weekend days on which the meeting is held. However, a calendar published on a weekend shall not be included in the calculation of publication days for meetings taking place on Monday through Friday.

(5) Calendars published on the Friday and Monday immediately preceding the opening day of a regular session may be included in the calculation of the three-day (3) notice requirement for meetings held on the first (1st) and second (2nd) days of a regular session.

(6) After day fifty (50) of a regular session, meetings of standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees scheduled in accordance with Rule 2.10 may be held following an announcement by the chair of the committee or subcommittee or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair while the Senate is sitting. Notice shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol four (4) hours in advance of the meeting. A committee meeting announced during a sitting may occur four (4) hours after notice of the meeting has been published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol. Such notices may be posted in advance of the oral announcement during the sitting.

(7) When the Legislature is not in session, committee meeting notices shall be filed with the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall make the notice available to the membership and the public.

#### **2.7—Bills recommitted for failure to provide proper notice**

(1) A bill reported by a standing committee without proper notice shall be recommitted to the committee reporting the same on the point of order being made within two (2) sittings after such report is printed in the Journal, or the President may recommit such bill at any time. Once recommitted, the bill is available for consideration by the committee as if it had never been reported.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) A bill reported by a standing subcommittee to the standing committee to which it was referred by the President without proper notice shall be recommitted to the subcommittee reporting same on the point of order made during the standing committee meeting at which the bill was reported by the subcommittee. Once recommitted, the bill is available for consideration by the subcommittee as if it had never been reported.

#### **2.8—Filing and publication of meeting notices**

For publication in the daily calendar, notice of committee meetings shall be delivered to the Secretary's office in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding its intended publication. If such day is a Friday, delivery shall be by 2:30 p.m.

#### **2.9—Committee meetings; committee meetings after fiftieth (50th) day**

(1) Each standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee shall consider the public business assigned to it as expeditiously as possible and proper.

(2) Unless approved by the President, no committee shall meet after the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session except the Rules Committee.

#### **2.10—Committee meeting schedules; time limits on meetings**

(1) The President shall provide a schedule of days, hours, and places for the meeting of committees for the regular session and during the interim, and deliver a copy of same to each Senator. However, no committee shall meet before 7:00 a.m. or meet or continue to meet after 6:00 p.m.

(2) Each committee or subcommittee, standing or select, shall meet in the place and within the time assigned for its use by the President and notice of such assignment shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol. No committee except the Rules Committee

shall meet while the Senate is sitting without the consent of the majority of the Senate present.

#### **2.11—Presentation of bills before committees**

The introducer of a bill shall attend the meeting of the committee before which such bill is noticed as provided in these Rules. Only if an introducer is required to be present in another committee meeting, may such introducer discharge this duty by sending another legislator or his or her legislative assistant. Senate committee professional staff shall be limited to presenting committee bills at meetings of their assigned committees of reference.

#### **2.12—Order of consideration of bills; exception**

(1) Bills shall be considered in the order appearing in the notice required by these Rules, except that the chair may, in the chair's sole discretion, consider a bill out of its order to accommodate the presence of a Senator or Representative who is the introducer thereof.

(2) A bill may be considered out of its order on the committee agenda if agreed to by unanimous consent of those committee members present obtained in the following manner: prior to consideration of the motion, the member moving for unanimous consent of those committee members present shall orally give the committee not less than fifteen (15) minutes' notice of the member's intention to move and shall specify the number of the bill. On the entertainment of the motion, the moving member shall be allowed one (1) minute to explain his or her purpose, and unanimous consent of those committee members present shall be given or refused without further debate.

#### **2.13—Open meetings**

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all committee meetings shall be open to the public, subject always to the powers and authority of the chair to maintain order and decorum.

See Rule 1.44—Open meetings.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

#### **2.15—Standing committee reports; committee substitutes**

(1) If reporting a matter referred to it, a standing committee shall report the matter either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment,
- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
- (d) Unfavorably.

The vote of the members present of a standing committee or subcommittee on final passage of any measure shall be recorded. Upon the request of any two (2) members of a committee or subcommittee, the vote on any other matter or motion properly before the committee shall be recorded. After such report has been received by the Secretary, no matter so reported shall be recommitted to a committee except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present at a sitting or except as provided in Rule 2.7 or Rule 4.7(2).

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(2) Such reports shall also reflect:

- (a) The date, time, and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
- (b) The vote of each member present of the committee on final passage of each bill.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

The Secretary shall enter in the Journal the recommended action of the committee on each bill reported, but shall not include that portion of the report relating to the date, time, and place of the meeting or the vote of each member on final passage of a measure. Reports of committees shall be preserved pursuant to law.

(3) In reporting a Senate measure, a standing committee may draft a new measure embracing the same or related subject matter to be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that the substitute be

considered in lieu of the original measure. If one or more amendments are adopted, a measure shall be reported as a committee substitute unless the committee by majority vote decides otherwise.

- (a) The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure referred to the committee and returned to the Secretary in the same manner as a favorable report.
- (b) No other standing committee of reference shall consider the original measure but shall direct its attention to the substitute measure.
- (c) A committee receiving a committee substitute from a prior committee of reference may also report a committee substitute and shall not be precluded from doing so with the substance of the bill as originally introduced.
- (d) When reported, the substitute shall be read a first (1st) time by title, the original proposition shall be automatically tabled, and the substitute considered in lieu thereof without motion. The substitute shall carry the identifying number of the original and shall be returned to the Secretary in the same number of copies required for first (1st) introduction of a similar measure.
- (e) The names of the introducer and each co-introducer of the original measure shall be shown by the committee administrative assistant on the committee substitute unless an introducer or co-introducer requests that it be omitted.
- (f) A Senate committee may not recommend a Senate committee substitute for a House bill.

(4) All standing committee reports shall be filed with the Secretary's office as soon as practicable, but not later than 4:30 p.m. on the next day that is not a weekend or state holiday, except a committee drafting and recommending a committee substitute shall file such committee report no later than 4:30 p.m. on the second (2nd) such weekday. These reports must be accompanied by the original bill. Each report by a committee must set forth the identifying number of the bill. If amendments are proposed by the committee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Committee amendments shall be identified by barcode in the report. All bills reported unfavorably shall be laid on the table.

#### 2.16—Standing subcommittee reports

(1) If reporting a matter referred to it, a standing subcommittee must report the matter directly to the standing committee to which the matter was referred by the President. The standing committee shall promptly certify a copy to the Secretary. The standing subcommittee shall report a matter either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment,
- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
- (d) Unfavorably.

(2) Such reports shall also reflect:

- (a) The date, time, and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
- (b) The vote of each member of the subcommittee on final passage of each bill.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(3) In reporting a bill to the standing committee of reference, a standing subcommittee may draft a new measure, embracing the same or related subject matter, to be returned to the standing committee with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure referred to the standing subcommittee and returned to the standing committee of reference in the same manner as a favorable report.

(4) All standing subcommittee reports shall be promptly transmitted to the standing committee of reference. Each report by a standing subcommittee must set forth the identifying number of the measure. If amendments are proposed by the standing subcommittee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Standing subcommittee amendments shall accompany the report.

(5) All bills reported unfavorably by a subcommittee shall be laid on the table by roll call vote when the standing committee of reference considers the standing subcommittee's report unless, on motion by any member adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those standing committee members present, the same report shall be rejected. When a subcommittee report is rejected by a standing committee, the bill shall receive a hearing *de novo* and witnesses shall be permitted to testify.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(6) When a bill with a favorable report by a standing subcommittee is considered by the standing committee to which it was referred by the President, no additional testimony shall be permitted except by a majority vote of those standing committee members present before a vote on final passage; however, debate by members of the standing committee shall be allowed prior to such vote.

#### 2.17—Quorum requirement

(1) A standing committee, standing subcommittee, or select committee is assembled only when a quorum constituting a majority of the members of that committee is present in person.

(2) A committee member may question the presence of a quorum at any time.

(3) No committee business of any type shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum. Any matter reported in violation of this Rule shall be recommitted by the President when it is called to the President's attention by a Senator.

#### 2.19—Conference committee in deliberation; reports

(1) All meetings of Senate conferees with House conferees at which the business of the conference committee is discussed shall be open to the public subject to proper order and decorum. A meeting of the Senate and House conferees is a meeting of the two (2) groups, therefore, the rules governing each respective house apply. Meetings between a majority of the members of a conference committee may be held following a notice being filed with the Secretary by or at the direction of the person calling the meeting, at least one (1) hour in advance of the meeting. The notice shall indicate the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, the date, the time, and the place of the meeting. Conference committees may meet at any time with proper notice.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(2) A conference committee, other than a conference committee on a general or special appropriations bill and its related legislation, shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(3) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. Such amendments shall accompany the conference committee report. In any event, the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either house. Conference committee reports must be approved and signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of each house. All final actions taken in a conference committee shall be by motion.

(4) Each conference committee report shall contain a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(5) When the President appoints a conference committee, a notice of the following meetings to discuss matters relating to the conference, stating the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, and the date, time, and place for the meeting, shall be filed with the Secretary by or at the direction of the person at whose call the meeting is convened, not less than one (1) hour preceding the time for the meeting:

- (a) Meetings between the President (or a Senator designated to represent the President), the Governor, and the Speaker (or a Representative designated to represent the Speaker);

- (b) Meetings between a majority of the members of any subcommittee of the conference committee;
- (c) Meetings between the President or any Senator designated to represent the President and a conferee from the House of Representatives, or any meeting between a conferee from the Senate with the Speaker or any Representative designated to represent the Speaker; and
- (d) Meetings of a majority of the Senate conferees; and when the bill that is the subject of the conference committee deals primarily with the general appropriations act or revenue matters, any meeting of three (3) or more conferees on the part of the Senate.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(e) Quorum and procedure.

(6) Notice of meetings, as scheduled, between the chair of the Senate's conferees with the chair of the House's conferees, or between respective Senate and House committee chairs with each other, shall be published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol. In the case of the appropriations conference, said notice shall also be posted outside the door of the offices of the appropriations committees.

(7) All meetings for which notice is required pursuant to this Rule shall be held in the Capitol Complex, but shall not be held in the Chamber of either house while it is sitting.

(8) When conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, any action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall not preclude further action on the measure as the Senate may determine.

(9) After Senate conferees have been appointed for seven (7) calendar days and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said conferees. This motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess and questions of privilege. Further, during the last six (6) calendar days allowed under the *State Constitution* for any regular session, it shall be a privileged motion to move to discharge, appoint, or instruct Senate conferees after the Senate conferees have been appointed thirty-six (36) hours without having made a report.

## PART TWO—COMMITTEES—OFFICERS

### 2.20—Appointment of chair and vice chair

A chair and a vice chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the President and shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall also appoint a chair for each standing subcommittee and select committee authorized by these Rules and may designate a vice chair, both of whom shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President.

### 2.21—Call to order

The chair or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair, shall call the committee to order at the hour provided by these Rules. A quorum being present, the committee shall proceed with consideration of its agenda.

### 2.22—Chair's control

The chair shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the committee room. If there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the committee room, the chair may require participants in the disturbance to clear the room.

### 2.23—Chair's authority; appeals

(1) The chair shall approve all notices, subpoenas, or reports required or permitted by these Rules.

(2) The chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator, and the appeal shall be certified by the chair to the Senate for a decision by the President during its next sitting following such certification. The ruling shall be entered in the Journal, shall constitute binding precedent on all committees of the Senate, and shall be subject to appeal as any other question.

(3) The proper method of taking exception to a ruling of the chair is by appeal. An appeal from a decision of the chair must be made promptly before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the chair. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

(4) An appeal from a decision of the chair on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

(5) The chair may, or on the vote of a majority of the committee members present shall, certify a question of parliamentary procedure to the President as contemplated by the Rule without a formal appeal. Such certified question shall be disposed of by the President as if it had been on appeal.

(6) Final action on an appeal or the certification of a procedural question pursuant to this Rule shall not constitute an automatic stay to further legislative action on the measure under consideration.

### 2.24—Chair, vice chair; vote

The chair and vice chair shall vote on all matters before such committee. The name of the chair shall be called last.

See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

### 2.25—Temporary alternate to chair

The chair may name any member of the committee to perform the duties of the chair if such substitution shall not extend beyond such meeting. If for any reason the chair is absent and fails to name a member, the vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair during the chair's absence.

### 2.26—Vice chair's duties

On the death, incapacitation, or resignation of the chair, the vice chair shall perform the duties of the office until the President appoints a successor. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall act as chair.

## PART THREE—COMMITTEES—MEMBERS

### 2.27—Members' attendance, voting; proxy and poll votes prohibited

(1) Unless excused or necessarily prevented, every member of a committee shall be in attendance during each of its meetings.

(2) The chair may excuse any member for just cause from attendance at meetings of his or her committee for any stated period, and this excused absence shall be noted on the committee's records.

(3) Failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings, unless excused from attendance in the Senate on those days as provided in these Rules or by the chair of the committee, shall be reported to the President who may take appropriate action.

(4) No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy nor shall a vote be conducted by poll.

(5) A majority of all the committee members present shall agree by their votes on the disposition of any matter considered by the committee.

See Rule 11.4—Majority action.

## PART FOUR—COMMITTEES—VOTING

### 2.28—Taking the vote

(1) The chair shall declare all votes and shall cause same to be entered on the records of the committee, but if any member questions a voice vote, then by a show of hands by two (2) members the chair shall count the yeas and nays. When the committee is equally divided, the question shall be lost.



See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

- (2) A member may request to:
  - (a) Vote, or
  - (b) Change his or her vote

before the results of a roll call are announced.

(3) After the results have been announced, a member with unanimous consent of those committee members present may vote or change his or her vote. If the vote alters the final action of the committee, no vote or change of vote shall be valid unless the matter has been reconsidered by the committee. On request of a member prior to consideration of other business, the chair shall order a verification of a vote.

(4) After a committee meeting, an absent Senator may file with the committee an indication of how he or she would have voted if present. Such filing is for information only and shall have no effect upon the committee's meeting report.

### 2.29—Pair voting prohibited

No pair voting shall be permitted by the committee.

### 2.30—Casting vote for another

No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator, nor shall any person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Senator who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper. Also, any person not a Senator who shall vote in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the committee for the remainder of the session.

### 2.31—Explanation of vote

No member shall be permitted to defer or explain his or her vote during a roll call, but may submit his or her explanation in writing and file it with the chair. This explanation shall be kept as part of the committee record and a copy filed with the Secretary.

## PART FIVE—COMMITTEES—MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE

### 2.32—Motions; how made, withdrawn

(1) Every procedural motion may be made orally. On request of the chair, a member shall submit his or her motion in writing.

(2) After a motion has been stated or read by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the committee without a second, and shall be disposed of by vote of the committee members present.

(3) The mover may withdraw a motion at any time before the same has been amended, or before a vote shall have commenced. The mover of a motion to reconsider may withdraw that motion only with the unanimous consent of those committee members present.

### 2.33—Motions; precedence

(1) When a question is under debate, the chair shall receive no motion except:

- (a) To rise
- (b) To take a recess
- (c) To reconsider instant passage of a main question
- (d) To reconsider
- (e) To limit debate
- (f) To temporarily postpone
- (g) To commit to a select subcommittee
- (h) To amend

which shall have precedence in the descending order given.

(2) The chair shall present all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion is of a higher precedence or a substitute of equal precedence.

(3) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute may be pending and the substitute shall be in the same

order of precedence. If a substitute fails, another substitute of equal degree may be offered.

### 2.34—Division of question

A member may move for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it, which shall be decided by a majority vote. A motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to delete, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to delete and insert.

See Rule 6.3—Division of question.

### 2.35—Reconsideration generally

(1) When a question has been decided by a committee, any member voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question.

(2) If a question has been decided by voice vote, any member, during the meeting at which the vote was taken, may so move.

(3) If the committee shall refuse to reconsider or, upon reconsideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except upon unanimous consent of those committee members present.

(4) A motion to reconsider final passage of a measure or the confirmation of an executive appointment may be made prior to or pending a motion to rise. It shall not be taken up or voted on when made but shall be a special and continuing order of business for the succeeding committee meeting, and, unless considered during such meeting, shall be considered abandoned.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

(5) At the next succeeding meeting, the reconsideration of such motion may be made by any member prior to a motion to rise.

(6) After day forty-five (45) of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and considered during the meeting at which the original vote was taken.

(7) A motion to reconsider instant may be offered by a member voting on the prevailing side at the original meeting and shall be of a higher precedence than a motion to reconsider.

(a) If the motion to reconsider instant is agreed to by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, it shall supersede a motion to reconsider and place the main question again before the committee for further consideration, amendment, and debate.

(b) If a motion to reconsider instant is not agreed to, a motion to reconsider, if offered or pending as provided in subsection (4) of this Rule, will be a special and continuing item on the committee agenda for the next meeting.

### 2.36—Reconsideration; vote required

The affirmative votes of a majority of the committee members present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

### 2.37—Reconsideration; debate allowed

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question proposed for reconsideration is debatable. When debate on a motion to reconsider is in order, no Senator shall speak thereon more than once nor longer than five (5) minutes.

### 2.38—Reconsideration; collateral matters

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the committee has passed to other business.

**PART SIX—COMMITTEES—AMENDMENTS****2.39—Amendments, proposed committee substitutes, and proposed committee bills; form, notice, manner of consideration; germanity**

(1) No amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure, or no proposed committee bill on any committee agenda shall be considered by that committee unless the amendment, proposed committee substitute, or proposed committee bill was prepared in proper form and filed with the committee administrative assistant at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the noticed meeting time. For the purpose of this rule, office hours are the weekdays of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Copies of such amendment, proposed committee substitute, or proposed committee bill shall be made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting to the members of the committee and to the public.

- (a) After distribution of all timely filed amendments, amendments to amendments or substitute amendments may be filed to any measure to which an amendment was timely filed. Such amendments must be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
  - (b) After distribution of all timely filed proposed committee substitutes and proposed committee bills, amendments, amendments to amendments, or substitute amendments to any proposed committee substitute or proposed committee bill must be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
  - (c) Amendments to late-filed amendments, proposed committee substitutes, or proposed committee bills shall be considered timely filed if filed at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
  - (d) After the first fifty (50) days of a regular session, an amendment, proposed committee bill, or proposed committee substitute to any measure prepared prior to a committee meeting at which it is offered shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
  - (e) The consideration of any amendment, proposed committee bill, or proposed committee substitute not timely filed in accordance with this rule, including any filed during a committee meeting in which it is to be offered, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present, if any member requests that such a vote be taken. These time requirements do not apply to a committee's recommendation during a meeting to make a committee substitute which is merely a combination of the noticed bill and amendment.
- (2) Amendments shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Secretary.
- (a) An amendment shall be considered only after its sponsor, who is a member of the committee, gains recognition from the chair to move its adoption.
  - (b) An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the chair and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending.
  - (c) No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of an amendment.

**2.40—Sequence of amendments to amendments**

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

(Amendment chart, as adopted, is not shown here but is included in the published Senate Rules Manual.)

- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up.
- (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
- (c) The substitute then is voted on.

(2) The adoption of a substitute amendment in lieu of an original amendment shall be treated and considered as an amendment to the bill itself.

- (3) The following third (3rd) degree amendments are out of order:
- (a) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the amendment.
  - (b) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the substitute.
  - (c) An amendment to an amendment to the amendment.
  - (d) An amendment to an amendment to the substitute amendment.

**2.41—Deleting everything after enacting clause**

A proposal to delete everything after the enacting clause of a bill, or the resolving clause of a resolution, and insert new language of the same or relation subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

**2.42—Amendment by section**

The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The chair, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the entire bill shall be open for amendment.

**2.43—Senate amendments to House bills**

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill.

**2.44—Amendments by previous committees**

Amendments recommended by all committees of reference shall accompany a bill when filed with the Secretary. No committee shall remove an amendment by another committee but may recommend an amendment to an amendment, or a substitute for an amendment, by another committee. Any accompanying amendment shall be included in a subsequent committee substitute unless altered or negated by committee action. Amendments adopted by a committee to be incorporated in a committee substitute need not be filed with the Secretary as part of the reports required in Rules 2.15 and 2.16.

**PART SEVEN—COMMITTEES—DECORUM AND DEBATE****2.45—Decorum and debate**

When a member desires to speak or present a matter to the committee, the member shall address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madam Chair" and, on being recognized, may address the committee and shall confine any remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personality. A member shall not address or refer to another member by his or her first name. A member shall use the appellation of "Senator" or such appellation and the surname of the member referred to or addressed.

**2.46—Chair's power to recognize**

When two (2) or more members request to speak at once, the chair shall recognize the member who is to speak first.

**2.47—Interruptions; when allowed**

(1) No member shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the member who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the chair concerning a point of order (provided the appeal is made immediately following the decision);
- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The chair shall strictly enforce this Rule.

**2.48—Speaking rights**

(1) When a member is speaking and another member interrupts to request recognition, the chair may permit the person rising to state why he or she desires the floor. If the question the member desires to raise is entitled to precedence, the member originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The member is then entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The member making a debatable motion or the introducer of a bill, whether or not a member of the committee, shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

**2.49—Time for debate**

No Senator shall speak longer than ten (10) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those committee members present.

**2.50—Limitation on debate**

When a matter is under debate by the committee, a member may move to limit debate, and the motion shall be decided without debate. The introducer of the pending matter on which debate would be limited shall have five (5) minutes to discuss the motion, and the introducer may divide such time with, or waive it in favor of, another member. If the question is decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present, the debate shall be limited accordingly. The time allotted by such limitation shall be apportioned by the chair. Once limited, debate may be extended beyond the original debate time limit by a majority vote of the committee members present.

**2.51—Priority of business; debate thereon**

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be acted on and shall be decided without debate.

**RULE THREE****BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS****3.1—Form of bills**

(1) All bills shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*, and the enacting clause, "Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida." The title of each bill shall be prefaced by the words, "A bill to be entitled An act." Standard rules of capitalization shall apply.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

(2) The original must be approved by the introducer and backed in a folder-jacket. On these jackets shall be inscribed the name and district number of the introducer and any co-introducers or the introducing committee and its chair, and enough of the title for identification.

(3) Bills that propose to amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes* (as described in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*) or the *Laws of Florida* shall contain the full text of the section, subsection, or paragraph to be amended. Joint resolutions that propose to amend the *State Constitution* shall contain the full text of the section to be amended.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

(4) In general bills and joint resolutions that propose to create or amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes*, *Laws of Florida*, or the *State Constitution*, new words shall be inserted underlined, and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens, except that the text of the General Appropriations Act shall not be underlined.

(5) When the change in language is so general that the use of these procedures would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the amendment, it shall not be necessary to use the coded indicators of words added or deleted but, in lieu thereof, a notation similar to the following shall be inserted immediately preceding the text of the provision being amended: "Substantial rewording of section. See s. [number], F.S., for present text." When such notation is used, the notation as well as the substantially reworded text shall be underlined.

(6) The words to be deleted and the above-described indicators of such words and of new material are for information and guidance and shall not be considered to constitute a part of the bill under consideration.

(7) Section catchlines of existing text shall not be typed with underlining.

**3.2—Bills for introduction**

A bill may not be introduced until properly filed with the Secretary.

See Rule 1.15—The Secretary examines legal form of bills for introduction.

See Rule 3.7—Bill filing deadline during regular session; bill filing between regular sessions; exceptions.

See Rule 13.4—Delivery for introduction.

**3.3—Form of local bills**

As required by Article III, Section 10 of the *State Constitution*, all local bills must either embody provision for ratifying referenda (stated in the title as well as in the text of the bill) or be accompanied by an affidavit of proper advertisement. A form of affidavit may be found in section 11.03, *Florida Statutes*. All local bills that require publication shall, when introduced, have proof of publication securely attached to the original copy of the bill and the words "Proof of Publication Attached" clearly typed or stamped on the Senate side of the bill jacket or cover, or the same shall be rejected by the Secretary.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 10 Special laws.

**3.4—Form of joint resolutions**

All joint resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, "Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida." Each joint resolution shall be prefaced by the words: "A joint resolution."

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 6 Laws.

**3.5—Form of memorials**

All memorials shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, "Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida."

**3.6—Form of resolutions; Senate and concurrent**

(1) All Senate resolutions and all concurrent resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. Senate resolutions shall contain the resolving clause: "Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida." Concurrent resolutions shall contain the resolving clause: "Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring."

(2) Only the Secretary shall prepare copies of Senate resolutions that are to be furnished any person after the resolution's adoption.

**3.7—Bill filing deadline during regular session; bill filing between regular sessions; exceptions**

(1) All bills shall be filed for introduction with the Secretary no later than 12:00 noon of the first (1st) day of the regular session except:

- (a) general appropriations bills,
- (b) appropriations implementing bills,
- (c) appropriations conforming bills,
- (d) local bills,
- (e) Senate resolutions,
- (f) concurrent resolutions pertaining to a legislative joint session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor's veto,
- (g) committee bills,
- (h) trust fund bills, and

(i) public-record exemptions that are linked to timely filed general bills.

(2) Claim bills shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4.81(2).

(3) A motion to waive this Rule shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and its advisory recommendation as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a bill notwithstanding this Rule and a recommendation shall be reported back to the Senate. The Secretary shall number each bill to provide identity and control until a permanent number can be affixed.

(4) Between regular sessions of the Legislature, bills may be filed by delivery to the Secretary.

### 3.8—Filed bills; consideration between regular sessions

(1) A filed bill complying with these Rules shall, in anticipation of the next regular session, be serially numbered in accordance with the permanent system required by these Rules.

(2) The Secretary shall provide each such numbered bill to the President for reference to a committee or committees pursuant to these Rules. The Secretary shall promptly forward each referenced bill to the first (1st) or only committee of reference. The Secretary shall make all filed bills available to each Senator, including the referencing data for each bill, and a calendar of all committee hearings, including the bills noticed for hearing by each.

(3) Each bill considered by a committee and reported to the Secretary during the interim shall be introduced and read on the first (1st) day of the regular session, pursuant to the *State Constitution, Laws of Florida*, and these Rules. The Journal shall reflect the committee reference and the report of the committee.

(4) Prior to the introduction of a bill on the first (1st) day of the regular session, a Senator may give written notification to the Secretary to withdraw his or her bill from further consideration of the Senate.

### 3.9—Copies of bills

When filed, bills (including committee bills and committee substitute bills) shall be published by the Secretary for the information of the Senate and the public. The absence of a published copy shall not delay the progress of a measure at any stage of the legislative process. Sufficient copies of the general appropriations bill proposed to be introduced by the Appropriations Committee shall be made available to the members and, upon request, to the public, at the Office of the Secretary and at the committee's office, no less than two (2) hours prior to the time the Appropriations Committee meets to consider the proposed committee bill.

### 3.10—Identification of bills

Bills and other measures requiring legislative action shall be introduced in the order they are received by the Secretary. They shall be serially numbered with even numbers as introduced, without differentiation in number as to type. The Secretary shall mark the original copy of each measure to ensure its identification, and each page thereof, as the item introduced in order to prevent unauthorized or improper substitutions. This identification may be made by any device to accomplish the purpose of this Rule. Such device shall be in the custody of the Secretary, and its use by any person not authorized by this Rule is prohibited.

### 3.11—Companion measures

(1) When a Senate bill is reached on the calendar of the Senate for consideration, either on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading, and there is also pending on the calendar of the Senate a companion measure already passed by the House, it shall be in order to move that the House companion measure be substituted and considered in lieu of the Senate measure. Such motion may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present, provided the House measure is on the same reading; otherwise, the motion shall be to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and read such House measure.

(2) A companion measure shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measure for which it is being substituted. Differences between the Senate bill and the House bill shall be explained by the mover prior to a vote on a substitution motion.

(3) A House bill residing in a Senate committee that is a companion of a bill under consideration in the Senate may be withdrawn from the committees of reference without motion, unless a Senator requests a vote on such withdrawal action.

(4) At the moment the Senate passes the House companion measure, the original Senate measure shall be regarded as automatically tabled. Recommitment of a Senate bill shall automatically carry with it any House companion measure then on the calendar.

### 3.12—Introducers of bills; co-introducers; introducers no longer Senators

(1) Bills shall be approved for introduction by a Senator whose name is affixed to the original, or by any committee with the name of the committee and the name of the chair of the committee affixed to the original. A bill may be co-introduced by any Senator whose name is affixed to the original.

(2) A Senator who is not seeking or is ineligible for reelection and, therefore, will not be a Senator at the next regular session of the Legislature may not file a bill for that session. Once a Senator is no longer in office, any bill filed by that Senator for a current or future session of the Legislature shall be deemed withdrawn from further consideration of the Senate unless the bill has a co-introducer who, within seven (7) days, agrees to become the introducer of the bill.

### 3.13—Fiscal notes

(1) Upon being favorably reported by a committee, all general bills or joint resolutions affecting revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liabilities of state or local governments shall be accompanied by a fiscal note. Fiscal notes shall reflect the estimated increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures. The estimated economic impact, which calculates the present and future fiscal effects of the bill or joint resolution, must be considered. The fiscal note shall not express opinion relative to the merits of the measure, but may identify technical defects.

(2) Fiscal notes on those bills affecting any state retirement system shall be prepared after consultation with an actuary who is a member of the Society of Actuaries, and the cooperation of appropriate state agencies for necessary data shall be solicited.

(3) Fiscal notes shall be regarded as memoranda of factual information and shall be made available to Senators.

(4) If a bill or joint resolution is reported favorably by a committee without a fiscal note or economic impact statement, as defined in this Rule, a Senator may at any time prior to final passage raise a point of order, and the President shall order return of the bill or joint resolution to the committee. A fiscal note prepared for a Senate bill or joint resolution shall be presumed as prepared also for its House companion for the purposes of point of order.

## RULE FOUR

### ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CALENDAR

#### 4.1—Sittings of the Senate

The Senate shall convene pursuant to a schedule provided by the President or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting. This schedule shall set forth hours to convene and adjourn and may contain a schedule for the Special Order Calendars submitted by the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader. The Senate shall not convene before 7:00 a.m. nor meet or continue to meet after 6:00 p.m., unless extended by a majority vote.

See Rule 1.2—The President calls the Senate to order.

**4.2—Quorum**

A majority of the Senate shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as it may prescribe. A Senator at any time may question the existence of a quorum.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4 Quorum and procedure.

**4.3—Daily Order of Business**

(1) The Daily Order of Business shall be as follows:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Prayer
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- (d) Reports of Committees
- (e) Motions Relating to Committee Reference
- (f) Messages from the Governor and Other Executive Communications
- (g) Messages from the House of Representatives
- (h) Matters on Reconsideration
- (i) Consideration of Bills on Third (3rd) Reading
- (j) Special Order Calendars
- (k) Consideration of Bills on Second (2nd) Reading
- (l) Correction and Approval of Journal
- (m) Unfinished Business

(2) The Secretary shall prepare and distribute, on each session weekday, a calendar corresponding to the Daily Order of Business; and within each order of business, matters shall be considered in the order in which they appear on such daily calendar. Local bills may be omitted from the formal calendar and may be distributed to Senators by the Secretary separately. Weekend calendars may be prepared when necessary to provide notice of meetings on Saturday or Sunday.

See Rule 4.16—Consideration out of regular order.

(3) Certain messages from the House of Representatives may be withheld from the Daily Order of Business pursuant to Rule 1.18 or on order of the President. Notwithstanding Rule 4.3(1), the Senate may, at the direction of the President, take up messages from the House at any time.

See Rule 1.18—The Secretary receives and delivers for reading messages from the House of Representatives; summaries of House amendments to Senate bills.

(4) Unless read during a sitting, first (1st) reading of a bill shall be accomplished by publication of the title thereof in the Journal pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

(5) Except by unanimous consent of those Senators present at a sitting, no bill shall be considered by the Senate if the bill or a companion measure has not been first reported favorably by at least one (1) Senate committee.

**4.4—Repealed****4.5—Conference committee report**

(1) The report of a conference committee appointed pursuant to Rule 1.5 shall be read to the Senate after which the vote shall be:

- (a) on the adoption or rejection of the conference report and, if adopted, the vote shall then be
- (b) on final passage of the measure as amended by the conference report.

Copies of conference committee reports shall be available to the membership twelve (12) hours prior to the time such report is scheduled to be taken up on the Senate floor.

(2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected.

(3) Each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(4) Except when the Senate is voting on a proposition, reports of conference committees shall always be in order.

**4.6—Reference generally**

(1) All bills, including those that are strictly local in nature, shall be referred by the President to appropriate committees and standing subcommittees. General appropriations bills, appropriations implementing bills, trust fund bills, and appropriations conforming bills introduced by the Appropriations Committee may be placed on the calendar without reference.

(2) The sequence of the President's reference actions shall indicate which standing committee will receive the report of a standing subcommittee.

(3) Bills received by the President during a regular session and within three (3) weeks next preceding the convening of a regular session shall be referred within seven (7) days. Upon failure of the President to reference such bills within this limitation, they shall be referred to committees as may be recommended by the introducer. In the event of extended absence of the President or the President's disability or incapacity, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duty of referring bills.

(4) When the Legislature is not in session, the President may change or correct a bill reference by notice to the Secretary and the bill introducer.

(5) The review of a bill that appears to be local in nature shall be performed by the Secretary to determine whether such measure is local in nature for reference purposes and whether it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill.

(6) A bill is local in nature for referencing purposes if it does not substantially alter a law of general application throughout the state and it either affects no more than one (1) county or relates to a special district that is located wholly within no more than two (2) counties.

(7) When the Secretary, through staff review, has determined that the bill is not local in nature for referencing purposes, the Secretary shall report such determination to the President, who shall refer such bill to an appropriate standing committee for hearing. Such report shall be made within fifteen (15) days from date of receipt by the Secretary. When the Secretary, through staff review, has determined that a bill is local in nature for referencing purposes and that it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill, the bill shall be available for the calendar on local bills notwithstanding Rule 4.3(5).

**4.7—Reference to more than one committee; effect**

(1) When a bill receives more than one (1) reference, it shall be considered by each committee separately in the order in which the references are made. However, if any committee to which the bill is referred makes an unfavorable report on said bill, that report shall be filed with the Senate and no further consideration given by other committees except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present while sitting.

(2) If a committee reports a bill favorably with committee substitute or with any amendment which substantially amends the bill, the President may change or correct the reference of the reported bill. Notice shall be given to the Secretary and the introducer of the bill.

**4.8—Review and reference of bills affecting appropriations, revenue, retirement, or county or municipal spending**

(1) All bills authorizing or substantially affecting appropriations or tax revenue shall be referred to the appropriate revenue or appropriations committee.

(2) All bills substantially affecting a state-funded or state-administered retirement system shall be referred to the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee.

(3) A bill containing a local mandate as described in Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* shall be referred to the Community Affairs Committee.

(4) A bill that is amended to substantially affect appropriations or tax revenue, a state retirement program, or expenditures or revenues as set forth in Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* may, before being placed before the Senate for final passage, be referred by the President along with all amendments to the appropriate revenue or appropriations committee.

#### 4.81—Claim bills

(1) Claim bills are of two (2) types: excess judgment claims filed pursuant to section 768.28(5), *Florida Statutes*, and equitable claims filed without an underlying excess judgment.

(2) All claim bills shall be filed with the Secretary on or before August 1 in order to be considered by the Senate during the next regular session, except that Senators elected to the Senate during a general election or a special general election may have sixty-two (62) days from the date of that election to file a claim bill. Senators currently serving who are re-elected during a general election are not subject to the immediately preceding provision relating to sixty-two (62) days. A motion to introduce a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. A House claim bill which does not have a Senate companion claim bill timely filed under this Rule shall not be considered by the Senate. Any motion to consider a House claim bill which does not have a timely filed Senate companion bill shall be referred to the Rules Committee for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. The determination by the Rules Committee shall be reported back to the Senate. Upon a determination by the committee that an emergency does exist, the motion may be considered by the Senate and must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(3) If the President determines that a *de novo* hearing is necessary to determine liability, proximate cause, and damages, a special master shall conduct such hearing pursuant to reasonable notice. Discovery procedures shall be governed by the *Florida Rules of Civil Procedure* and the *Florida Evidence Code*, as applicable. The special master shall administer an oath to all witnesses, accept relevant documentary and tangible evidence properly offered, record the proceedings, and prepare a final report containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations. The report shall be signed by the special master who shall be available, in person, to explain his or her report to the committees and to the Senate.

(4) All claim bills shall be referred by the President to one (1) or more committees for review. On receipt of the special master's report and recommendations, if any, the Secretary shall, upon the President's reference, deliver each claim bill with the report attached to the committee or committees of reference.

(5) Stipulations entered into by the parties are not binding on the special master, the Senate, or its committees.

(6) The hearing and consideration of a claim bill shall be held in abeyance until all available administrative and judicial remedies have been exhausted; except that the hearing and consideration of a claim that is still within the judicial or administrative systems may proceed where the parties have executed a written settlement agreement. This subsection does not apply to a bill which relates to a claim of wrongful incarceration.

(7) All materials provided by litigants and others in connection with claim bills shall be submitted in a digital form prescribed by the Secretary.

#### 4.9—Reference of resolutions

(1) Substantive resolutions shall be referred by the President to a standing committee.

(2) Resolutions that may be considered without reference to a committee include those addressing:

- (a) Senate organization,
- (b) condolence and commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance, and
- (c) concurrent resolutions pertaining to a legislative joint session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor's veto.

The resolutions listed in subsection (2) may be considered and read twice on the same day on motion and adopted at time of introduction without reference, except that resolutions of condolence or commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance may be shown as introduced, read, and adopted by publication in full in the Journal.

#### 4.10—Reference to different committee or removal

(1) After the President has referred a bill, the Rules Chair may move for reference to a different committee or for removal from any committee after the introducer of the bill has filed a request with the Rules Chair signed by the chair of the affected committee, the Rules Chair, and the President. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) Notwithstanding these Rules, a Senator may, during the day of introduction of filed bills, but no later than under the Order of Business of "Motions Relating to Committee Reference" on the second (2nd) day on which the Senate sits, move for reference to a different committee or for removal from a committee. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

#### 4.11—Papers of miscellaneous nature

Papers of a miscellaneous nature addressed to the Senate may, at the discretion of the President, be read, noted in the Journal, or filed with an appropriate committee. When there is a demand to read a paper other than one on which the Senate is called to give a final vote and the same is objected to by any Senator, it shall be determined by a majority vote of those Senators present. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to spread remarks upon the Journal.

#### 4.12—Reading of bills and joint resolutions

Each bill or joint resolution shall receive three (3) separate readings on three (3) separate days previous to a vote on final passage unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present as provided in Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

See FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

See FLA. CONST. art. XI, s. 1 Proposal by legislature.

#### 4.13—Reading of concurrent resolutions and memorials

(1) Each concurrent resolution or memorial shall receive two (2) separate readings by title on two (2) separate days previous to a voice vote on adoption, unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) Concurrent resolutions pertaining to a legislative joint session, a session extension, joint rules, procedure, organization, recalling a bill from the Governor, or setting an effective date for a bill passed over the Governor's veto may be read a first (1st) and second (2nd) time, and adopted on the same day.

#### 4.14—Reading of Senate resolutions

Unless referred to a standing committee, on introduction, each Senate resolution shall be read two (2) times on the same day by title only before the question is put on adoption by voice vote.

#### 4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading

On the third (3rd) reading of a bill or joint resolution, it shall not be referred or committed (except as provided under Rule 4.8) or amended (except a corrective or title amendment) except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, nor shall the vote on passage be postponed to a day certain without the consent of a majority of those Senators present.

**4.16—Consideration out of regular order**

A bill shall be considered out of regular order on the calendar on unanimous consent of those Senators present obtained in the following manner: prior to the consideration of the motion, the Senator moving for unanimous consent of those Senators present shall orally give the membership not fewer than fifteen (15) minutes notice of his or her intention to move and shall specify the number of the bill and its position on the calendar. On entertainment of the motion, the moving Senator shall be allowed one (1) minute to explain his or her purpose, and unanimous consent of those Senators present shall be given or refused without further debate.

**4.17—Procedure to establish Special Order Calendars and Consent Calendars**

(1) Commencing fifteen (15) days prior to a regular session and continuing through any extension thereof, the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader shall together submit a Special Order Calendar determining the list of bills for consideration by the Senate. The President shall determine the order in which such bills appear on the published Special Order Calendar.

(2) A Special Order Calendar submitted for the first (1st) day, second (2nd) day, or last fourteen (14) days of a regular session shall be published in one (1) daily calendar and may be considered on the day of publication. A Special Order Calendar for any other day during a regular session shall be published in two (2) daily calendars and may be considered on the second (2nd) day of publication.

- (a) Bills that had been scheduled for a Special Order Calendar for a previous sitting may be included in the next Special Order Calendar. No other bills shall be considered until this Special Order Calendar has been completed by the Senate.
- (b) A bill appearing on a Special Order Calendar may be stricken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.
- (c) A bill appearing on the calendar of bills on second (2nd) reading may be added to the end of the Special Order Calendar by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senators present.
- (d) All bills set as Special Orders for consideration at the same hour shall take precedence in the order in which they were given preference.
- (e) A Special Order Calendar may not be submitted by the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader and considered by the Senate on the same day.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present shall be required to establish a Special Order except as provided in this Rule.

(4) Notice of date, time, and place for the establishment of the Special Order Calendars shall be published in at least one (1) Senate calendar or by announcement from the floor.

(5) The Rules Chair, with the approval of the President, may submit a Consent Calendar, to be held in conjunction with the Special Order Calendars.

- (a) When such a day is designated, all bills appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be considered in their order of appearance.
- (b) Amendments shall be limited to accompanying committee amendments, noncontroversial and technical amendments, and amendments required to conform a House companion bill to the Senate bill.
- (c) When a Senator objects to consideration of a bill on a Consent Calendar, the bill shall be removed from the Consent Calendar but retain its order on the Second (2nd) Reading Calendar.
- (d) All Consent Calendar bills must have appeared in at least one (1) daily calendar.

**4.18—Local Bill Calendar**

Local bills shall be disposed of according to the calendar of bills of a local nature and shall be considered only at such time as determined by the Rules Chair and approved by the President. Any member of the delegation for the local area affected by a bill on the Local Bill Calendar may request that the bill be removed from such calendar.

**4.19—Order after second (2nd) reading**

(1) After a Senate bill has been read a second (2nd) time and amended and all questions relative to it have been disposed of, it shall be referred to the engrossing clerk to be immediately engrossed. It shall then be placed on the calendar of bills on third (3rd) reading to be considered during the next Senate sitting.

(2) Amendments filed with the Secretary, but not formally moved, shall not be construed as pending and shall not deter advancement of a bill to third (3rd) reading.

(3) A bill shall be available for its third (3rd) reading when it has been read a second (2nd) time on a previous day and no motion left pending.

(4) Bills calendared for second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading shall not be considered on such reading until reached in the proper order and read by title as directed by the President.

**4.20—Enrolling**

The Secretary shall be responsible for the enrolling of all Senate bills. After enrollment, all bills shall be signed by the President and the Secretary and the enrolling report shall be published in the Journal.

*See* FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 7 Passage of bills.

**4.21—Veto messages**

All veto messages shall be referred to the Rules Committee.

*See* FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 8 Executive approval and veto.

**RULE FIVE****VOTING****5.1—Taking the yeas and nays**

The President shall declare all votes, but, if five (5) Senators immediately question a voice vote by a show of hands, the President shall take the vote by yeas and nays or electronic roll call. When taking yeas and nays on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used and shall have the force and effect of a roll call taken as provided in these Rules. This system may also be used to determine the presence of a quorum. When the Senate is ready to vote on a question requiring roll call and the vote is by electronic roll call, the President shall state: "The Secretary will unlock the board and Senators prepare to vote." When sufficient time has elapsed for each Senator to vote, the President shall say: "Have all Senators voted?" And, after a short pause, shall state: "The Secretary shall now lock the board and record the vote." When the vote is completely recorded, the President shall announce the result to the Senate; and the Secretary shall enter in the Journal the result. When the Senate is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

*See* FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 4(c) Quorum and procedure.

**5.2—Change of vote; votes after a roll call; vote verification**

(1) After the result of the vote has been announced by the President, a Senator with unanimous consent of those Senators present may change his or her vote or cast a late vote on the matter.

(2) Records of vote change and after the roll call requests shall be available at the Secretary's desk throughout the day's sitting.

(3) The original roll call shall not be altered, but, if no objections are raised before the close of business that day, timely filed changes of votes and votes after the roll call shall be accepted and recorded under the original roll call in the Journal.

(4) No such change of vote or vote after the roll call request shall be accepted if such vote would alter the result of the vote on final passage of the matter until the matter shall first have been returned to the desk and reconsidered.

(5) On request of a Senator before considering other business, the President shall order a verification of a vote.

### 5.3—Casting vote for another

(1) No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator unless the Senator is present in the Chamber area and requests the casting of said vote, nor shall a person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator.

(2) A Senator who shall, without such authorization, vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper.

(3) A person not a Senator who votes in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the Chamber for the remainder of the session.

### 5.5—Explanation of vote

No Senator shall be permitted to explain his or her vote during a roll call but may submit his or her explanation in writing and file it with the Secretary. This explanation shall be entered in the Journal.

### 5.6—Election by ballot

In all cases of ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If, however, no one is elected on the first three (3) ballots, the names after the top two (2) in number of votes received on the third (3rd) tally shall be dropped, and the Senate shall ballot on the two (2) names remaining.

## RULE SIX

### MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE

#### 6.1—Motions; how made, withdrawn

(1) Procedural motions may be made orally. On request of the President, a Senator shall submit his or her motion in writing. After a motion has been stated or read by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Senate and, without a second, shall be disposed of by vote of the Senate.

(2) The mover may withdraw a motion, except a motion to reconsider, as hereinafter provided, at any time before the same has been amended or before the vote shall have commenced.

#### 6.2—Motions; precedence

(1) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion except:

- (a) To reconsider and leave pending a main question  
*See* Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.
- (b) To adjourn
  - 1. At a time certain
  - 2. Instantly  
*See* FLA. CONST. art. III, s. 3(e) Sessions of the legislature.
- (c) To recess
- (d) Questions of privilege  
*See* Rule 8.11—Questions of privilege.
- (e) To proceed to the consideration of executive business
- (f) To reconsider  
*See* Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.
- (g) To limit debate  
*See* Rule 8.6—Limitation on debate.
- (h) To temporarily postpone  
*See* Rule 6.11—Temporarily postpone.
- (i) To postpone to a day certain
- (j) To commit to a standing committee
- (k) To commit to a select committee
- (l) To amend  
*See* Rule 7—Amendments.
- (m) To postpone indefinitely  
*See* Rule 6.9—Motion to indefinitely postpone.

which shall have precedence in the descending order given.

(2) A motion to discharge Senate conferees and to appoint or instruct said conferees as set forth in Rule 2.19 is a motion of the highest privilege and this motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess and questions of privilege.

(3) The President shall present all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion is of a higher precedence.

(4) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute shall be considered concurrently and the substitute shall be in the same order of precedence.

(5) Motions for the previous question and to lay on the table shall not be entertained.

#### 6.3—Division of question

(1) A Senator may move for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it, which shall be decided by a majority vote.

(2) A motion to delete and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to delete, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to delete and insert.

#### 6.4—Reconsideration generally

(1) When a main question (the vote on passage of a measure, including a vote on a veto message, confirmation of executive appointments, removal or suspension from office) has been decided by the Senate, a Senator voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question on the day the matter was decided or on the next day on which the Senate sits.

- (a) If the question has been decided by voice vote, any Senator may move for reconsideration thereof.
- (b) When a majority of those Senators present vote in the affirmative on the question but the proposition is lost because it is one in which the concurrence of more than a majority of those Senators present is necessary for adoption or passage, any Senator may move for reconsideration.

(2) Such motion to reconsider may be made prior to or pending a motion to recess or adjourn.

(3) Consideration of a motion to reconsider shall be a special and continuing order of business for the Senate at its next sitting and, unless taken up under the proper order of business on that day by motion of any Senator, shall be deemed abandoned. If the Senate shall refuse to reconsider or, on reconsideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except on unanimous consent of those Senators present.

(4) During the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and considered on the same day and time it is offered.

#### 6.5—Reconsideration; vote required

The affirmative votes of a majority of those Senators present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

#### 6.6—Reconsideration; debate

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question which it is proposed to reconsider is debatable. When the question is debatable, no Senator shall speak thereon more than once or longer than five (5) minutes.

#### 6.7—Reconsideration; collateral matters and procedural motions

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the Senate has passed to other business. Reconsideration of a procedural motion shall be considered on the same day and at the same time it is made.

#### 6.8—Reconsideration; Secretary to hold for period

The Secretary shall hold all bills for the period after passage during which reconsideration may be moved. The adoption of a motion to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and immediately certify any bill to the House shall be construed as releasing the measure from the Secretary's possession for the period of re-



consideration and shall, thereafter, preclude reconsideration. Unless otherwise directed by the President, during the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session and during any extensions thereof, or during a special session, the bills shall be immediately transmitted to the House. Messages relating to Senate action on House amendments or to conference committee reports shall be transmitted by the Secretary forthwith.

See Rule 6.4—Reconsideration generally.

### 6.9—Motion to indefinitely postpone

The adoption of a motion to indefinitely postpone a measure shall dispose of it for the duration of the legislative session and all extensions thereof. A motion to postpone consideration to a time beyond the last day allowed under the *State Constitution* for the current legislative session shall be construed as a motion to indefinitely postpone. Motions to indefinitely postpone shall not be applicable to collateral matters.

### 6.10—Committee substitute; withdrawn

Once a bill has been reported as a committee substitute, it may be withdrawn from further consideration only by motion of the introducer and unanimous consent of the Senators present.

### 6.11—Temporarily postpone

(1) The motion to temporarily postpone shall be decided without debate and shall cause a measure to be set aside but retained on the desk.

(2) If a main question has been temporarily postponed after having been debated or after motions have been applied and is not brought back up during the same sitting, it shall be placed under the order of unfinished business on the Senate calendar. If a main question is temporarily postponed before debate has commenced or motions have been applied, its reading shall be considered a nullity and the bill shall retain its original position on the order of business during that sitting; otherwise, the bill reverts to the status of bills on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading, as applicable.

(3) The motion to return to consideration of a temporarily postponed main question shall be made under the proper order of business when no other matter is pending.

(4) If applied to a collateral matter, the motion to temporarily postpone shall not cause the main question to be carried with it. After having been temporarily postponed, if a collateral matter is not brought back before the Senate in the course of consideration of the adhering or main question, it shall be deemed abandoned.

## RULE SEVEN

### AMENDMENTS

#### 7.1—General form; notice; manner of consideration

(1) No amendment to a bill on any Senate calendar shall be considered by the Senate unless the amendment was prepared in proper form and filed with the Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before it is to be offered at a sitting. Copies of such amendments shall be made reasonably available by the Secretary before the sitting, upon request, to the Senators and to the public. The consideration of all amendments not timely filed in accordance with this Rule requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, if any Senator requests that such vote be taken.

(2) Amendments shall be filed with the Secretary on forms prescribed by the Secretary but shall be considered only after sponsors gain recognition from the President to move their adoption, except that the chair of the committee (or, in the chair's absence, the vice chair or any member thereof) reporting the measure under consideration shall have preference for the presentation of committee amendments. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the President and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed with the Secretary but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending.

(3) No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of an amendment.

(4) The following bills are out of order and shall not be admitted or considered in the form of an amendment to a bill on the calendar and under consideration by the Senate:

- (a) Bills that have received an unfavorable committee report.
- (b) Bills that have been withdrawn from further consideration by the introducer.
- (c) Bills the substance of which have not been reported favorably by all committees of reference.
- (d) Bills that have not been published in at least one (1) daily calendar under Bills on Second (2nd) Reading.

Amendments covered by this Rule shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measure residing in the committee or committees of reference.

(5) Reviser's bills may be amended only by making deletions.

#### 7.2—Adoption

(1) On second (2nd) reading, amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present.

(2) On third (3rd) reading, amendments and amendments to amendments, including substitute amendments and amendments to the substitute, shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(3) Amendments to the title or corrective amendments may be decided, without debate, by a majority vote of those Senators present on third (3rd) reading.

#### 7.3—Sequence of amendments to amendments

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

(Amendment chart, as adopted, is not shown here but is included in the published Senate Rules Manual.)

- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order.
- (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
- (c) The substitute then is voted on.

(2) The adoption of a substitute amendment in lieu of an original amendment shall be treated and considered as an amendment to the bill itself.

(3) The following third (3rd) degree amendments are out of order:

- (a) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the amendment.
- (b) A substitute amendment for an amendment to the substitute.
- (c) An amendment to an amendment to the amendment.
- (d) An amendment to an amendment to the substitute amendment.

#### 7.4—Deleting everything after enacting clause

A proposal to delete everything after the enacting clause of a bill, or the resolving clause of a resolution, and insert new language of the same or related subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

#### 7.5—Amendment by section

The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The President, in recognizing Senators for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in

section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the entire bill shall be open for amendment.

#### 7.6—Printing in Journal

All amendments taken up by the Senate unless withdrawn shall be printed in the Journal, except that an amendment to the general appropriations bill constituting an entirely new bill shall not be printed until the filing of the conference committee report. All item amendments to the general appropriations bill shall be printed.

#### 7.7—Senate amendments to House bills

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill. If a House bill is amended, the same shall be noted by the Secretary on the jacket before it is transmitted to the House.

#### 7.8—House amendments to Senate bills

(1) After the reading of a House amendment to a Senate bill, the Senate may consider the following motions in order of their precedence:

- (a) Amend the House amendment,
- (b) Concur in the House amendment,
- (c) Refuse to concur in the House amendment and ask the House to recede, or
- (d) Request a conference committee.

(2) The adoption of any of the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

#### 7.9—House refusal to concur in Senate amendment

(1) If the House shall refuse to concur in a Senate amendment to a House bill, the Senate may consider the following motions in order of their precedence:

- (a) Recede,
- (b) Insist that the House concur and request a conference committee, or
- (c) Insist that the House concur.

(2) The adoption of any of the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

### RULE EIGHT

#### DECORUM AND DEBATE

##### 8.1—Decorum and debate

(1) When a Senator desires to speak or present a matter to the Senate, the Senator shall rise at his or her seat and address himself or herself to “Mr. or Madam President” and, on being recognized, may address the Senate from his or her desk or from the well of the Senate and shall confine any remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personality.

(2) A Senator shall not address or refer to another Senator by his or her first name. A Senator shall use the appellation of “Senator” or such appellation and the district number of the Senator being addressed, or a Senator may also use such appellation and the surname of the Senator referred to or addressed.

##### 8.2—Presiding officer’s power of recognition

When two (2) or more Senators rise at once, the presiding officer shall recognize the Senator who is to speak first.

##### 8.3—Interruptions; when allowed

(1) No Senator shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the Senator who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the presiding officer concerning a point of order (if the appeal is made immediately following the decision);

- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The presiding officer shall strictly enforce this Rule.

##### 8.4—Senator speaking, rights

(1) When a Senator is speaking and another Senator interrupts to request recognition, the presiding officer may permit the person rising to state why he or she desires the floor. If the question the Senator desires to raise is entitled to precedence, the Senator originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The Senator then is entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The Senator making a debatable motion or the introducer of a bill shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

##### 8.5—Limit on speaking

No Senator shall speak longer than thirty (30) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those Senators present.

##### 8.6—Limitation on debate

When a matter is under debate by the Senate, a Senator may move to limit debate, and such motion shall be decided without debate, except the introducer of the matter on which debate would be limited shall have five (5) minutes to discuss said motion. If, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, the question is decided in the affirmative, debate shall be limited accordingly. Debate may be further extended by a majority vote.

##### 8.7—Points of order, parliamentary inquiry, definitions

(1) A “point of order” is the parliamentary device used to require a deliberative body to observe its own rules and to follow established parliamentary practice.

(2) A “parliamentary inquiry” is a request for information from the presiding officer:

- (a) About business pending or soon to be pending before the Senate; or
- (b) A device for obtaining a predetermination of a rule or a clarification thereof which may be presented in hypothetical form.

##### 8.8—Questioning decision not to abstain

A point of order questioning the decision of a Senator not to abstain from voting on account of a conflict of interest may be raised after the vote has been recorded and before the result is announced.

See Rule 1.20—Attendance, voting, and disclosure of conflicts.

See Rule 1.39—Disclosure of conflict of interest and prohibition on voting thereon.

##### 8.9—Appeals

Taking exception to a ruling of a presiding officer shall be by appeal. An appeal from a decision of the presiding officer must be made promptly before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; and, if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the presiding officer. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

##### 8.10—Appeals debatable

An appeal from a decision of the presiding officer on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

##### 8.11—Questions of privilege

(1) Questions of privilege have two (2) forms:

- (a) Privilege of the Senate—Those affecting the rights of the Senate collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and
- (b) Privilege of a Senator—The rights, reputation, and conduct of Senators individually, in their representative capacity only.

(2) These shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn or recess. A question of privilege affecting either house collectively takes precedence over a question of privilege affecting an individual Senator.

## RULE NINE

### LOBBYING

#### 9.1—Those required to register

All persons (except those specifically exempted) who seek to encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of legislation in the Senate or before its committees shall, before engaging in such activity, register as prescribed by law and the Joint Rules of the Florida Legislature.

#### 9.2—Obligations of lobbyist

(1) A lobbyist shall supply facts, information, and opinions of principals to legislators from the point of view from which he or she openly declares. A lobbyist shall not offer or propose anything to improperly influence the official act, decision, or vote of a legislator.

(2) A lobbyist, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall uphold the honor of the legislative process by the integrity of his or her relationship with legislators.

(3) A lobbyist shall not knowingly and willfully falsify a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation or make or use any writing or document knowing the same contains any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entry.

#### 9.3—Lobbyists' requirements

A lobbyist shall adhere to the statutory requirements for lobbyists provided by law and the Joint Rules.

#### 9.35—Contributions during sessions

During a regular legislative session, and during an extended or special session as further provided for in Rule 1.361(2), a lobbyist may not directly or indirectly contribute to a Senator's own campaign, or to any organization that is registered, or should have been registered, with the Rules Committee pursuant to Rule 1.361(3).

#### 9.4—Advisory opinions

(1) A lobbyist, when in doubt about the applicability and interpretation of Rule Nine in a particular context, may submit in writing a statement of the facts involved to the Rules Committee and may appear in person before said committee.

(2) The Rules Committee may render advisory opinions to any lobbyist who seeks advice as to whether or not the facts in a particular case will constitute a violation of these Rules. All opinions shall delete names and be numbered, dated, and published in the Journal.

#### 9.5—Compilation of opinions

The Secretary shall compile all advisory opinions of the Rules Committee.

#### 9.6—Violations; investigations, penalties

(1) Any person may file a sworn complaint with the Rules Chair alleging a violation of the Rules regulating the conduct and ethics of lobbyists. The complaint shall be based on personal knowledge, shall state detailed facts, shall specify the actions of the named lobbyist which form the basis for the complaint, and shall identify the specific Rule alleged by the complainant to have been violated by the lobbyist. Upon a determination by the Rules Chair that the complaint states facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be referred to a

special master. Upon a determination by the chair that the complaint fails to state facts supporting a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed. The special master shall conduct an investigation, shall give reasonable notice to the lobbyist who is alleged to have violated the Rules, and shall grant the lobbyist an opportunity to be heard unless the investigation fails to reveal facts supporting a finding of probable cause. A special master's report and recommendation is advisory only and shall be presented to the chair as soon as practicable after the close of the investigation. If the special master's report and recommendation conclude that the facts do not support a finding of probable cause, the complaint shall be dismissed by the Rules Chair. If the complaint is not dismissed, the Rules Committee shall consider the special master's report and recommendation, shall grant the lobbyist an opportunity to be heard, and shall develop its own recommendation. If the Rules Committee votes to dismiss the complaint, the Rules Chair shall dismiss the complaint. Otherwise, the special master's report and recommendation and the recommendation of the Rules Committee shall be presented to the President. The President shall present the committee's recommendation, along with the special master's report and recommendation, to the Senate for final action.

(2) Any person determined to have violated the requirements of Rule Nine shall be censured, reprimanded, placed on probation, or prohibited from lobbying for the duration of the session and from appearing before any Senate committee. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the Senate, on recommendation of the Rules Committee.

#### 9.7—Committees to be diligent

Committees shall be diligent to ascertain whether those who appear before them, in other than an obviously individual capacity, have conformed to the requirements of Rule Nine, the Joint Rules, and any other applicable law, and shall report violations. No committee member shall knowingly permit an unregistered lobbyist to be heard.

#### 9.8—Lobbyist expenditures and compensation

Chapter 2005-359, *Laws of Florida*, amends existing provisions of the law relating to legislative lobbying at the state level in Florida and adds new and substantial obligations, prohibitions, and requirements.

This Rule provides assistance to persons seeking to comply with the letter and spirit of the new law as it applies in the legislative context by refining the law and providing Interim Lobbying Guidelines and answers to 25 Frequently Asked Questions. It also is intended to provide guidance to the legislative committees that will participate in enforcing the new law.

Part One of the Guidelines refines and applies the new prohibition, with ten clearly stated exceptions, so that Senators and Senate employees can no longer directly or indirectly take any "expenditure" from a lobbyist or principal in either the public or private sector.

Part Two of the Guidelines refines and applies the underlying core requirement that "lobbying firms" must publicly disclose the compensation they receive for lobbying activities, and does so in a way that is narrowly tailored, furthers the state's compelling governmental interest in regulating legislative lobbying at the state level, and employs the least intrusive means available to do so.

This Rule sets out general principles. Outcomes depend heavily on underlying fact patterns that can vary greatly from case to case. Full disclosure of the operative facts must be provided and considered before a proper and correct answer can be derived.

A Senator may request an informal advisory opinion from the Senate General Counsel regarding the application of the new law and this Rule to a specific situation, on which the legislator may reasonably rely.

The houses of the Legislature are responsible for the administration and enforcement of the legislative lobbying portions of the new law. The legislative lobbying expenditure prohibitions are not part of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. Neither the Florida Commission on Ethics nor the Florida courts have jurisdiction to interpret these internal matters of the Legislature.

### Part One—Expenditures

#### (1) General Guidelines

##### a) The Expenditure Prohibition

The new law contains a prohibition against lobbyists and principals making direct or *indirect* lobbying expenditures for legislators and legislative employees. It provides:

[N]o lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no member or employee of the Legislature shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any *expenditure*.... (emphasis added).

The new expenditure prohibition applies only to expenditures made by lobbyists and principals. It applies whether or not the lobbyist, principal, legislator, or legislative employee is in Florida. Florida's gift law, section 112.3148, *Florida Statutes*, continues to apply to gifts to legislators and legislative employees from others.

**Example:** A legislator may accept a subscription to a newspaper or periodical that is neither published by, nor paid for, nor provided by a lobbyist or a principal.

**Example:** A legislator may not accept a free health screening or other personal service provided on behalf of an association that is a principal.

**Example:** A legislator may, as either a member or an invited guest, participate in meetings of, and partake of the food and beverage provided by a civic organization if the organization is not a principal.

The practical effect of this law is to prohibit expenditures for attempting to obtain the goodwill of a member or employee of the Legislature, and it is not designed to prohibit expenditures made in attempting to influence legislative action or non-action through oral or written communication.

##### b) Definitions

*"Expenditure"* is defined, essentially, as anything of value made by a lobbyist or principal *for the purpose of lobbying*.

*"Lobbying,"* in turn, means: (1) influencing or attempting to influence legislative action through oral or written communication (*"active lobbying"*); or, (2) attempting to obtain the *goodwill* of a member or employee of the Legislature (*"goodwill"*).

*"Goodwill expenditure"* is a gift, an entertainment, any food or beverage, lodging, travel, or any other item or service of personal benefit to a legislator or legislative employee.

Goodwill expenditures include contributions or donations from a lobbyist or a principal to a charitable organization that is, directly or indirectly, established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof.

A *"lobbyist"* is a person who is employed and receives payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity.

*"Personal benefit"* means a profit or gain pertaining to, directed toward, or affecting a person.

A *"principal"* means the person, firm, corporation, or other entity that has employed or retained a lobbyist. When an association has employed or retained a lobbyist, the association is the principal; *the individual members of the association are not principals merely because of their membership in the association*.

##### c) Honorarium-related Expenses

It is no longer permissible to accept from a lobbyist or principal, directly or indirectly, payment or reimbursement of expenses for travel, food, lodging, or beverage, related to speaking engagements or other honorarium-type events.

##### d) Indirect Expenditures

An indirect expenditure is an expenditure that is not made directly to a legislator or legislative employee, but is made to another with the purpose that the expenditure be used for the personal benefit of a legislator or legislative employee.

The new expenditure prohibition *expressly* prohibits any lobbyist or principal from directing prohibited lobbying expenditures through a surrogate or through any person who by his or her actions or activities is obligated to register as a lobbyist but has failed to do so. Third-party intermediaries, such as employees, members of associations and others, cannot be used to make prohibited expenditures.

Where an item or service (anything of value) is provided to a person other than a legislator or legislative employee by a lobbyist or principal and the item or service or the benefit attributable to the item or service ultimately is received by the legislator or employee, and where the item or service is provided with the intent to benefit the legislator or employee, such item or service constitutes a prohibited indirect expenditure to the legislator or employee.

Factors to be considered in determining whether a prohibited indirect expenditure has been made are set out on the following page in the joint functionality test:

#### TEST FOR DETERMINING LEGALITY OF AN INDIRECT EXPENDITURE

(1) The existence or nonexistence of communications by the lobbyist or principal indicating the lobbyist's or principal's intent to make or convey the item or service, or a personal benefit attributable to the item or service, to a legislator or employee rather than to the intervening third person;

(2) The existence or nonexistence of communications by the intervening third person indicating the intent to make or convey the lobbyist's or principal's item or service, or a personal benefit attributable to the item or service, to a legislator or employee rather than to the third person;

(3) The existence or nonexistence of any relationship between the lobbyist or principal and the third person, independent of the relationship between the lobbyist or principal and a legislator or employee, that would motivate the transfer to the third person;

(4) The existence or nonexistence of any relationship between the third person and a legislator or employee that would motivate the transfer;

(5) Whether the same or similar items or services have been or are being provided to other persons having the same relationship to the lobbyist or principal as the third person;

(6) Whether, under the circumstances, the third person had full and independent decision-making authority to determine whether a legislator or employee, or another, would receive the items or services, or a personal benefit attributable to the items or services;

(7) Whether the third person was acting with the knowledge or consent of, or under the direction of, the lobbyist or principal;

(8) Whether there were payments or the intention for any payments or bookkeeping transactions between the third person and the lobbyist or principal, reimbursing the third person for the items or services;

(9) The degree of ownership or control the lobbyist or principal had over the third person; and

(10) Whether a lobbyist or principal knew, or should have known, that an item or service provided to a third party would be used to provide a personal benefit to a legislator or employee, such as for the funding of a legislative reception or an event to be attended by legislators or employees.

The following examples illustrate some of the applications of the foregoing indirect expenditure criteria:

**Example 1:** A law firm which lobbies the Legislature invites all of its attorneys to attend a weekend retreat. The attorneys are encouraged to bring their spouses or significant others at the firm's expense. Legislator C is married to an attorney in the firm and has been asked by her spouse to attend the retreat. The lodging provided to Legislator C for the retreat, food and drink, firm t-shirts, and the like would be considered a gift to her from her spouse and thus not a prohibited indirect expenditure, because the firm's invitation was extended to Legislator C's spouse by virtue of his employment with the firm.

**Example 2:** Legislator D hosts a fox hunt attended by legislators and lobbyists. Lobbyists give money to a third person, who is not a legislator or a legislative employee, to pay for the food and beverages which will be served at the fox hunt. The third party orders and prepares the food and beverages. The money provided to the third person by the lobbyists would be a prohibited indirect expenditure to Legislator D because it was given with the intent of benefiting him and his guests at the fox hunt.

**Example 3:** Legislator N and spouse have arranged to take a vacation trip together. A legislative lobbyist meets with Legislator N's spouse and offers to pay for the spouse's travel expenses. The lobbyist and Legislator N's spouse know each other only through the lobbyist's involvement with the legislator. This would constitute a prohibited indirect expenditure to Legislator N under the new law.

e) Equal or Greater Compensation

An expenditure is not prohibited when equal or greater value is given contemporaneously by the recipient to the donor.

Therefore, it is not an expenditure if:

1. The fair market value of the event, meeting, or other activity, including any food, beverage, transportation, lodging, or any other thing of value, can readily be determined, and
2. The legislator or legislative employee pays his or her pro rata share of the total fair market value to the person or organization hosting the event contemporaneously with the time of attending or participating in the event.

Thus, if a lobbyist or principal provides \$35 worth of goods or services to a legislator or legislative employee but the legislator or legislative employee *contemporaneously* provides *equal or greater consideration*, the lobbyist or principal has not provided *anything of value*, thus, there is no "expenditure."

f) Valuation

The law is silent as to the *valuation* of goods and services. *Fair market value* is the proper and applicable standard of valuation.

The retail price of an item or service is presumed to be its fair market value so long as it is reasonable in relation to the value of the item or service and the amount is not subsidized by a lobbyist or principal.

In valuing an expenditure, you may exclude the amount of additional expenses that are regularly required as a condition precedent to the donor's eligibility to make the expenditure if the amount expended for the condition precedent is primarily intended to be for a purpose other than lobbying, and is either primarily for the benefit of the donor or is paid to a charitable organization. Initiation fees and membership fees are examples of additional expenses that are regularly required as conditions precedent for eligibility to make an expenditure. Transportation expenses incurred to bring a member to an out-of-town event are not.

Entrance fees, admission fees, or tickets are normally valued on the face value or on a daily or per event basis. The portion of a ticket attributable to a charitable contribution is not included in the value. Conversely, if the ticket is subsidized by contributions of lobbyists or principals, the pro rata subsidized amount must be attributed to the face value.

A person providing transportation in a private automobile shall be considered to be making an expenditure at the then-current statutory reimbursement rate, which is currently 29 cents per mile. The value of

transportation provided in other private conveyances must be calculated on its fair market value.

g) Exceptions

1. Relatives

A relative is an individual who is related to the member or employee as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, grandparent, grandchild, great grandchild, step grandparent, step great grandparent, step grandchild, or step great grandchild; any person who is engaged to be married to the member or employee or who otherwise holds himself or herself out as or is generally known as the person whom the member or employee intends to marry or with whom the member or employee intends to form a household; or any other natural person having the same legal residence as the member or employee.

This definition of "relative" is taken from former Joint Rule 1.4(4)(b), and has operated historically as an exception to the presumption that things of value given to a legislator or employee by a lobbyist or principal are intended for the purpose of engendering goodwill.

**Example:** A legislator is permitted to accept a Christmas gift from an aunt, even if she is a lobbyist. The gift is not deemed an expenditure made for the purpose of lobbying because of the family relationship between the donor and the donee.

2. Employment-related Compensation and Benefits

Salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses associated primarily with the recipient's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization are not prohibited expenditures so long as they are given in an amount commensurate with other similarly situated employees, officers, or directors.

These sorts of expenditures are currently also excepted from the definition of a gift in section 112.312(12)(b), *Florida Statutes*, and are a necessary exception in order for many legislators to continue their employment or continue their service on boards and continue to serve in Florida's citizen Legislature.

**Example:** A legislator who is on the board of directors of an organization that has a lobbyist is nevertheless permitted to partake of food and beverage provided to the board members by the organization at its board meetings.

3. Political Organizations and Entities

An expenditure does not include contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, or its federal law counterpart; campaign-related personal services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time; any other contribution or expenditure made by a chapter 106 entity such as a candidate campaign, political committee, organization making electioneering communications, political party, or committee of continuous existence; or an entity qualified under section 501(c)(4) or section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Members are cautioned that these organizations or entities may not be used as a vehicle for skirting the new lobbying expenditure law. To the extent that funds come from lobbyists or principals, one should exercise great care that the expenditures are legal and appropriate for that particular organization or entity.

4. Communications Expenses

The expenditure prohibitions in the new law do not reach expenditures made by a lobbyist or principal for items such as "media advertising," "publications," "communications," and "research."

Expenditures for researching, gathering, collating, organizing, providing, or disseminating information for the *exclusive* purpose of "active lobbying" (influencing or attempting to influence legislative action through oral or written communication) are necessary for Floridians to be able to "instruct their representatives."

#### 5. Office and Personal Expenses of Lobbyists and Principals

“Office expenses” and personal expenses of the lobbyist or principal for “travel,” “lodging,” and “food and beverages” as those items were defined in former Joint Rule 1.4(4)(c) are exempt from the prohibition on lobbying expenditures. This category does not include any expenses for legislators, legislative employees, or persons whose expenses would be attributed to them.

#### 6. Government to Government Expenditures

Real property or a facility owned or operated by a state or local public agency or entity that is a lobbying principal and transportation to, from, and at the location provided by that agency or entity may, with the prior approval of the respective state legislative presiding officer or his or her designee, be used without payment, by a member, committee, or staff of the Legislature for a public legislative purpose. Such purposes include publicly noticed legislative committee meetings and site visits to operations conducted by the public agency or entity. Allowable free uses also specifically include legislative district offices and sub-offices and the normally attendant utilities, parking, janitorial services, building maintenance, and telecommunications equipment and services common to a government building in which the office is located. Allowable free use does not extend to sports or entertainment venues; does not include food, beverages, or entertainment; and does not include free parking privileges at any location other than a district office or sub-office.

#### 7. Free and Open Public Events

Expenditures directly associated with events that are held within the Capitol complex, out-of-doors or under temporary shelter, open to the general public, widely and publicly noticed, free to all, not ticketed, and for which equal and totally unobstructed access to the general public is provided, are not prohibited expenditures made by lobbyists or principals, or when accepted by legislators or legislative employees.

**Example:** Atlas County, Florida, is holding Atlas Day in the plaza between the Capitol and the Historic Capitol. Lunch is served to all comers. The event was widely publicized and access to the event and the food and beverage is totally unobstructed. Legislators may partake as well.

#### 8. Regional and National Legislative Organizations

The prohibition does not apply to expenditures made directly or indirectly by a state, regional, or national organization that promotes the exchange of ideas between, or the professional development of, governmental officials or employees, and whose membership is primarily composed of elected or appointed public officials or staff to members of that organization or to officials or staff of the Legislature. This exception does not include extracurricular activities, entertainments, or items or services provided at conferences that are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal.

#### 9. Monetary Value Impossible to Ascertain

The value of some items is *truly impossible* to quantify at the time of the expenditure. Expenditures for which a monetary value is not ascertainable at the time of the expenditure are not prohibited. Examples are: appearing on a news show or having a feature article about a legislator in a trade magazine or other medium, applause received by a legislator at an event, obtaining priority seating in a crowded restaurant or priority for obtaining services where there is an established queue, or the pro-rata portion of a host’s monthly or annual membership in an exclusive supper club.

#### 10. Plaques and Certificates

The prohibition does not apply to personalized wall plaques, personalized photographs, or personalized certificates that have no substantial inherent value other than recognizing the donee’s public, civic, charitable, or professional service.

#### h) Effect of Other Laws and Rules

To the extent that an expenditure is excluded or exempt from the new lobbying prohibition in section 11.045, *Florida Statutes*, it is still subject to the restrictions and requirements in other statutes: most notably, the

*gift law (section 112.3148, Florida Statutes) and the campaign finance law (chapter 106, Florida Statutes).*

### (2) Frequently Asked Questions

#### LEGISLATIVE EVENTS/RECEPTIONS

1. *Question: Can a county legislative delegation or delegation office sponsor an annual event in Tallahassee on public grounds or in quarters belonging to either the Senate or the House of Representatives (i.e., “Flavors of Hillsborough”)?*

**ANSWER:** A county legislative delegation may host an annual event in Tallahassee provided that no free food, beverages, or other personal benefits to a legislator or legislative employee are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal, either directly or indirectly.

Legislators and legislative staff may pay an amount established and published by the delegation as the per-person cost of the event, or they may “pop in” and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the delegation may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g)7. above.

2. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee go up to the 22nd floor of the Capitol and partake of free food and drink provided by an organization hosting a luncheon or event at the Capitol?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. Yes, provided the organization hosting the event is not a principal and none of the food and beverages are paid for or provided by a lobbyist or principal. Otherwise, the legislator or legislative employee could attend the event but could not partake of the free food or beverages or they can pay the fair market value of what they consume.

3. *Question: Can “legislative days” that provide food, beverages, entertainment, and other personal benefits to legislators or legislative employees during the session and are hosted by counties, cities, universities, and others that employ a lobbyist continue?*

**ANSWER:** “Legislative days” and other legislative events funded by lobbyist or principal dollars may continue provided no free food, drink, entertainment, or other personal benefit is provided to a legislator or legislative employee, either directly or indirectly. Any such benefit would be a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

Legislators and legislative staff may pay an amount established and published by the sponsor as the per-person cost of the event, or they may “pop in” and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the sponsor may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g)7. above.

4. *Question: Can a not-for-profit organization host receptions and events for legislators that provide food, beverages, entertainment, and other personal benefits to legislators or legislative employees through contributions solicited from lobbyists or principals who sponsor the reception or event?*

**ANSWER:** The charity may host a reception or event for legislators and legislative employees provided that no free food, beverages, entertainment, or other personal benefit is provided to a legislator or legislative employee from the funds of lobbyists or principals.

Legislators and legislative employees may pay an amount established and published by the sponsor as the per-person cost of the event, or they may “pop in” and not partake of any food, beverage, or other personal benefit at the event. Alternatively, the sponsor may make the event a free, open public event as described in Paragraph (1)g)7. above.

5. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal host an event with food, beverages, entertainment, or other personal benefit for legislators or legislative employees and collect from each legislator or legislative employee, a flat, per-person entrance fee based on the total cost to plan, produce, stage, and clean up after the event, divided by the number of persons reasonably expected to attend?*

**ANSWER:** Yes.

6. *Question: Each year, a few associations host legislative receptions / BBQs and invite their members as well as legislators. They usually pass*

out campaign funds at these events to those who support their industry. Would it now be legal to host this event if it were called a "fundraiser?" Could legislators then accept free food and beverages at the event?

**ANSWER:** Senate Rule 1.361 precludes a senator, and House Rule 15.3 precludes a representative, from accepting a campaign contribution during a regular or special session, in addition to prohibiting them from accepting contributions on behalf of a section 527 or section 501(c)(4) organization, a political committee, a committee of continuous existence, a political party, or the campaign of any other senatorial candidate or candidate for representative, respectively. Thus, any fundraiser held during a regular or special session would violate the rules of each house.

Fundraisers not held during a regular or special session are outside the purview of the expenditure prohibitions in the new law. A goodwill lobbying expenditure does not include contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*. However, if the facts and circumstances demonstrate that calling the event a "fundraiser" is merely an artifice for lobbyists or principals to provide free gifts, food, beverages, and other items or services of personal benefit to a legislator, not associated with influencing the results of an election, then the fundraiser would violate the expenditure prohibition of the new law. Note, also, that fundraisers remain subject to the contribution restrictions and requirements of Florida's campaign finance law (chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*).

#### HONORARIA EXPENSES

7. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal continue to pay or reimburse a legislator's or legislative employee's expenses for such items as food and beverages, travel, and lodging associated with an honorarium event?*

**ANSWER:** No.

#### GIFTS TO LEGISLATORS

8. *Question: Can a school child give a legislator a painting that he or she has made?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. The prohibition against lobbying expenditures only applies to lobbyists and principals, and those acting on their behalf.

9. *Question: Can a school student whose parent is a lobbyist or principal give a scarf that was purchased by the child's parent to a legislator as a gift?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. The lobbying expenditure prohibition applies to all gifts from lobbyists or principals to legislators, directly or indirectly. A lobbyist or principal cannot use a third-party intermediary to circumvent the lobbying expenditure prohibition. Thus, if the facts and circumstances demonstrate that the scarf is an indirect gift from the lobbyist or principal to the legislator, it would be prohibited.

10. *Question: Can a legislator accept rent-free office space and associated building services from a city, county, or community college in his or her district that employs or retains a lobbyist?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. See Paragraph (1)g)6. above for explanation and limitations.

11. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative staff accept transportation services from another governmental entity?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. See Paragraph (1)g)6. above for explanation and limitations.

12. *Question: Are there any value limitations on the exceptions in the new law for "floral arrangements or other celebratory items given to legislators and displayed in chambers on the opening day of a regular session"?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. All opening day flowers and floral arrangements are subject to the limitations and requirements of the gift law (section 112.3148, *Florida Statutes*). No other celebratory items will be allowed

in either chamber on opening day of the regular session.

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGES/GIFTS

13. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee and his or her spouse have dinner with a lobbyist friend the legislator or legislative employee has known for 30 years at the lobbyist's home, whether or not active lobbying occurs?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, provided the legislator or legislative employee contemporaneously provides the lobbyist with the pro rata share of the total fair market value of the cost of the food and beverages provided to the legislator or legislative employee and his or her spouse, either in cash or barter (i.e., bottle of wine, flowers). Otherwise, the expenditure for food and beverages would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure, irrespective of the extent of the legislator's and lobbyist's friendship.

14. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal and legislator or legislative employee have dinner at a public restaurant?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, provided the dinner is "Dutch treat."

15. *Question: Can a lobbyist or principal and a legislator or legislative employee have dinner "Dutch treat" at the Governor's Club?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, provided the legislator or legislative employee pays the total cost of all food and beverage that he or she was served or consumed, or that was served to or consumed by a person whose expenditures are attributed to the legislator or legislative employee.

16. *Question: Can a lobbyist's business partner, employee, spouse, or child, who is not a registered lobbyist, accompany the lobbyist and legislator or legislative employee to dinner and pay for all the food and beverages if the partner, employee, spouse, or child does not actively lobby?*

**ANSWER:** No. The lobbying expenditure prohibition applies to all food and beverages provided by lobbyists or principals to legislators or legislative employees, directly or indirectly. A lobbyist or principal cannot utilize a third-party intermediary to channel gifts to legislators to circumvent the lobbying expenditure prohibition.

17. *Question: If someone offers a legislator or legislative employee a drink at a bar, or any other gift or personal benefit, does the legislator or legislative employee have a duty to inquire if the donor is a lobbyist or principal?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A legislator or legislative employee is liable for knowingly accepting an expenditure from a lobbyist or principal, or someone acting on behalf of a lobbyist or principal. "Knowingly" has many statutory definitions, including that a person: (1) has actual knowledge of the information; (2) acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information; or, (3) acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information. Therefore, prudence dictates that the legislator or legislative employee, at a minimum, make reasonable inquiry as to the source of the proposed expenditure to determine whether it is prohibited. Reasonableness will turn on the facts and circumstances of each individual situation.

For example, a legislator receiving an invitation to an event to be held the next week, from an organization he or she is not familiar with would likely require that the legislator, at a minimum, consult the online directory of legislative principals and lobbyists, and perhaps make further inquiry if facts or circumstances come to light indicating that the organization might be making the expenditure on behalf of a lobbyist or principal. Similarly, a legislator offered a drink from someone he or she doesn't know in a Tallahassee bar or restaurant generally known to be frequented by lobbyists would probably be required, at a minimum, to ask whether the person is a lobbyist or principal or affiliated with a lobbyist or principal. On the other hand, a Miami legislator on personal holiday with his or her spouse at Busch Gardens in Tampa, who strikes up a friendship with a couple they don't know visiting from Colorado and who subsequently offers to pay for the legislator's and spouse's dinner probably has less of a duty to inquire whether either member of the couple is a Florida lobbyist or principal.

#### CHARITIES

18. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee raise funds from lobbyists or principals for charitable causes?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the charity for which funds are sought is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof. Otherwise, such a contribution or donation would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

19. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee establish or operate a charitable foundation that relies on lobbyist or principal support?*

**ANSWER:** No. A legislator or legislative employee may establish or operate a charitable organization but none of the money contributed or donated to the charity may be from lobbyists or principals. Such a contribution or donation would constitute a prohibited goodwill expenditure.

20. *Question: Can a legislator or legislative employee sit on the board of a charitable organization that is not established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof? Can he or she accept free food and beverages provided by the charity and be reimbursed by the charity for expenses associated with the work of the charity (i.e., travel, lodging)?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A legislator or legislative employee may sit on the board of a charitable organization that receives donations and contributions from lobbyists, and may partake of free food, beverages, and other personal benefits provided by the charity to board members in connection with their service, including reimbursement of personal expenses incurred by board members in furtherance of the charity's work. A goodwill expenditure does not include salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses associated primarily with a legislator's or legislative employee's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization. *However*, any such salary, benefit, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses cannot be from funds earmarked by lobbyists or principals to the charity for such purpose and must be received only for the legislator's or legislative employee's service as a member of the board.

21. *Question: Can a legislative caucus that is established as a nonprofit group raise funds from lobbyists for its charitable causes?*

**ANSWER:** It depends. If the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, then the answer is no.

If the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, or operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, then the answer is yes.

22. *Question: Can a legislative caucus that is established as a nonprofit group host its own charity golf tournament funded by lobbyist or principal "sponsors" at a private club, where the cost of sponsorship buys an opportunity to play golf with a member of the caucus, and to make a presentation to the caucus before and after the event?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the legislative caucus or the nonprofit group is not directly or indirectly established by, organized by, operated primarily by, or controlled by a legislator or legislative employee, or any combination thereof, and the legislators and legislative employees pay their own golf fees and the per-person cost for food and beverage.

#### OTHER

23. *Question: What happens when a legislator is married to, related to, or living with a lobbyist? Can the lobbyist pay for meals, lodging, etc.?*

**ANSWER:** Yes, *provided* the lobbyist does not use the expenditure to actively lobby the legislator. Expenditures by "relatives" of a legislator for food, lodging, travel, and the like are specifically exempt from the definition of a goodwill expenditure.

24. *Question: Can a legislator be employed by a lobbyist or principal? Can a legislator go to the employer's retreat and partake of food and beverages?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. A goodwill expenditure does not include salary, benefits, services, fees, commissions, gifts, or expenses *associated primarily*

*with a legislator's or legislative employee's employment, business, or service as an officer or director of a corporation or organization.*

25. *Question: Where a lobbyist or principal leaves a gift, such as a box of chocolates, in a legislator's office, what should the legislator do with the item?*

**ANSWER:** When a legislator or legislative employee receives an item that they believe violates the prohibition against accepting an expenditure from a lobbyist or principal, the item must either be sent back to the donor or delivered to the Sergeant at Arms for disposal.

### Part Two—Compensation

#### (1) General Guidelines

Chapter 2005-359, *Laws of Florida*, for the first time, requires the reporting of *compensation* received by *lobbying firms* for each calendar quarter, both in the aggregate and for each individual principal. Much of the reporting is done in dollar categories; however, if compensation from a single principal is \$50,000 or more in a calendar quarter, the lobbying firm must report the specific dollar amount of the compensation, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

A "lobbying firm" is any business entity with a lobbyist, or an individual contract lobbyist, who gets paid to lobby for a principal. It is the lobbying firm that must report, *not the individual lobbyists in the firm* (except in the case of an individual contract lobbyist, where the lobbyist also comprises the entire lobbying firm).

Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Compensation reports must be filed electronically using the online filing system of the Office of Legislative Services.

The new law requires the senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying firm to certify to the veracity and completeness of each compensation report. This requirement is designed to discourage the mischaracterization and thus omission of reportable compensation through designations such as "media fees," "consulting services," "professional services," "governmental services," and other such artifices.

For example, if a law firm were paid a lump sum for rendering multiple types of services to a client, only one of which is lobbying, then the person certifying the report is responsible for properly and reasonably allocating the portion of the total fee received for lobbying activities and for activities other than lobbying. Only the compensation received for *lobbying* activities is to be reported on the compensation form.

The Legislature will use random audits supplemented by the lobbyist disciplinary process to hold the person certifying the compensation report and the lobbying firm accountable for making a true, complete, properly allocated report as required by law. In addition, the certification brings every compensation report filer within the scope of potential criminal penalties in section 837.06, *Florida Statutes*, for culpable violations.

#### (2) Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Question: Is an in-house, salaried lobbyist for an association, a governmental entity, or a corporation that does not derive income from principals for lobbying required to report compensation?*

**ANSWER:** No. An association, a governmental entity, a corporation or other business entity that does not derive income from principals for lobbying, and its employee lobbyists, are not a "lobbying firm" as defined in section 11.045(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*. Only "lobbying firms" must report compensation as provided in section 11.045(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

2. *Question: Does the prohibition against providing compensation to an individual or business entity that is not a lobbying firm mean that in-house lobbyists must either become a lobbying firm or cease lobbying?*

**ANSWER:** No. The provision in question merely clarifies that reportable "compensation" under the law must be provided to a "lobbying firm," and not contracted or subcontracted through some "straw man" to circumvent compensation reporting requirements. The provision in question clarifies and emphasizes the statutory definition of "compensation."



sation” in section 11.045(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, as “anything of value provided or owed to a *lobbying firm*.”

## RULE TEN

### CHAMBER OF THE SENATE

#### 10.1—Persons entitled to admission

No person shall be admitted to the main floor of the Senate Chamber while the Senate is sitting except present members of the Senate, all officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, and persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate. Also entitled to admission are the Governor or one (1) representative designated by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet officers, former Governors, present and former United States Senators, present and former members of the House of Representatives of the United States and of this State, Justices of the Supreme Court, former State Senators of Florida, and persons by invitation of the President. A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for members of the families of Senators.

#### 10.2—Exception

Except at the discretion of the President, no person entitled to admission shall be admitted if registered pursuant to Rule Nine. During a sitting, no person admitted under this Rule shall engage in any lobbying activity for or against any measure under consideration in the Senate.

#### 10.3—Admission of media by President

Members of the media, in performance of their duties, shall be assigned to a section specifically set aside for them, and shall not be allowed on the Senate floor while the Senate is sitting, except with the approval of the President.

#### 10.4—Attire

All persons on the main floor of the Senate Chamber and in the gallery (with the exception of visitors in that portion of the gallery set aside for the general public) shall wear appropriate business attire at all times while the Senate is sitting.

#### 10.5—Gallery

No food or beverages shall be allowed in the gallery at any time.

## RULE ELEVEN

### CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES

#### 11.1—Interpretation of Rules

It shall be the duty of the President, or the temporary presiding officer, to interpret all Rules.

#### 11.2—Waiver and suspension of Rules

(1) These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present. The motion, when made, shall be decided without debate.

(2) A motion to waive a Rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall require unanimous consent of those Senators present for approval.

#### 11.3—Changes in Rules

(1) All proposed revisions of the Senate Rules shall be first referred to the Rules Committee, which shall report as soon as practicable. Consideration of such a report shall always be in order.

(2) The Rules Committee may originate reports and resolutions dealing with the Senate Rules and the Order of Business which may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, and such power shall be exclusive, provided, however, that any report made pursuant to this Rule may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

#### 11.4—Majority action

Unless otherwise indicated by the Senate Rules or the *State Constitution*, all action by the Senate or any of its committees or subcommittees, including references to members or Senators present, shall be by majority vote of those Senators present and voting.

See FLA. CONST. art. X, s. 12(e) Rules of construction.

#### 11.5—Uniform construction

When in the Senate Rules reference is made to “two-thirds (2/3) of those present,” “two-thirds (2/3) vote,” “two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate,” “two-thirds (2/3) of those voting,” etc., these shall all be construed to mean two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present and voting, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Senate shall be required to consider additional proposed legislation in any extended session in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the *State Constitution*.

#### 11.6—General

When used in the Senate Rules, the following words shall, unless the text otherwise indicates, have the following respective meaning: the singular always includes the plural. Except where specifically provided or where the context indicates otherwise, the use of the word “bill,” “measure,” “question,” or “matter” means a bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, resolution, or memorial; however, “matter” also means an amendment, an appointment, or a suspension.

#### 11.7—Sources of procedural authority

The latest edition of *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, *Jefferson’s Manual*, or other manuals of comparable legislative application may be consulted, but shall not be binding, when a question of parliamentary procedure is not addressed by the *State Constitution*, these Rules, Joint Rules, or prior rulings of the presidents.

## RULE TWELVE

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS, AND REMOVALS

#### PART ONE—EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

##### 12.1—Executive session; authority

The business of the Senate shall be transacted openly and not in executive session except under conditions pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*.

##### 12.2—Executive session; purpose

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may resolve itself into executive session for the sole purpose of considering appointment, removal, or suspension. No one shall be in attendance except Senators, the Secretary, and staff as approved by the President, who shall be sworn not to disclose any executive business without consent of the Senate.

##### 12.3—Executive session; vote required

When the Senate agrees, by a majority of those Senators present, that specified appointments, removals, or suspensions shall be considered in executive session, such shall be calendared for formal consideration by the Senate.

##### 12.4—Executive session; work product confidentiality

All information and remarks including committee work product concerning the character and qualification, together with the vote on each appointment, removal, or suspension considered in executive session shall be kept confidential except information on which the bans of confidentiality were lifted by the Senate while in executive session.

##### 12.5—Executive session; separate Journal

A separate Journal shall be kept of executive proceedings of the Senate, and no information regarding same shall be made public except by order of the Senate or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

### 12.6—Violation of Rule

Violation of the above Rules as to the confidentiality of the proceedings of executive sessions shall be considered by the Senate as sufficient grounds for unseating the offending Senator.

## PART TWO—APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS, AND REMOVALS

### 12.7—Procedure; generally

Except as otherwise herein provided, on receipt by the Senate of appointments or suspensions on which action by the Senate is required, the President shall refer each to the Ethics and Elections Committee, other appropriate committee or committees, or a special master appointed by the President. Any such committee, subcommittee, or special master shall make inquiry or investigation and hold hearings, as appropriate, and advise the President and the Senate with a recommendation and the necessity for deliberating the subject in executive session. Reports and findings of the committee, subcommittee, or special master appointed pursuant hereto are advisory only and shall be made to the President. The report of the committee, subcommittee, or special master may be privileged and confidential. The President may order the report presented to the Senate in either open or executive session, or the President may refer it to the Rules Committee for its consideration and report. When the report is presented to the Senate during an open sitting or received by the Rules Committee, the report shall lose its privileged and confidential character.

### 12.8—Procedure on executive appointments

(1) Upon receipt of a request from the Governor or other appointing official or authority for the return of the documentation of an appointment, which appointment has not been acted upon by the Senate, the Secretary, upon consultation with the President, shall return the appointment documentation and the return shall be noted in the Journal. The appointee whose appointment was returned continues in office until the end of the next ensuing regular session of the Legislature or until the Senate confirms a successor, whichever occurs first.

(2) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority's predecessor, the appointee shall not be subject to the provisions of section 114.05(1)(e) or (f), *Florida Statutes*, during the period of withdrawal.

(3) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority requesting the return, for purposes of section 114.05(1)(e) and (f), *Florida Statutes*, the returned appointment shall be treated as if the Senate failed to consider the appointment.

### 12.9—Procedure upon receipt of an executive suspension

(1) Unless suspension proceedings are held in abeyance, the committee, subcommittee, or special master shall institute action by transmitting a notice of hearing for a prehearing conference or a hearing on the merits within three (3) months after the Secretary of the Senate receives the suspension order. The Governor and the suspended official shall be given reasonable notice in writing of any hearing or prehearing conference before the committee, subcommittee, or special master. If the Governor files an amended suspension order, the attention of the Senate, committee, subcommittee, or special master shall be directed at the amended suspension order.

(2) An executive suspension of a public official who has pending against him or her criminal charges, or an executive suspension of a public official that is challenged in a court shall be referred to the Ethics and Elections Committee, other appropriate committee, or special master; however, all inquiry or investigation or hearings thereon shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate, committee, subcommittee, or special master until the pending charges have been dismissed, or until final determination of the criminal charges at the trial court level, or until the final determination of a court challenge, if any, and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies for any of the above. The committee, subcommittee, or special master shall institute action within three (3) months after the conclusion of any pending proceedings. In a suspension case in which the criminal charge is a misdemeanor, the committee, subcommittee, or special master and the

Senate may proceed if the written consent of counsel for the Governor and of the suspended official is obtained.

(3) The committee, subcommittee, or special master may provide for a prehearing conference with counsel for the Governor and the suspended official to narrow the issues involved in the suspension. At such conference, both the Governor and the suspended official shall set forth the names and addresses of all the witnesses they intend to call, the nature of their testimony, photocopies of all documentary evidence, and a description of all physical evidence that will be relied on by the parties at the hearing. Each shall state briefly what each expects to prove by such testimony and evidence. The suspended official may file with the Secretary, no later than ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) prehearing conference, or no later than the date set by the committee, subcommittee, or special master if no prehearing conference is held, all written defenses or matters in avoidance of the charges contained in the suspension order.

(4) When it is advisable, the committee, subcommittee, or special master may request that the Governor file a bill of particulars containing a statement of further facts and circumstances supporting the suspension order. Within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Governor's bill of particulars, the suspended officer shall file a response with the committee, subcommittee, or special master. Such response shall specifically admit or deny the facts or circumstances set forth in the Governor's bill of particulars, and may further make such representation of fact and circumstances or assert such further defenses as are responsive to the bill of particulars or as may bear on the matter of the suspension.

(5) The Senate may act on the recommendations of the committee, subcommittee, or special master at any time it is sitting but shall do so no later than the end of the next regular session of the Legislature.

(6) Within sixty (60) days after the Senate has completed final action on the recommendation of the committee, subcommittee, or special master, any party to the suspension matter may request the return, at that party's expense, of any exhibit, document, or other evidence introduced by that party. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date the Senate has completed final action, the committee, subcommittee, or special master may dispose of such exhibits or other evidence.

See FLA. CONST. art. IV, s. 7(b) Suspensions; filling office during suspensions.

### 12.10—Adjudication of guilt not required to remove suspended officer

For the purposes of Article IV, Section 7(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may find that the suspended official has committed a felony notwithstanding that a court may have withheld adjudication of guilt upon which the suspension order is based in whole or in part.

### 12.11—Special master; appointment

The President may appoint and contract for the services of a special master to perform such duties and make such reports in relation to suspensions and removals as he or she shall prescribe.

### 12.12—Special master; floor privilege

With consent of the President, the special master may have the privilege of the Senate floor to present and explain the report and answer questions as to the law and facts involved.

### 12.13—Issuance of subpoenas and process

The committee, subcommittee, and special master shall each have the authority to request the issuance of subpoenas, subpoenas *duces tecum*, and other necessary process under Rule 2.2. The committee chair, subcommittee chair, and special master may each administer all oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed by law to witnesses who shall appear to testify on matters pending before the committee, subcommittee, or special master.

**12.14—Rule takes precedence**

In any situation where there is a direct conflict between the provisions of Rule Twelve and part V of chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*, Rule Twelve, derived from Article III, Section 4(a) of the *State Constitution*, shall take precedence.

**RULE THIRTEEN****SPECIAL SESSION****13.1—Applicability of Senate Rules**

All Senate Rules shall apply and govern during special sessions except to the extent specifically modified or contradicted herein.

**13.2—Sittings of the Senate**

The Senate shall convene pursuant to a schedule provided by the President or at the hour established by the Senate at its last sitting.

**13.3—Committee meetings; schedule, notice, amendment deadline**

- (1) Committee meetings shall be scheduled by the President.
  - (a) Meetings of committees scheduled in accordance with this Rule may be held after notice is published on the Senate website and posted on the Senate side of the fourth (4th) floor rotunda on the fourth (4th) floor of the Capitol for two (2) hours in advance of the meeting. If possible, such notice shall appear in the daily calendar.
  - (b) A committee may meet less than two (2) hours after the convening of a special session if a notice is filed with the Secretary by 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to the meeting.

(2) The notice shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, subject, number of each bill to be considered, and the amendment deadline for the meeting. All other provisions for publication of notice of committee meetings are suspended. Main amendments shall be filed no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled convening of a committee meeting. Amendments adhering to main amendments shall be filed not later than thirty (30) minutes thereafter.

**13.4—Delivery for introduction**

All bills for introduction may be delivered to the Secretary at any time.

**13.5—Committee reports**

(1) Bills referred to a standing committee or committees shall be reported to the Secretary before 4:30 p.m. of the third (3rd) calendar day after the day of reference (the day of reference not being counted as the first (1st) day) unless otherwise ordered by the Senate by majority vote of those Senators present.

(2) Any bill on which no committee report is filed as required above may be withdrawn from such committee and placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second (2nd) Reading on a point of order.

(3) Bills referred to a standing subcommittee shall be reported to the standing committee to which the bills were referred at a time specified by the chair of the standing committee which shall not be beyond the time allowed herein.

**13.6—Conference committee reports**

(1) The report of a conference committee appointed pursuant to Rule 1.5 shall be read to the Senate and, on the completion of the reading, the vote shall be on the adoption or rejection thereof and final passage of the measure as recommended. A conference committee report shall be made available to the membership two (2) hours prior to the beginning of debate of the report by the Senate.

(2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected, and each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(3) Conference committees, other than a conference committee on a general or special appropriations bill and its related legislation, shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(4) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. In any event, the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either house.

(5) When conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, any action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall not preclude further action on said measure as the Senate may determine.

(6) After Senate conferees have been appointed for thirty-six (36) hours and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said Senate conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said Senate conferees.

**13.7—Reconsideration**

A motion to reconsider shall be made and considered on the same day when made.

**13.8—Procedure to establish Special Order Calendars**

(1) The Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader shall together submit a Special Order Calendar determining the list of bills for consideration by the Senate. The President shall determine the order in which such bills appear on the published Special Order Calendar.

See Rule 4.16—Consideration out of regular order.

(2) Such Special Order Calendar shall be published in one (1) daily calendar and may be considered on the day published. The amendment deadline for bills on the Special Order Calendar shall be 5:00 p.m. or two (2) hours after the Special Order Calendar is announced, whichever occurs later.

**RULE FOURTEEN****SEAL AND INSIGNIA****14.1—Seal and insignia**

(1) There shall be an official seal of the Senate. The seal shall be the size of a circle of two and one-half inches diameter having in the center thereof a fan of the five flags which have flown over Florida, above a disc containing the words: "In God We Trust" arched above a gavel, quill, and scroll. At the top of the field of flags shall be the word: "Seal." At the bottom shall be the date: "1838." The perimeter of the seal shall contain the words: "Senate" and "State of Florida."

(2) There shall be an official coat of arms for the Senate. The coat of arms shall contain a fan of the five flags that have flown over Florida, above the Great Seal of Florida. At the base of the coat of arms shall be the words: "The Florida Senate."

(3) All versions of the Senate Seal, the Senate Coat of Arms, official Senate stationery, calling cards, and facsimiles thereof may be used only in connection with official Senate business.

**INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS****FIRST READING**

By Senators Sobel, Gaetz, Clemens, Richter, Sachs, and Simmons—

**SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to greyhound racing injuries; providing a short title; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported on a form adopted by the

Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation within a certain timeframe; specifying the information that must be included in the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms as public records; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee of the department who fails to report an injury or who makes false statements on an injury form; exempting injuries to certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

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**Senate Bills 4-20**—Not used.

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By Senators Bradley, Galvano, Bean, and Gibson—

**SB 22**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joseph Stewart and Audrey Stewart on behalf of their son, Aubrey Stewart, by the City of Jacksonville; providing for an appropriation to compensate Aubrey Stewart for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the City of Jacksonville; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing for repayment of Medicaid liens; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 24**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of J.D.S.; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate J.D.S. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of negligence by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, as successor agency of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 26**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Thomas and Karen Brandi by Haines City; providing an appropriation to compensate them for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Haines City; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims relating to the injuries and damages sustained by Thomas and Karen Brandi; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 28**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Charles Pandrea by the North Broward Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Charles Pandrea, husband of Janet Pandrea, for the death of Janet Pandrea as a result of the negligence of the North Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 30**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jennifer Wohlge-muth by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office; providing for an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 32**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Donald Brown by the District School Board of Sumter County; providing an appropriation to compensate Donald Brown for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the District School Board of Sumter County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfies all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 34**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Asia Rollins by the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Memorial Hospital; providing an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 36**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Victor Guerrero by Pasco County; providing for an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Victor Guerrero for Officer Guerrero's death, which was the result of negligence by an employee of Pasco County; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims relating to the death of Officer Guerrero; providing a limitation on fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 38**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith, parents of Devaughn Darling, deceased; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate the parents for the loss of their son, Devaughn Darling, whose death occurred while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University campus; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 40**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.T.; providing an appropriation to compensate L.T. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 42**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Javier Soria by Palm Beach County; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of negligence by an employee of Palm Beach County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 44**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Lazaro Rodriguez and his legal survivors by the City of Hialeah; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate and Lazaro Rodriguez's legal survivors for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the City of Hialeah; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the wrongful death of Lazaro Rodriguez; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 46**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Clinton Treadway; providing an appropriation and certain benefits to compensate Clinton Treadway for being wrongfully incarcerated for 7 years and 25 days; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant for the purchase of an annuity; providing conditions for the purchase of the annuity; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Law Enforcement to immediately expunge Clinton Treadway's criminal record arising from his wrongful incarceration; waiving all fees related to the expunction of his criminal record; providing that the act does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's liability; providing that certain benefits and the appropriation satisfies all present and future claims related to the wrongful incarceration of Clinton Treadway; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that unused compensation provided under the act shall be revoked upon any future finding that Clinton Treadway is not innocent of the alleged crimes for which he was wrongfully incarcerated; providing that such unused compensation shall revert to the General Revenue Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

**SB 48**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 50**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Brian Pitts; directing the Division of Administrative Hearings to appoint an adminis-

trative law judge or special master to determine a basis for equitable relief for the purpose of compensating Mr. Pitts for the wrongful acts or omissions of the State of Florida or officials thereof; requiring a report to the Legislature; authorizing compensation to Mr. Pitts upon a determination by an administrative law judge; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Pitts for injuries and damages sustained; providing a limitation on attorney fees and costs; directing that certain court orders and judgments be declared null and void; specifying the limited circumstances under which Mr. Pitts may represent himself or others in judicial or administrative proceedings; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to investigate certain illegal acts committed by certain persons; authorizing the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives to sever portions of this act under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Negron—

**SB 52**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Criss Matute, Christian Manuel Torres, Eddna Torres De Mayne, Lansky Torres, and Nasdry Yamileth Torres Barahona, as beneficiaries of the Estate of Manuel Antonio Matute, by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of their father, Manuel Antonio Matute, as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; providing that the amount paid by the sheriff's office and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 54**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Mark T. Sawicki and his wife, Sharon L. Sawicki, by the City of Tallahassee; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for injuries sustained by Mr. Sawicki as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Tallahassee; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 56**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Ramiro Companioni by the City of Tampa; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mr. Companioni for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Tampa; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 58**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of C.M.H.; providing an appropriation to compensate C.M.H. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family

Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 60**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Roy Wright and Ashley Wright by the North Brevard County Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Roy Wright and Ashley Wright, individually and as guardians of Tucker Wright, for injuries and damages sustained by Tucker Wright as a result of the negligence of an employee of Parrish Medical Center; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 62**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Shuler Limited Partnership by the Florida Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, formerly known as the Division of Forestry, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; providing for an appropriation to compensate Shuler Limited Partnership for damages sustained to 835 acres of its timber as a result of the negligence, negligence per se, and gross negligence of employees of the Florida Forest Service and their violation of s. 590.13, Florida Statutes; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 64**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Monica Cantillo Acosta and Luis Alberto Cantillo Acosta, the surviving children of Nhora Acosta, by Miami-Dade County; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of their mother, Ms. Acosta, due to injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a Miami-Dade County bus driver; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 66**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Ronald Miller by the City of Hollywood; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Hollywood; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 68**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Carl Abbott by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Carl Abbott for injuries sustained as a result of the negli-

gence of an employee of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 70**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of 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; providing an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of Christian Darby Stephenson, which was due in part to the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 72**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Altavious Carter by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mr. Carter for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a bus driver of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 74**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of “Survivor” and the Estate of “Victim”; providing an appropriation to compensate Survivor and the Estate of Victim for injuries and damages sustained as result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committees on Rules; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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**SB 76**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 78**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Maricelly Lopez by the City of North Miami; providing for an appropriation to compensate Maricelly Lopez, individually and as personal representative of the Estate of Omar Miele, for the wrongful death of her son, Omar Miele, which was due to the negligence of a police officer of the City of North Miami; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the death of Omar Miele; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 80**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Michael Rardin by the North Broward Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Michael Rardin, Patricia Rardin, his wife, and Emily and Kayla Rardin, their two minor children, for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the North Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 82**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Marcus Button for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mark and Robin Button, as parents and natural guardians of Marcus Button, for injuries and damages sustained by Marcus Button; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 84**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Sharon Robinson, individually, as guardian of Mark Robinson, and as personal representative of the Estate of Matthew Robinson; providing an appropriation to compensate her and her son for the death of Matthew Robinson and for injuries and damages they sustained as a result of the negligence of the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority as operator of Lynx buses; providing that the amount already paid by the authority and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 86**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical tourism; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring an analysis of medical tourism in the Economic Development Programs Evaluation; amending s. 288.901, F.S.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to collaborate with the Department of Economic Opportunity to market this state as a health care destination; amending s. 288.923, F.S.; requiring the Division of Tourism Marketing to include in its 4-year plan a discussion of the promotion of medical tourism; creating s. 288.924, F.S.; requiring the plan to promote national and international awareness of the qualifications, scope of services, and specialized expertise of health care providers in this state, to promote national and international awareness of certain business opportunities to attract practitioners to destinations in this state, and to include an initiative to showcase qualified health care providers; requiring a specified amount of funds appropriated to the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to be allocated for the medical tourism marketing plan; requiring the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to create a matching grant program; specifying criteria for the grant program; requiring that a specified amount of funds appro-

riated to the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation be allocated for the grant program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Joyner and Margolis—

**SCR 88**—A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 90**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to jury composition; amending s. 913.10, F.S.; requiring a 12-member jury for life felony cases; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Hukill, Margolis, Latvala, Bradley, Simpson, and Sachs—

**SB 92**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include standards for financial literacy; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits of electives; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 94**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Closing the Gap grant program; amending s. 381.7355, F.S.; requiring that a project proposal under the grant program address racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity and mortality rates relating to sickle cell disease in addition to other priority areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 96**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patriotic film screening; creating s. 1003.447, F.S.; requiring that each district school board ensure that each middle school and high school within its jurisdiction requires its 8th grade and 11th grade students to annually attend a screening of a certain film; requiring student attendance; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Joyner and Sachs—

**SB 98**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment discrimination; creating the Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act; providing legislative findings and intent relating to equal pay for equal work for women; recognizing the importance of the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Commission on Human Relations in ensuring fair pay; providing the duties of the department and the commission; creating the Governor's Recognition Award for Pay Equity in the Workplace; requiring that the award be given annually to employers

in this state which have engaged in activities that eliminate the barriers to equal pay for equal work for women; requiring the executive director of the department and the chair of the commission to create, in cooperation with the Executive Office of the Governor, eligibility criteria for employers to receive the award; requiring the executive director of the department to establish procedures for applications, ceremonies, and presentations of the award; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 100**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the student assessment program; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; prohibiting a school district from scheduling more than a specified number of school days to administer local and statewide assessments; requiring the school district to approve additional days if needed; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Hukill, Joyner, and Latvala—

**SB 102**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to digital assets; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 740.001, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 740.101, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 740.201, F.S.; authorizing a personal representative to have access to specified digital assets of a decedent under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.301, F.S.; authorizing a guardian to have access to specified digital assets of a ward under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.401, F.S.; authorizing an agent to have access to specified digital assets of a principal under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.501, F.S.; authorizing a trustee to have access to specified digital assets held in trust under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.601, F.S.; providing the rights of a fiduciary relating to digital assets; providing that specified provisions in a terms-of-service agreement are unenforceable or void as against the strong public policy of this state under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.701, F.S.; providing requirements for compliance for a custodian, a personal representative, a guardian, an agent, a trustee, or another person that is entitled to receive and collect specified digital assets; providing for damages if a demand for the trust instrument is not made in good faith by a custodian; providing applicability; creating s. 740.801, F.S.; providing immunity for a custodian and its officers, employees, and agents for any action done in good faith and in compliance with ch. 740, F.S.; creating s. 740.901, F.S.; clarifying the relationship of ch. 740, F.S., to the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; creating s. 740.911, F.S.; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

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**Senate Resolutions 104-106**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 108**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.111, F.S.; updating obsolete cross-references; revising eligibility for the purchase of credit for military service; making editorial changes; amending s. 121.052, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hukill—

**SB 110**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to communications services taxes; amending s. 202.12, F.S.; reducing the tax rate applied to the sale of communications services; reducing the tax rate applied to the retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services; amending s. 202.12001, F.S.; conforming rates to the reduction of the communications services tax; amending s. 202.18, F.S.; revising the allocation of tax revenues received; amending s. 203.001, F.S.; conforming rates to the reduction of the communications services tax; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 112**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to special license plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a Distinguished Flying Cross license plate; specifying qualifications and requirements for the plate; providing that the use of proceeds from the sale of the plate will be made according to certain established guidelines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 114**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state minimum wage; amending s. 448.110, F.S.; increasing the state minimum wage; prohibiting an employer from paying an employee at a rate less than the state minimum wage; deleting the requirement that only individuals entitled to receive the federal minimum wage are eligible to receive the state minimum wage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 116**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gaming; providing a short title; prohibiting applicants for and permit holders of pari-mutuel permits from contributing to certain campaign accounts and political committees; defining the term “department officials”; prohibiting specified political activity or employment by department officials; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

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By Senators Hays and Gaetz—

**SB 118**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voluntary contributions for public education facilities; creating s. 215.165, F.S.; authorizing a participating business that registers with the Department of Revenue to solicit and collect contributions from its customers for the construction and maintenance of public education facilities; providing registration requirements; requiring a participating business to file a return and remit contributions to the department within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to deposit contributions into the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; requiring the department to adopt rules establishing forms and procedures; providing that voluntary contributions are not subject to audit by the department; amending s. 1013.65, F.S.; including voluntary contributions as a source of funding for the Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; authorizing the executive director of the department to adopt emergency rules; providing that such rules are effective for a specified period; providing an effective date.



—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Margolis—

**SB 120**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lotteries; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create and administer a program that provides for the sale of Florida lottery tickets through the Internet; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

**SB 122**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Margolis—

**SB 124**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to advance deposit wagering; creating s. 550.6346, F.S.; defining terms; providing that the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may authorize advance deposit wagering conducted by certain permitholders or certain operators contracting with a permitholder; specifying requirements for a person authorized to conduct advance deposit wagering; prohibiting a resident or other individual from placing a wager through an advance deposit wagering system under specified circumstances; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Clemens and Latvala—

**SB 126**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to social media privacy; creating s. 448.077, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring access to a social media account of an employee or prospective employee under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from taking retaliatory personnel action for an employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account; prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to hire a prospective employee as a result of the prospective employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account; authorizing civil action for a violation; requiring that the civil action be brought within a specified timeframe; providing a penalty for a violation; providing for recovery of attorney fees and court costs; specifying that an employer is not prohibited from seeking access to social media accounts used primarily for the employer's business purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 128**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a new small business tax credit; creating s. 220.197, F.S.; defining terms; providing a tax credit to new small businesses in a specified amount for qualified employees; limiting the total amount of tax credit that may be taken as a deduction; prohibiting receipt of the tax credit through a refund of taxes previously paid; requiring a business to apply to the Department of Revenue for tax credit approval; providing application requirements; requiring the department to provide notice of approval or of insufficiencies identified in the application within a specified period; authorizing an applicant to reapply if an application is deemed insufficient; authorizing an unused amount of tax credit to be carried forward for a specified period under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending ss. 220.02 and 220.13, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical corrections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 130**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Administration to annually transfer a portion of the investment income of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center to support the center's ongoing operations; specifying that the transferred income does not affect funding otherwise available to the center; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senators Joyner and Dean—

**SB 132**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disabled parking permits; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from requiring certain veterans to resubmit a certificate of disability for renewal of a disabled parking permit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Transportation; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 134**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lifetime electronic monitoring of sex offenders; creating s. 943.71, F.S.; establishing the lifetime electronic monitoring program within the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the implementation of an electronic monitoring system to monitor sex offenders sentenced to lifetime electronic monitoring; requiring tracking the movement and location of each sex offender; requiring timely reporting and recording of the sex offender's presence in certain circumstances; requiring that such records be available upon request; requiring a sex offender sentenced to lifetime electronic monitoring to wear or carry an electronic monitoring device as determined by the department; requiring the sex offender to reimburse the department for the cost of the lifetime electronic monitoring; creating s. 943.711, F.S.; defining the term "sex offender"; requiring a convicted sex offender to be sentenced to lifetime electronic monitoring; providing criminal penalties; authorizing a term of imprisonment imposed for specified violations relating to lifetime electronic monitoring to run consecutively with other violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Hays and Latvala—

**SB 136**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; specifying eligibility of a monthly death benefit payment to the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a law enforcement officer or firefighter employed by the state; providing an annual appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hukill—

**SB 138**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax-exempt income; amending s. 220.14, F.S.; increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.63, F.S.; increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the franchise tax imposed on banks and savings associations; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Hukill and Richter—

**SB 140**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; reducing the tax levied on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 142**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonresidential farm buildings; amending s. 604.50, F.S.; exempting nonresidential farm buildings, farm fences, and farm signs that are located on lands used for bona fide agricultural purposes from any county or municipal assessment, including a dependent special district assessment; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 144**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of impaired practitioner consultants and their employees retained by the Department of Health or other state agency and the spouses and children of such consultants and employees, under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Ring and Sachs—

**SB 146**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to autism; creating s. 381.988, F.S.; requiring a physician, to whom a parent or legal guardian reports observing symptoms of autism exhibited by a minor child, to refer the minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances; authorizing the parent or legal guardian to have direct access to screening for, or evaluation or diagnosis of, autism spectrum disorder for the minor child from the Early Steps program or another appropriate specialist in autism under certain circumstances; defining the term “appropriate specialist”; amending ss. 627.6686 and 641.31098, F.S.; defining the term “direct patient access”; requiring that certain insurers and health maintenance organizations provide direct patient access for a minimum number of visits to an appropriate specialist for screening for, or evaluation or diagnosis of, autism spectrum disorder; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 148**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to resident status for tuition purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; revising criteria relating to the classification of active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States, and their spouses and dependent children, as residents for tuition purposes; classifying veterans of the Armed Services of the United States, and their spouses and dependent children, as residents for tuition purposes under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Ring, Sachs, and Abruzzo—

**SB 150**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loans; creating s. 43.45, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Justice Administrative Commission and the Office of the Attorney General to implement a student loan assistance program to assist a career assistant state attorney, assistant public defender, assistant attorney general, or assistant statewide prosecutor in the repayment of eligible student loans; establishing requirements for the administration of the program; requiring the administering body to make payments based on the length of employment of the eligible career attorney and availability of funds; providing funding; requiring the Justice Administrative Commission and the Office of the Attorney General to develop procedures to administer the program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 152**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disability awareness; amending s. 1003.4205, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring presentations by certain individuals to be included in the disability history and awareness instruction; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council; providing membership on the council; providing responsibilities of the council; providing meeting times for the council; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hazardous walking conditions; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students; revising procedures for inspection and identification of hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school superintendent to initiate a formal request for correction of a hazardous walking condition under certain circumstances; authorizing a district school board to initiate an administrative proceeding under certain circumstances and providing requirements therefor; deleting the requirement that the district school superintendent and specified governmental entities make a final determination that is mutually agreed upon regarding hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school board to correct hazardous walking conditions and provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous walking conditions; requiring state or local governmental entities with jurisdiction over a road with a hazardous walking condition to correct the condition within a reasonable period of time; providing requirements for a governmental entity relating to its capital improvements program; providing requirements relating to a civil action for damages; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Abruzzo, Bullard, and Ring—

**SB 156**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibited discrimination; creating the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act”; amending s. 760.01, F.S.; revising provisions to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and the perception of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, handicap, or marital status as impermissible grounds for discrimination; amending s. 760.02, F.S.; defining additional terms; amending ss. 760.05, 760.07, and 760.08, F.S.; adding sexual orientation

and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination; conforming terminology; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion; amending s. 509.092, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion; amending s. 760.22, F.S.; defining additional terms; amending ss. 760.23, 760.24, 760.25, 760.26, 760.29, and 760.60, F.S.; adding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Evers and Latvala—

**SB 158**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the civil liability of farmers; amending s. 768.137, F.S.; providing that an existing exemption from civil liability for farmers who gratuitously allow a person to enter upon their land for the purpose of removing farm produce or crops left in the field applies at any time, rather than only after harvesting; revising exceptions to the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; and Judiciary.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 160**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rural letter carriers; amending s. 316.614, F.S.; exempting a rural letter carrier of the United States Postal Service from safety belt usage requirements while performing his or her duties on a designated postal route; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Joyner and Bradley—

**SB 162**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of victims of wrongful incarceration; amending s. 961.02, F.S.; defining the term “violent felony”; amending s. 961.04, F.S.; providing that a person is disqualified from receiving compensation under the Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act if, before or during the person’s wrongful conviction and incarceration, the person was convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or was serving a concurrent incarceration for, another violent felony; amending s. 961.06, F.S.; providing that a wrongfully incarcerated person who commits a violent felony law violation, rather than a felony law violation, which results in revocation of parole or community supervision is ineligible for compensation; reenacting s. 961.03(1)(a), (2), (3), and (4), F.S., relating to determination of status as a wrongfully incarcerated person and determination of eligibility for compensation, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 961.04, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 961.055(1), F.S., relating to application for compensation for a wrongfully incarcerated person and exemption from application by nolle prosequi, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 961.04, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; amending s. 16.555, F.S.; authorizing a county that is awarded a grant from the trust fund to use such funds for the purchase and distribution of promotional items; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Soto, Bullard, and Clemens—

**SB 166**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hydraulic fracturing; creating s. 377.375, F.S.; defining the term “hydraulic fracturing”; prohibiting a person from engaging in hydraulic fracturing in this state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Negron—

**SB 168**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home parks; amending s. 723.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “mobile home park” to clarify that it includes certain lots or spaces regardless of the rental or lease term’s length or person liable for ad valorem taxes; reenacting and amending s. 73.072, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 723.003, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing that the act is remedial and intended to clarify existing law and to abrogate an interpretation of such law by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing for retroactive application; providing that the act does not affect specified ad valorem taxation issues; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Judiciary.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 170**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 350.01, F.S.; authorizing each commissioner serving on July 1, 2015, to remain in office until the completion of his or her term; deleting obsolete provisions; prohibiting commissioners appointed after July 1, 2015, from serving more than two consecutive terms; prohibiting an elected official from serving on the commission within a specified period of time after he or she leaves office; making technical changes; amending s. 350.031, F.S.; creating five districts with boundaries that align with those of the five state district courts of appeal for the purpose of statewide representation on the commission; requiring one commissioner to be appointed to represent each district; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council to select nominees who are residents of the district they are being nominated to represent; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Bradley and Ring—

**SB 172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government pension reform; amending s. 175.021, F.S.; requiring that firefighter pension plans meet the requirements of ch. 175, F.S., in order to receive certain insurance premium tax revenues; amending s. 175.032, F.S.; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act and providing new definitions; amending s. 175.071, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 175.091, F.S.; revising the method of creating and maintaining a firefighters’ pension trust fund; amending s. 175.162, F.S.; deleting a provision basing the availability of additional benefits in a firefighter pension plan upon state funding; revising the calculation of monthly retirement income for a full-time firefighter; specifying the minimum benefits that must be maintained by certain firefighter pension plans after a specified date; amending s. 175.351, F.S.; exempting certain firefighter pension plans of a municipality or special fire control district from meeting certain minimum benefits in order to participate in the distribution of a premium tax; redesignating the term “pension plan” as “retirement plan”; revising criteria governing the use of revenues of the premium tax; authorizing a pension plan to reduce certain excess benefits if the plan continues to meet certain minimum benefits and

standards; providing that the use of premium tax revenues may deviate from the requirements of ch. 175, F.S., under certain circumstances; revising the conditions for proposing the adoption of a pension plan or an amendment to a pension plan; requiring plan sponsors to have a defined contribution plan component in place by a certain date; authorizing a municipality or special fire control district to implement certain changes to a local law plan which are contrary to ch. 175, F.S., for a limited time, under certain circumstances; amending s. 185.01, F.S.; requiring that police officer pension plans meet the requirements of ch. 185, F.S., in order to receive certain insurance premium tax revenues; amending s. 185.02, F.S.; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act and providing new definitions; revising applicability of the limitation on the amount of overtime payments that may be used for pension benefit calculations; amending s. 185.06, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 185.07, F.S.; revising the method of creating and maintaining a police officers' retirement trust fund; amending s. 185.16, F.S.; deleting a provision basing the availability of additional benefits in a police officer pension plan upon state funding; revising the calculation of monthly retirement income for a police officer; specifying the minimum benefits that must be maintained by certain police officer pension plans after a specified date; amending s. 185.35, F.S.; exempting certain municipal police officer pension plans from meeting certain minimum benefits in order to participate in the distribution of a premium tax; redesignating the term "pension plan" as "retirement plan"; revising criteria governing the use of revenues from the premium tax; authorizing a plan to reduce certain excess benefits if the plan continues to meet certain minimum benefits and minimum standards; providing that the use of premium tax revenues may deviate from the requirements of ch. 185, F.S., under specified circumstances; revising the conditions for proposing the adoption of a pension plan or amendment to a pension plan; conforming a cross-reference; requiring plan sponsors to have a defined contribution plan component in place by a certain date; authorizing a municipality to implement certain changes to a local law plan which are contrary to ch. 185, F.S., for a limited time; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SR 174**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 176**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Higher Education; Judiciary; and Rules.

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**SR 178**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school safety; providing legislative intent; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; permitting a school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize a school safety designee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm on school property; providing requirements for school safety designees; providing exceptions to the prohibition on possession of firearms or other specified devices on school property; providing for fingerprint processing and retention; requiring that fees shall be borne by the school safety designee or school; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop a school safety program; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring school boards to formulate policies and procedures for managing active-shooter and hostage situations; requiring that active-shooter procedures for each school be developed in consultation with local law enforcement agencies; requiring that district school boards and private schools allow campus tours by local law enforcement agencies for specified purposes; requiring that all recommendations be documented; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; permitting district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus; amending

ss. 435.04, 790.251, 921.0022, and 1012.315, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Education Pre-K - 12; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 1004.097, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution and for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of establishing the qualifications of, or any compensation framework to be offered to, such potential applicants which would disclose personal identifying information of an applicant or potential applicant; providing applicability; requiring release of the names of specified applicants within a certain timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senators Evers and Gaetz—

**SB 184**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the federal write-in absentee ballot; amending s. 101.6952, F.S.; authorizing absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use the federal write-in absentee ballot in any state or local election; authorizing an elector to vote on any ballot measure in an election using the federal write-in absentee ballot under certain circumstances; specifying that a vote cast in a judicial merit retention election is treated in the same manner as a vote on certain ballot measures; allowing for abbreviations, misspellings, and other minor variations in the name of a ballot measure; prohibiting the supervisor of elections from canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from overseas voters in certain elections until 10 days after the date of the election; making technical changes; amending s. 102.166, F.S.; revising minimum requirements for Department of State rules used to determine what constitutes a valid vote on a federal write-in absentee ballot; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Latvala, Gibson, and Clemens—

**SB 186**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to malt beverages; creating s. 563.0614, F.S.; authorizing the sale of malt beverages packaged in individual containers of certain sizes if they are filled at the point of sale by certain licenseholders; requiring each container to be imprinted or labeled with certain information; requiring the containers to be sealed or incapable of being immediately consumed; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Margolis and Abruzzo—

**SB 188**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to original works of art; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting certain original works of art from the sales and use tax; defining the term "original work of art"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Bean and Hays—

**SB 190**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospices; amending s. 408.043, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to assume the need for an additional hospice provider in certain hospice service areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 192**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wireless communications devices; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising legislative intent to authorize law enforcement officers to issue citations as a primary offense to persons who are texting while driving; repealing s. 316.305(5), F.S., relating to the enforcement of the “Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law” as a secondary action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 194**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation services procurement; creating s. 287.0836, F.S.; requiring an agency to consider specified criteria when evaluating a proposal or reply received for procurement of specified transportation services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 196**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the qualified television revolving loan fund; creating s. 288.127, F.S.; defining terms; providing a purpose; creating the qualified television revolving loan fund; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to contract with a fund administrator; providing fund administrator qualifications; providing for the fund administrator’s compensation and removal; specifying the fund administrator’s powers and duties; providing the structure of the loans; providing qualified television content criteria; authorizing the Auditor General to conduct an operational audit of the fund and the fund administrator; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for expiration of the loan program; providing emergency rulemaking authority; providing for expiration of the emergency rulemaking authority; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring an analysis of the qualified television revolving loan fund in the Economic Development Programs Evaluation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 198**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the local government infrastructure surtax; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; authorizing a county governing authority to levy a discretionary sales surtax to fund capital restoration of natural water bodies for public use; limiting expenditures of the proceeds and interest from the surtax or specified bonds pledging the surtax to dredging operations related to ecologically beneficial muck removal; reenacting ss. 202.19(5) and (8), 202.20(3), 212.054(1), (2)(a), and (4)(a) and (b), 212.0597, 212.20(6)(b), and 1013.736(2)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.055, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 197.3225, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for e-mail addresses obtained by a tax collector for the purpose of electronically sending certain tax notices or obtaining the consent of a taxpayer for electronic transmission of certain tax notices; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance policy documents; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; authorizing a policyholder of personal lines insurance to elect delivery of policy documents by electronic means; amending s. 627.43141, F.S.; revising the requirements applicable to insurers when providing a notice of change in renewal policy terms to allow such notice to be sent separately from the notice of renewal premium within a specified timeframe; requiring the insurer to provide a sample copy of the notice of change in renewal policy terms to the insurance agent at a specified time; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Commerce and Tourism.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 204**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual orientation change efforts; creating s. 456.064, F.S.; defining the term “sexual orientation change effort”; prohibiting persons who are licensed to provide professional counseling and various practitioners who are licensed under provisions regulating the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine, psychology, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts on behalf of a person who is younger than a specified age; providing that a violation of the prohibition constitutes unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings by the Department of Health and the appropriate regulatory board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

By Senators Hukill, Gaetz, Soto, Sachs, Detert, and Galvano—

**SB 206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; creating s. 20.122, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing the program within the Department of Financial Services; requiring the department to develop and implement the program in consultation with specified stakeholders; providing for the participation of banks, credit unions, savings associations, and savings banks; requiring the program to provide information and other offerings on specified issues to individuals with developmental disabilities and employers in this state; requiring the department to establish on its website a clearinghouse for information regarding the program and to publish a brochure describing the program; requiring qualified public depositories to disseminate the department’s brochure and provide a hyperlink on their websites to the department’s website for the program; amending s. 280.16, F.S.; requiring a qualified public depository to participate in the program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Clemens, Smith, Bullard, and Sachs—

**SJR 208**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution to automatically restore the voting rights and right to hold public office of certain convicted felons.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 210**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the licensing of facilities that offer health and human services; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; redefining the term “child care” to include a person or facility that does not receive compensation; redefining the term “child care facility” to include a child care center or child care arrangement that does not receive compensation and provides child care for more than four, rather than five, children unrelated to the operator; amending s. 402.313, F.S.; requiring a family day care home to conspicuously display its license or registration in the common area of the home, to provide proof of a written plan that identifies a designated substitute for the operator, and to provide proof of screening and background checks for certain individuals; amending s. 402.3131, F.S.; requiring a large family child care home to permanently post its license in a conspicuous location that is visible by all parents and guardians and the Department of Children and Families; amending s. 402.315, F.S.; revising the licensing fee for a child care facility that has a certain licensed capacity; amending s. 402.318, F.S.; prohibiting advertisement of a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home unless it is licensed or registered or provides proof of exemption; defining the term “advertisement”; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Bradley and Brandes—

**SB 212**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Corrections; amending s. 20.315, F.S.; revising the method of appointment for the Secretary of Corrections; creating the Florida Corrections Commission within the department; providing for membership and terms of appointment for commission members; prescribing duties and responsibilities of the commission; prohibiting the commission from entering the department’s operation; establishing meeting and notice requirements; requiring the commission to appoint an executive director; authorizing reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses for commission members; prohibiting certain conflicts of interest among commission members; amending s. 948.10, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing for applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Clemens, Bullard, and Smith—

**SB 214**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discrimination in employment screening; creating s. 760.105, F.S.; prohibiting an employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant’s criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bradley—

**SB 216**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to publicly funded retirement programs; amending s. 175.041, F.S.; revising applicability of the Marvin B. Clayton Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Act; providing that any municipality that provides fire protection services to a municipal services taxing unit under an interlocal agreement is eligible to receive property insurance premium taxes; amending s. 175.101, F.S.; authorizing a municipal services taxing unit that enters into an interlocal agreement for fire protection services with another municipality to impose an excise tax on property insurance premiums; amending s. 175.111, F.S.; requiring municipal services taxing units to provide the Division of Retirement of the Department of Management Services with a certified copy of the ordinance assessing and imposing certain taxes;

amending ss. 175.122 and 175.351, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the limitation of disbursement to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 175.411, F.S.; authorizing a municipal services taxing unit, under certain conditions, to revoke its participation and cease to receive property insurance premium taxes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Simpson and Sachs—

**SB 218**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the interception and recording of oral communications; amending s. 934.03, F.S.; providing that it is lawful for a minor who is a victim of sexual abuse to intercept and record an oral communication of the abuser without the abuser’s knowledge or consent; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 220**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; revising the membership of the board; providing for appointment of additional members by the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture; providing for terms of the additional members; providing qualifications for such members; providing for removal of members by the Governor under certain circumstances; providing for action by a quorum of the board; requiring that the additional appointments be made by a specified date; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 222**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic commerce; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating the “Computer Abuse and Data Recovery Act”; creating s. 668.801, F.S.; providing a statement of purpose; creating s. 668.802, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 668.803, F.S.; prohibiting a person from intentionally committing specified acts without authorization with respect to a protected computer; providing penalties for a violation; creating s. 668.804, F.S.; specifying remedies for civil actions brought by persons affected by a violation; providing that specified criminal judgments or decrees against a defendant act as estoppel as to certain matters in specified civil actions; providing that specified civil actions must be filed within certain periods of time; creating s. 668.805, F.S.; providing that the act does not prohibit specified activity by certain state, federal, and foreign law enforcement agencies, regulatory agencies, and political subdivisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Judiciary.

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By Senators Simpson, Margolis, Gibson, and Hays—

**SB 224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.0701, F.S.; defining the term “acting on behalf of a public agency”; revising the definition of the term “contractor”; requiring that a public agency contract for services include a statement providing the name and telephone number of the public agency’s custodian of records; prescribing the form of the statement; revising contractual provisions in a public agency contract for services regarding a contractor’s compliance with public records laws; specifying circumstances under which a court may assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against a public agency or contractor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 226**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racing animals; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the use of certain medications or substances on racing animals; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to solicit input from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; revising the penalties for violating laws relating to the racing of animals; decreasing the timeframe in which prosecutions for violations regarding racing animals must commence; revising the procedures for testing racing animals; requiring the division to notify the owners or trainers, stewards, and the appropriate horsemen’s association of all drug test results; prohibiting the division from taking action against owners or trainers under certain circumstances; requiring the division to require its laboratory and specified independent laboratories to annually participate in a quality assurance program; requiring the administrator of the program to submit a report; authorizing the division to coordinate inspections with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; revising the conditions of use for certain medications; expanding violations to include prohibited substances that break down during a race found in specimens collected after a race; revising the rulemaking authority of the division; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Agriculture; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 228**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to online voter registration; creating s. 97.0525, F.S.; requiring the Division of Elections of the Department of State to develop an online voter registration system; providing application and security requirements for the system; requiring the system to compare information submitted online with Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records; providing for the disposition of voter registration applications; authorizing the division to establish procedures for certain applicants; requiring system compliance with federal accessibility provisions; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Dean and Gaetz—

**SB 230**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public utilities; amending s. 366.05, F.S.; requiring that any proposed change in a public utility’s billing cycle be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission by a specified period before the effective date of the change; requiring the commission to consider the public impact of a proposed change; prohibiting the extension of a billing cycle by more than a specified period; prohibiting a public utility from charging a consumer or user a higher rate in certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 232**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Economic Opportunity; creating s. 288.112, F.S.; requiring the department to create a web page accessible through its Internet website that provides certain information; providing the purpose of the web page; requiring the department to collect all local business information available to the department; requiring the department to request the relevant local government to provide any otherwise unavailable information; requiring local governments to provide notice of changes in information collected by the department; authorizing local government entities to provide a summary that includes certain information for the department’s web page; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.041, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “motor vehicle insurance” to include a policy that insures more than four automobiles; reenacting s. 627.0651(5)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 627.041(8), F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 236**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to used tire sales; prohibiting the sale of certain used passenger or light truck tires by a used tire retailer; designating what constitutes an unsafe used tire; providing that violations of the act are deceptive and unfair trade practices; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 238**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to athletic coaches; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; requiring an independent sanctioning authority to dismiss an athletic coach ejected from a game for the remainder of that sport season under certain circumstances; authorizing such athletic coach to resume working under certain circumstances; requiring an independent sanctioning authority to establish a procedure for an athletic coach to appeal certain decisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Brandes and Gaetz—

**SB 240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to issuance of driver licenses and identification cards; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to accept a military personnel identification card as proof of identity for purposes of issuing a driver license or an identification card; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 242**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to publicly funded retirement plans; amending s. 112.63, F.S.; requiring that actuarial reports for certain retirement plans include mortality tables; amending s. 112.664, F.S.; revising information to be included in a defined benefit system or plan’s annual report to the Department of Management Services; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dean—

**SB 244**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to volunteer firefighting; amending s. 633.102, F.S.; redefining the term “volunteer firefighter” to include an individual who provides fire extinguishment or fire preven-

tion services for a municipality or county with a specified population; creating s. 633.103, F.S.; specifying that the provisions of the chapter and rules of the Division of State Fire Marshal relating to fire standards and training and the Florida Firefighters Occupational Safety and Health Act do not apply to a fire service provider or firefighter employer that is a municipality or county with a specified population if utilizing a volunteer firefighter or volunteer fire department, and do not apply to a volunteer firefighter who is being utilized by such a provider or an employer; reenacting s. 627.4107, F.S., relating to the prohibition against the cancellation of a life or health policy or certificate for a government employee exposed to toxic drug chemicals, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 633.102, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Sachs—

**SB 246**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to texting while driving; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for violations of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to include enhanced penalties for such violations when committed in a school zone or school crossing; removing the requirement that specified provisions be enforced as a secondary action by a law enforcement agency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Smith, Thompson, and Bullard—

**SB 248**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the recording of law enforcement activities; providing a short title; creating s. 943.1718, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring uniformed officers assigned primarily to patrol duties to be equipped with body cameras; requiring the use of such cameras during specified activities; exempting the recordings of such activities from specified provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Smith, Margolis, Hays, Stargel, and Simpson—

**SB 250**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child care facilities; amending s. 402.301, F.S.; revising legislative intent and policy; requiring that certain membership organizations conduct level 2 background screening for child care personnel; requiring such organizations to demonstrate compliance upon request; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; excluding certain membership organizations from the definition of the term “child care facility”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance counter-signature requirements; amending s. 624.425, F.S.; providing that the absence of a countersignature does not affect the validity of a policy or contract of insurance; reenacting ss. 626.025(11), 626.752(3)(f), and 628.909(2)(a) and (3)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 624.425, F.S., in references thereto; providing that the act is remedial and intended to clarify existing law; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Clemens and Bullard—

**SB 254**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a charter school to demonstrate it meets certain needs that the local school district does not or is unable to provide to students in that district in order to obtain approval; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 256**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to identification cards; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an identification card exhibiting a special designation for a person who is diagnosed by a licensed physician as having a developmental disability; requiring payment of an additional fee and proof of diagnosis; authorizing issuance of a replacement identification card that includes the special designation without payment of a specified fee; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 258**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property and casualty insurance; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to use certain models or methods, or a straight average of model results or output ranges, to estimate hurricane losses when determining whether the rates in a rate filing are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; increasing the length of time during which an insurer is not required to adhere to certain models found by the Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology to be accurate or reliable in determining probable maximum loss levels with respect to certain rate filings; providing that the requirement to adhere to such findings does not prohibit an insurer from using a straight average of model results or output ranges under specified circumstances; amending s. 627.0651, F.S.; revising provisions for the making and use of rates for motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.3518, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 627.4133, F.S.; increasing the amount of prior notice required with respect to the non-renewal, cancellation, or termination of certain insurance policies; deleting certain provisions that require extended periods of prior notice with respect to the nonrenewal, cancellation, or termination of certain insurance policies; prohibiting the cancellation of certain policies that have been in effect for a specified amount of time except under certain circumstances; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; authorizing a policyholder of personal lines insurance to affirmatively elect delivery of policy documents by electronic means; amending s. 627.7074, F.S.; revising notification requirements for participation in the neutral evaluation program; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; revising the period for applicability of certain Medicare fee schedules or payment limitations; amending s. 627.744, F.S.; revising preinsurance inspection requirements for private passenger motor vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 260**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to value adjustment board proceedings; amending s. 194.011, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the value adjustment board to have available and distribute specified forms; authorizing the owner of multiple items of tangible personal property to file a joint petition with the value adjustment board under certain circumstances; requiring the property appraiser to include the property record card in an evidence list for a value adjustment board hearing under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 192.0105(2)(b), 194.013(1), 194.032(1)(a), and 196.011(6)(a) and (8), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 194.011, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.



—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Smith—

**SB 262**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racing animals; providing a short title; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the use of medication or drugs on animals; revising the penalties for such use; prohibiting the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from granting a license or permit to applicants with a prior conviction of animal cruelty; requiring the division to immediately revoke a license or permit of a person found guilty of animal cruelty subsequent to obtaining the license or permit; prohibiting the division from granting a license or permit to applicants with a prior conviction of aggravated assault or battery or child abuse; revising procedures for testing animals for medication or drugs; requiring certain laboratories to participate in a quality assurance program; requiring the administrator of such program to report results and findings; requiring the division to maintain records of greyhounds injured while racing; providing for the content of such records; establishing a fine for making false statements on injury records; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Bradley and Brandes—

**SB 264**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic enforcement agencies and traffic citations; amending s. 316.640, F.S.; designating counties and municipalities as traffic enforcement agencies for purposes of the section and prohibiting them from establishing traffic citation quotas; amending s. 316.660, F.S.; requiring a county or municipality to submit a report of its traffic citation revenue and its expenses for operating a law enforcement agency during a fiscal year to the Legislative Auditing Committee under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 266**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property appraisers; amending s. 195.087, F.S.; specifying that a property appraiser’s operating budget is final and shall be funded by the county commission once the Department of Revenue makes its final budget amendments; specifying that the county commission remains obligated to fund the department’s final property appraiser’s operating budget during the pendency of an appeal to the Administration Commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Stargel and Latvala—

**SB 268**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to amusement games or machines; amending s. 546.002, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 546.10, F.S.; authorizing an amusement game or machine to be operated in conformity with specified requirements; authorizing free replays if an amusement game or machine conforms with specified requirements; allowing an individual who plays an amusement game or machine to receive a point or a coupon redeemable onsite for merchandise under specified circumstances; authorizing an amusement game or machine to allow an individual to directly receive merchandise under certain circumstances; specifying a cap on the redemption value of a point or a coupon; requiring the Department of Revenue to annually adjust the cap; providing a formula for the adjustment of the cap; requiring the department to publish the amount of the adjusted cap; authorizing certain persons or entities to enjoin the operation of an amusement game or machine; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 270**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle; creating s. 316.3051, F.S.; defining the term “wireless communications device”; providing a criminal penalty if a person operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device causes the death of a human being or an unborn child; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 272**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle signage; creating s. 316.2007, F.S.; prohibiting advertising signs on a motor vehicle which have flashing or intermittent lights or which are illuminated in a specified manner; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SB 274**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

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By Senators Soto and Sachs—

**SB 276**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to arrest booking photographs; creating s. 119.17, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person who publishes or disseminates an arrest booking photograph through a publicly accessible print or electronic medium from soliciting or accepting payment of a fee or other consideration to remove, correct, or modify such photograph; authorizing an action to enjoin publication or dissemination of an arrest booking photograph if the publisher or disseminator unlawfully solicits or accepts a fee or other consideration to remove, correct, or modify such photograph; specifying the time period during which an arrest booking photograph must be removed pursuant to court order; providing a civil penalty; providing for reasonable attorney fees and costs; requiring the court to terminate an injunction under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 278**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to downtown development districts; amending s. 166.0497, F.S.; authorizing the governing body of a municipality that has created a downtown development district to levy an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property in the district to finance the district’s operation; limiting the tax to a specified percentage; providing for limitation of the district’s millage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Soto and Bullard—

**SB 280**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to teacher salaries; creating s. 1012.052, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the Legislature to fund the Florida Education Finance Program at a level that ensures a guaranteed minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel; specifying a statewide minimum salary for all instructional personnel for the 2015-2016 fiscal year; requiring the Department of Education to annually adjust the minimum starting salary; providing a formula for calculating such adjustment; requiring district school boards to adjust the minimum starting salary determined by the department by applying the district cost differential; providing that such adjustment

may not reduce starting salaries below the statewide minimum; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 282**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tracking devices or applications; creating s. 934.425, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting the use of a tracking device or application to determine the location or movement of a person without the person's consent; creating a presumption that consent is revoked upon initiation of specified proceedings; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 284**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to permitting; amending ss. 253.763, 373.617, and 403.90, F.S.; specifying additional issues that may be reviewed by circuit courts with respect to certain permits issued by state agencies and water management districts; providing additional remedies in the event of an exactions taking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 286**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to classified advertisement websites; creating s. 501.180, F.S.; defining the term "safe-haven facility"; requiring a specified number of safe-haven facilities to be designated in each county based upon population size; authorizing state buildings, or alternatively, local governmental buildings, to serve as safe-haven facilities; limiting the liability of an entity that provides a safe-haven facility; limiting actions against the state or local government related to transactions taking place at a safe-haven facility; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 288**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utilities regulation; amending s. 350.01, F.S.; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission to hold public customer service meetings in certain service territories; requiring that specified meetings, workshops, hearings, or proceedings of the commission be streamed live and recorded copies be made available on the commission's web page; amending s. 350.031, F.S.; requiring a person who lobbies a member of the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council to register as a lobbyist; reenacting and amending s. 350.041, F.S.; requiring public service commissioners to annually complete ethics training; providing applicability; amending s. 350.042, F.S.; expanding the prohibition against ex parte communication to apply to any type of proceeding, workshop, or internal affairs meeting and to any matter that the commissioner or other person knows or reasonably expects will be filed within a certain timeframe; deleting an exemption from this prohibition for oral communications or discussions in scheduled and noticed open public meetings of educational programs or of a conference or other meeting of an association of regulatory agencies; requiring the Governor to remove from office any commissioner found to have violated the ex parte statute; amending s. 350.0611, F.S.; authorizing the Public Counsel to be a party to settlement agreements in any proceeding before the commission in which he or she has participated as a party; prohibiting a settlement agreement to which the Public Counsel is not a party from being submitted to or approved by the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 366.05, F.S.; limiting the use of tiered rates in conjunction with extended billing periods;

limiting deposit amounts; requiring a utility to notify each customer if it has more than one rate for any customer class; requiring the utility to provide good faith assistance to the customer in determining the best rate; assigning responsibility to the customer for the rate selection; requiring that the commission approve a tariff and a change to an existing tariff; amending s. 366.82, F.S.; requiring that money received by a utility for the development of demand-side renewable energy systems be used solely for that purpose; reenacting ss. 403.537 and 403.9422, F.S., relating to determination of need for electric and natural gas transmission lines, respectively; reenacting s. 350.043, F.S., relating to the enforcement and interpretation of laws relating to the commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Brandes, Bradley, Evers, and Negron—

**SB 290**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm; amending s. 790.01, F.S.; providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Garcia and Sachs—

**SB 292**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small business financial assistance; creating s. 288.066, F.S.; creating the Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity; defining the term "small business"; authorizing the department to accept and administer moneys appropriated for such grants; specifying grant amounts; limiting the amount that a small business may receive under the program; requiring a small business to apply to and enter into an agreement with the department to receive grants; providing requirements for participation in the program; providing that a small business may not receive an additional award for hiring a veteran previously claimed as an employee for purposes of obtaining funds under the program; authorizing the department to award an additional grant to a small business under specified circumstances; requiring the department to notify the appropriate regional small business center of a small business' participation; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 294**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program; amending s. 409.811, F.S.; defining the term "lawfully residing child"; deleting the definition of the term "qualified alien"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 409.814, F.S.; revising eligibility for the program to conform to changes made by the act; clarifying that undocumented immigrants are excluded from eligibility; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; providing eligibility for optional payments for medical assistance and related services for certain lawfully residing children; clarifying that undocumented immigrants are excluded from eligibility for optional Medicaid payments or related services; amending s. 624.91, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 296**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Diabetes Advisory Council; amending s. 385.203, F.S.; requiring the council, in conjunction with the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Adminis-

tration, and the Department of Management Services, to develop plans to manage, treat, and prevent diabetes; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; specifying the contents of the report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SR 298**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 300**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver licenses and identification cards; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring proof of a taxpayer identification number or other specified identification number for certain applicants for a driver license; authorizing additional specified documents that are issued by foreign governments to satisfy proof of identity requirements; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to waive certain tests for applicants who provide specified proof of identity documents; amending s. 322.14, F.S.; requiring the department to mark licenses to indicate compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 302**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the community contribution tax credit program; amending ss. 212.08, 220.183, and 624.5105, F.S.; extending the expiration date applicable to the granting of the community contribution tax credit against the sales and use tax, corporate income tax, and insurance premium tax for contributions and donations to eligible sponsors of revitalization and housing projects approved by the Department of Economic Opportunity; reenacting s. 220.02(8), F.S., relating to legislative intent for the income tax code, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 220.183, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 220.183(1)(c) and (g), F.S., relating to the community contribution tax credit, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 212.08 and 624.5105, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 624.5105(1)(c), F.S., relating to the community contribution tax credit, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 212.08 and 220.183, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 377.809(4)(a), F.S., relating to the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 212.08, 220.183, and 624.5105, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 304**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse treatment, assessment, and stabilization; amending s. 397.601, F.S.; providing that, in considering whether to voluntarily admit a person, the determination as to whether the medical and behavioral conditions of the person are within the safe management capabilities of the service provider shall be made exclusively by the service provider; amending s. 397.6751, F.S.; providing that, with regard to involuntary admissions, specified determinations shall be made at the exclusive discretion of the service provider; amending s. 397.6819, F.S.; clarifying that a specified assessment is required only if the individual is admitted; amending s. 397.6822, F.S.; specifying that after involuntary assessment, the decision as to the disposition of the individual shall be made at the discretion of the qualified professional; amending s. 397.697, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made in the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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**Senate Bills 306-308**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 310**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 212.03, F.S.; specifying the facilities that are exempt from the transient rentals tax; amending ss. 212.0306 and 212.04, F.S.; deleting the application of brackets for the calculation of sales and use taxes; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; deleting criteria establishing circumstances under which taxes on the lease or rental of a motor vehicle are due; revising criteria establishing circumstances under which taxes on the sale of a prepaid calling arrangement are due; updating terminology with respect to industry classifications for specified investigation, security, and other related services that are subject to tax; deleting the application of brackets for the calculation of sales and use taxes; amending s. 212.0506, F.S.; deleting the application of brackets for the calculation of sales and use taxes; amending s. 212.054, F.S.; limiting the \$5,000 cap on discretionary sales surtax to the sale of motor vehicles, aircraft, boats, manufactured homes, modular homes, and mobile homes; specifying the time at which changes in certain surtaxes may take effect, when notice of such changes must be provided, and when specified surtaxes may be terminated; providing criteria to determine the situs of certain sales; providing for databases to identify taxing jurisdictions; holding sellers harmless for failing to collect a tax at a new rate under certain circumstances; providing criteria to hold purchasers harmless for failure to pay the correct amount of tax; amending s. 212.06, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “dealer”; deleting provisions relating to mail-order sales to conform; requiring certain purchasers of direct mail to use direct-mail forms; defining terms; providing criteria for determining the location of transactions involving tangible personal property, digital goods, or services and for the lease or rental of tangible personal property and certain other property; amending s. 212.07, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing for the creation of a taxability matrix; providing criteria to hold sellers, certified service providers, and purchasers harmless from charging, collecting, remitting, and paying incorrect amounts of tax due to an erroneous taxability matrix or other specified erroneous information; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; revising exemptions from sales and use tax for food and medical products; conforming cross-references; creating s. 212.094, F.S.; providing a procedure for a purchaser to obtain a refund of or credit against tax collected by a dealer; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; deleting the Department of Revenue’s authority to negotiate collection allowances with respect to mail order sales; prohibiting model 1 sellers from receiving specified collection allowances; authorizing collection allowances for certified service providers and voluntary sellers in accordance with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; providing for the computation of taxes due based on rounding instead of brackets; amending s. 212.17, F.S.; providing additional criteria to allow a dealer to claim a credit for or obtain a refund of taxes paid relating to worthless accounts; amending s. 212.18, F.S.; authorizing the department to waive the dealer registration fee for applications submitted through the central electronic registration system provided by member states of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; deleting provisions relating to mail-order sales to conform; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; deleting procedures for refunds of tax paid on mail-order sales to conform; creating s. 213.052, F.S.; providing the effective date for state sales and use tax rate changes imposed under chapter 212; providing for notice of such changes; creating s. 213.0521, F.S.; providing the effective date for state sales and use tax rate changes pursuant to legislative act; creating s. 213.215, F.S.; providing amnesty for uncollected or unpaid sales and use taxes for sellers who register under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; providing exceptions to the amnesty; amending s. 213.256, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; authorizing the executive director of the department to enter into the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement with one or more other states; requiring the executive director to act jointly with other states that are members of the agreement to establish standards for certified automated and central registration systems; authorizing the executive director to prepare and submit certain reports and certifications and to execute other specified agreements; creating s. 213.2561, F.S.; providing for the department to review and approve software

submitted to the governing board for certification as a certified automated system; creating s. 213.2562, F.S.; providing for the registration of sellers; providing requirements for reporting and remitting taxes; specifying the responsibilities and liabilities of a person who provides a certified automated system; providing for the certification of a person as a certified service provider and the certification of a software program as a certified automated system; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing that the disclosure of exempt or confidential and exempt information by the department to a certified service provider must be according to a written agreement; providing that a certified service provider is bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as department employees; providing that it is a first degree misdemeanor to willfully breach confidentiality; providing criminal penalties; declaring legislative intent; providing for the adoption of emergency rules; amending ss. 11.45, 196.012, 202.18, 203.0011, 203.01, 212.031, 212.05011, 212.052, 212.055, 212.13, 212.14, 212.15, 213.015, 218.245, 218.65, 288.1045, 288.11621, 288.11625, 288.11631, 288.1169, 551.102, and 790.0655, F.S.; conforming cross-references; repealing s. 212.0596, F.S., relating to the taxation of mail order sales; reenacting s. 212.08(7)(v), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.05, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 634.131 and 634.415(2), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.0506, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 202.18(3)(a) and (c), 202.20(3), 212.055, 212.08(4)(a), (8)(a), and (9), and 921.0022(3)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.054, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 288.1258(2)(b) and (c) and (3), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 212.06 and 212.08, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 366.051, F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 213.22(1) and 465.187, F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.08, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 212.11(5)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.17, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 212.04(4), 212.07(1)(b), 212.08(5)(p), 213.053(10)(a) and (11), and 365.172(9)(h), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 212.18, F.S., in references thereto; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Detert and Gaetz—

**SB 312**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restitution for juvenile offenses; amending s. 985.35, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 985.437, F.S.; requiring a child's parent or guardian, in addition to the child, to make restitution for damage or loss caused by the child's offense; providing for payment plans in certain circumstances; authorizing the parent or guardian to be absolved of liability for restitution in certain circumstances; authorizing the court to order both parents or guardians liable for the child's restitution regardless of one parent or guardian having sole parental responsibility; specifying that the Department of Children and Families, foster parents, and specified agencies contracted with the department are not guardians for purposes of restitution; amending s. 985.513, F.S.; removing duplicative provisions authorizing the court to require a parent or guardian to be responsible for any restitution ordered against the child; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 314**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Petroleum Restoration Program; amending s. 376.305, F.S.; expanding the definition of "abandoned petroleum storage system" to include petroleum systems that stored petroleum products during a certain timeframe; amending s. 376.30701, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish standards and criteria for specific situations in which the national standard for benzene applies; amending s. 376.3071, F.S.; removing the requirement for the department to incorporate risk-based corrective action principles in certain rule criteria; prohibiting site rehabilitation from being implemented on certain sites without the approval of the site owner or the person responsible for the site rehabilitation; requiring the department to establish by rule a procedure for the processing of certain invoices; requiring the department to establish rules requiring work tasks for remediation systems to be based

on performance-based contracts; authorizing site owners and operators to select a contractor under certain circumstances; clarifying that a change in ownership does not preclude a site from entering into the program; revising the eligibility requirements for receiving rehabilitation funding assistance; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 376.30713, F.S.; revising the number of sites necessary to meet the eligibility requirement for an advanced cleanup application; increasing the total amount for which the department may contract for advanced cleanup work in a fiscal year; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

**SB 316**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senators Diaz de la Portilla and Detert—

**SB 318**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianship proceedings; amending s. 744.3031, F.S.; requiring that a duly noticed hearing be held before the appointment of an emergency temporary guardian; requiring a notice of filing of a petition for appointment of an emergency temporary guardian and any hearing on the petition to be served on certain persons before a hearing on the petition commences; revising the time period for which the emergency temporary guardian may be appointed; revising the time period for which the authority of the emergency temporary guardian may be extended after a hearing is held; requiring the emergency temporary guardian to file a bond under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to issue an order to show cause directed at the emergency temporary guardian under certain circumstances; requiring the order to include specific information; authorizing a court, before such hearing, to issue an order to protect the ward; requiring a copy of such order to be transmitted to all parties; authorizing a court, after such hearing, to impose sanctions on specified persons or to take any other action authorized by law; creating s. 744.3032, F.S.; providing that an emergency temporary guardian of an incapacitated person is a fiduciary and may exercise only delegated rights; providing the duties and responsibilities of the emergency temporary guardian; amending s. 744.3115, F.S.; requiring the court to specify authority for health care decisions with respect to a ward's advance directive; amending s. 744.312, F.S.; prohibiting the court from giving certain preferences when appointing a guardian; reenacting s. 744.344(4), F.S., relating to a court appointing an emergency temporary guardian, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 744.3031, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 765.205(3), F.S., relating to making health care decisions for the principal, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 744.3115, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 744.304(4), 744.3045(7), and 744.308(6), F.S., relating to confirming the appointment of the guardian if the court finds the standby guardian to be qualified to serve as guardian, confirming the appointment of the guardian if the court finds the preneed guardian to be qualified to serve as guardian, and directing how the court will be governed when appointing a guardian, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 744.312, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 320**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoption and foster care; creating s. 409.1662, F.S.; providing the purpose of the adoption incentive program; directing the Department of Children and Families to establish an adoption incentive program for certain agencies and subcontractors; requiring that the department conduct a comprehensive baseline assessment of lead agencies and provider performance and compile annual data for the most recent 5 years of available data; providing a nonexclusive list of factors for the assessment to identify; requiring that the department negotiate an outcome-based agreement; requiring that several factors be included in the agreement; requiring the department to allocate incentive payments; creating s. 409.1664, F.S.; defining terms; providing certain amounts payable to a qualifying adoptive employee who adopts specified children under certain circumstances subject to a specific appropriation to the department; providing prorated payments for a part-time employee and limiting the monetary

benefit to one award per child; requiring that a qualifying adoptive employee apply to the agency head for the monetary benefit on forms approved by the department and include a certified copy of the final order of adoption; providing that the rights offered by this act do not preclude a qualifying adoptive employee who adopts a special needs child to receive any other assistance or incentive; requiring that parental leave for qualifying adoptive employees be provided; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to submit payment to a qualifying adoptive employee depending on where he or she works; requiring state agencies to develop uniform procedures for informing employees about this benefit and for assisting the department in making eligibility determinations and processing applications; creating s. 409.1666, F.S.; requiring the Governor to annually select and recognize certain individuals, families, or organizations for adoption achievement awards; requiring the department to define categories for the achievement awards and seek nominations for potential recipients; authorizing a direct-support organization established by the Office of Adoption and Child Protection to accept donations of products or services from private sources to be given to the recipients of the adoption achievement awards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Stargel and Gaetz—

**SB 322**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid reimbursement for hospital providers; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide written notice, pursuant to ch. 120, F.S., to providers of hospital reimbursement rates established by the agency; providing that such notice constitutes final agency action; specifying procedures and requirements for a substantially affected provider to challenge the final agency action; providing that the failure to timely file a petition in compliance with the requirements is deemed conclusive acceptance of the reimbursement rates; specifying when a correction or adjustment of a hospital reimbursement rate required by an administrative order or civil judgment may occur; prohibiting the agency from being compelled by an administrative body or court to pay a monetary judgment relating to the establishment of hospital reimbursement rates beyond a specified date; prohibiting specified periods of time from being tolled under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 383.18, 409.8132(4), 409.905(5)(c) and (6)(b), and 409.91211(3)(y), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 409.908, F.S., in references thereto; providing that the act is remedial and intended to clarify existing law; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 324**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Take Stock in Children license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fee revenues received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 326**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse services; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; providing definitions; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 397.487, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Children and Families to create a voluntary certification program for recovery residences; requiring the department to approve credentialing entities to develop and administer the certification program; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish procedures for certifying recovery residences that meet certain qualifications; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish certain fees; requiring a credentialing entity to conduct onsite inspec-

tions of a recovery residence; requiring background screening of employees of a recovery residence; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of certification; providing a criminal penalty for falsely advertising a recovery residence as a “certified recovery residence”; creating s. 397.4871, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the department to create a voluntary certification program for recovery residence administrators; directing the department to approve at least one credentialing entity by a specified date to develop and administer the certification program; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish a process for certifying recovery residence administrators who meet certain qualifications; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish certain fees; requiring background screening of applicants for recovery residence administrator certification; providing for suspension or revocation of certification; providing a criminal penalty for falsely advertising oneself as a “certified recovery residence administrator”; creating s. 397.4872, F.S.; providing exemptions from disqualifying offenses; requiring credentialing entities to provide the department with a list of all certified recovery residences and recovery residence administrators by a date certain; requiring the department to publish the list on its website; allowing recovery residences and recovery residence administrators to be excluded from the list upon written request to the department; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; providing conditions for a licensed service provider to refer patients to a certified recovery residence or a recovery residence owned and operated by the licensed service provider; defining the term “refer”; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 212.055, 394.9085, 397.405, 397.416, and 440.102, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 328**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in public schools; amending s. 1003.453, F.S.; requiring school districts to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to students; requiring students to study and practice the psychomotor skills associated with performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation at least once before graduating from high school; providing an exception for students who have a disability; conforming a provision to changes made in the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 330**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to missing persons with special needs; amending s. 937.0201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “missing endangered person” to include certain persons with special needs; amending s. 937.021, F.S.; providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons who comply with a request to release information concerning missing persons with special needs to appropriate agencies; providing a presumption that a person recording, reporting, transmitting, displaying, or releasing such information acted in good faith; amending s. 937.022, F.S.; specifying who may submit a report concerning a missing person with special needs; creating s. 937.035, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, contingent on funding, to provide electronic monitoring devices to certain persons with autism spectrum disorder; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to make an annual report concerning such individuals to the department; requiring the Department of Children and Families, contingent on funding, to provide electronic monitoring devices to certain persons with dementia; creating s. 943.17297, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to incorporate the retrieval of missing persons with special needs into the curriculum required for law enforcement officers; reenacting ss. 39.0141 and 39.301(22), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 937.021, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 332**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nursing home facility pneumococcal vaccination requirements; amending s. 400.141, F.S.; requiring a resident of a licensed facility to be assessed for eligibility for pneumococcal vaccination or revaccination by a specified date and, if indicated, to be vaccinated or revaccinated by a specified date; deleting obsolete provisions; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Joyner—

**SB 334**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history records of minors; amending s. 943.0515, F.S.; reducing the period for which the criminal history records of certain minors must be retained before expungement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 336**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual predators and offenders; creating s. 921.2312, F.S.; requiring a circuit court of the state to have a qualified practitioner conduct a risk assessment before sentencing for a defendant who has been found guilty of or has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to specified sexual offenses; specifying reporting requirements for the risk assessment; amending s. 948.30, F.S.; requiring the court to order a curfew as a condition of probation or community control for offenders who commit certain sexual offenses on or after a specified date; amending s. 948.31, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the court to require specified probationers or community controllees to undergo an evaluation at the probationers' or community controllees' expense; requiring the court, rather than the qualified practitioner, to determine if a need is established by the evaluation process and to require the probationers or community controllees to complete and pay for the treatment under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 338**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to engineers; amending s. 471.003, F.S.; prohibiting a person who is not licensed as an engineer from using specified names and titles; amending s. 471.0035, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 471.005, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; providing licensure and application requirements for a structural engineer license; amending s. 471.031, F.S.; prohibiting specified persons from using the titles of "licensed structural engineer," "professional structural engineer," "registered structural engineer," or "structural engineer"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 340**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crisis stabilization services; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop standards and protocols for the collection, storage, transmittal, and analysis of utilization data from public receiving facilities; defining the term "public receiving facility"; requiring the department to require compliance by managing entities by a specified date; requiring a managing entity to require public receiving facilities in its provider network to submit certain data within specified timeframes; requiring managing entities to reconcile data to ensure accuracy; requiring managing entities to submit certain data to the de-

partment within specified timeframes; requiring the department to create a statewide database; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing that implementation is subject to specific appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 342**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to no contact orders; amending s. 903.047, F.S.; providing for the effect and enforceability of orders of no contact as a part of pretrial release; specifying acts prohibited by a no contact order; reenacting ss. 741.29(6), 784.046(13) and (15), and 901.15(13), F.S., relating to domestic violence, repeat, sexual, or dating violence, and arrest without a warrant, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 903.047, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 344**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the establishment of a mental health first aid training program; requiring the Department of Education to establish a mental health first aid training program; requiring the department to use a competitive procurement process to select a statewide association to develop, implement, and manage the program; providing course requirements; requiring instructors to be certified; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the program; providing an appropriation; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school bus stop safety; providing a short title; amending ss. 316.172, 316.192, and 318.18, F.S.; revising penalties for failure to stop a vehicle upon approaching a school bus that displays a stop signal; providing for criminal penalties under certain circumstances; amending ss. 318.17, 318.21, and 395.4036, F.S., relating to application of specified provisions, disposition of penalty amounts received, and trauma payments; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 348**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to purchasers of condominium units; amending s. 718.103, F.S.; redefining a term; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; clarifying the voting process pertaining to reserves; amending s. 718.301, F.S.; adding conditions under which certain unit owners are entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association; requiring the bulk-unit purchaser to deliver certain items during the transfer of association control from a bulk-unit purchaser; amending s. 718.302, F.S.; revising the conditions under which certain grants, reservations, or contracts made by an association may be canceled; prohibiting a lender-unit purchaser from voting on cancellation of certain grants, reservations, or contracts while the association is under control of that lender-unit purchaser; amending s. 718.501, F.S.; conforming provisions made under ch. 718, F.S., regarding the enforcement powers of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes; creating s. 718.709, F.S.;

providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 718.801, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 718.802, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 718.803, F.S.; authorizing a bulk-unit purchaser to exercise certain developer rights; requiring a bulk-unit purchaser to pay a working capital contribution under certain circumstances; providing applicability; authorizing a lender-unit purchaser to exercise any developer rights it acquires; creating s. 718.804, F.S.; requiring a bulk-unit purchaser and a lender-unit purchaser to comply with specified provisions under ch. 718, F.S.; creating s. 718.805, F.S.; limiting the rights of bulk-unit purchasers and lender-unit purchasers to vote on reserves or funding of reserves; prohibiting bulk-unit purchasers and lender-unit purchasers from transferring their rights for such votes; creating s. 718.806, F.S.; providing assessment liability for bulk-unit purchasers and lender-unit purchasers; providing for suspension of a director who has been elected or appointed by a bulk-unit purchaser in certain circumstances; creating s. 718.807, F.S.; specifying amendments and alterations for which majority approval is required; requiring consent of a bulk-unit purchaser, lender-unit purchaser, or developer to certain amendments; creating s. 718.808, F.S.; requiring certain warranties and disclosures; creating s. 718.809, F.S.; subjecting multiple bulk-unit purchasers to joint and several liability; creating s. 718.810, F.S.; prohibiting a board of administration, a majority of which is elected by a bulk-unit purchaser, from resolving certain construction disputes unless a condition is satisfied; creating s. 718.811, F.S.; providing that a bulk-unit purchaser or lender-unit purchaser that does not comply with ch. 718, F.S., forfeits all protections or exemptions under ch. 718, F.S.; creating s. 718.812, F.S.; clarifying conditions under which the bulk-unit purchaser must deliver certain items during the transfer of association control from a bulk-unit purchaser; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 350**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the statewide prepaid dental program for Medicaid-eligible children; creating s. 409.91205, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; establishing the statewide prepaid dental program for Medicaid-eligible children; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with prepaid dental health plans meeting specified criteria; requiring the agency to apply for and implement state plan amendments or waivers of applicable federal laws and regulations necessary to implement the program; requiring the agency to issue a competitive procurement to licensed prepaid dental health plans to implement the program; requiring the agency to include all counties in the procurement; providing that enrollment in the program shall begin by a specified date, but not until necessary state plan amendments or waivers of applicable federal laws and regulations are implemented; providing that a Medicaid-eligible child shall receive dental services through the Medicaid managed medical assistance program during a specified period; requiring the agency to provide any required notice to Medicaid recipients regarding the transition to the program; providing that the agency may assess the costs incurred in providing the notice to prepaid dental health plans participating in the program; requiring participating plans to submit encounter data and to comply with a specified medical loss ratio; requiring the agency to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; specifying the contents of the report; amending s. 409.973, F.S.; deleting the requirement that managed care plans participating in the Medicaid managed medical assistance program provide children's dental services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 352**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to American Founders' Month; providing a short title; creating s. 683.1455, F.S.; designating the month of September as "American Founders' Month"; authorizing the Governor to annually issue a proclamation designating the month and urging participation; amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring district school boards to celebrate the American Founders and the principles inherent in the country's founding documents by observing American Founders' Month; providing guidelines for instruction; providing that instruction

may be integrated into the existing school curriculum; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 354**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to windstorm insurance coverage; amending s. 627.712, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a mortgageholder or lienholder approve a policyholder's decision to exclude windstorm or hurricane coverage from a property insurance policy; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 356**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment of felons; creating s. 220.197, F.S.; providing a corporate income tax credit for employment of a person previously convicted of a felony; providing requirements to receive the credit; providing exceptions for certain felons; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Abruzzo and Gaetz—

**SB 358**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school instruction; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring that instructional staff of public schools provide instruction to students about the terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001, and the impact of those events; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 360**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 744.3701, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor; authorizing a guardian ad litem, a ward, a minor, and a minor's attorney to inspect guardianship reports and court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor upon a showing of good cause; authorizing the court to direct disclosure and recording of an amendment to a report or court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor, in connection with real property or for other purposes; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 362**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to powers of attorney; amending s. 709.2105, F.S.; revising the qualifications of an agent in the execution of power of attorney to include certain not-for-profit corporations; amending s. 709.2202, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 364**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver license requirements; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; including notice of the approval of an application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services as valid proof of

identity for purposes of applying for a driver license; reenacting ss. 322.17(3), 322.18(2)(d) and (4)(c), and 322.19(4), F.S., relating to conditions and limitations with respect to obtaining a duplicate or replacement instruction permit or driver license, expiration of and renewal of a driver license, and change of name or address on a driver license for licensees who establish their identity in a specified manner, to incorporate the amendments made by the act to s. 322.08, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 366**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianship proceedings; amending s. 744.108, F.S.; providing that fees and costs incurred by an attorney who has rendered services to a ward in compensation proceedings are payable from guardianship assets; providing that expert testimony is not required in proceedings to determine compensation for an attorney or guardian; amending s. 744.3025, F.S.; providing that a court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent a minor if necessary to protect the minor's interest in a settlement; providing that a settlement of a minor's claim is subject to certain confidentiality provisions; amending s. 744.3031, F.S.; requiring notification of an alleged incapacitated person and such person's attorney of a petition for appointment of an emergency temporary guardian before a hearing on the petition commences; amending s. 744.3115, F.S.; directing the court to specify authority for health care decisions with respect to a ward's advance directive; amending s. 744.312, F.S.; providing an additional consideration for the court when appointing a guardian; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; directing the court to consider certain factors when determining incapacity; requiring that the examining committee be paid from state funds as court-appointed expert witnesses if a petition for incapacity is dismissed; requiring that a petitioner reimburse the state for expert witness fees if the court finds the petition to have been filed in bad faith; amending s. 744.344, F.S.; providing for the court to hear testimony regarding the appointment of an emergency guardian; providing conditions under which the court is authorized to appoint an emergency guardian; amending s. 744.345, F.S.; revising provisions relating to letters of guardianship; creating s. 744.359, F.S.; prohibiting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a ward by a guardian; requiring reporting thereof to an abuse hotline; amending s. 744.361, F.S.; providing additional powers and duties of a guardian; amending s. 744.367, F.S.; revising the period during which a guardian must file an annual guardianship plan with the court; amending s. 744.369, F.S.; providing for continuance of guardianship under certain circumstances; amending s. 744.464, F.S.; establishing the burden of proof for determining restoration of capacity of a ward in pending guardianship cases; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Abruzzo and Smith—

**SB 368**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the rights of grandparents and great-grandparents; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; redefining the term "next of kin" to include great-grandparents; amending s. 39.509, F.S.; providing great-grandparents the same visitation rights as grandparents; amending ss. 39.801 and 63.0425, F.S.; requiring notice to a great-grandparent under certain circumstances; repealing s. 752.01, F.S., relating to actions by a grandparent for visitation rights; creating s. 752.011, F.S.; authorizing the grandparent of a minor child to petition a court for visitation under certain circumstances; requiring a preliminary hearing; providing for the payment of attorney fees and costs by a petitioner who fails to make a prima facie showing of harm; authorizing grandparent visitation after a final hearing if the court makes specified findings; providing factors for court consideration; providing for application of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; encouraging the consolidation of certain concurrent actions; providing for modification of an order awarding grandparent visitation; limiting the frequency of actions seeking visitation; limiting application to a minor child placed for adoption; providing for venue; repealing s. 752.07, F.S., relating to the effect of adoption of a child by a stepparent on

grandparent visitation rights; creating s. 752.071, F.S.; authorizing, after petition, a court to terminate a grandparent visitation order upon adoption of a minor child by a stepparent or close relative; amending ss. 39.6221, 39.6231, 63.087, 63.172, and 752.015, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 370**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with disabilities; amending s. 1003.5716, F.S.; requiring occupational skills training be incorporated into an individual education plan for students with disabilities; providing minimum requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 372**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to confidential informants; amending s. 914.28, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement agency that uses confidential informants to adopt policies and procedures providing reasonable protective measures; requiring such agencies to refer certain prospective and current confidential informants to substance abuse prevention or treatment services; requiring that the policies and procedures provide general guidelines for the management and safety of confidential informants and training requirements for certain agency personnel; revising factors used in assessing a person's suitability as a confidential informant; requiring law enforcement agencies that solicit persons to act as confidential informants to provide them with the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing an assistance agreement; allowing such agencies to advise prospective confidential informants that they may waive that right; prohibiting a person under the age of 18 from participating in certain activities; allowing such person to provide confidential information to a law enforcement agency; prohibiting a person who is receiving substance abuse services or related treatment from participating in certain activities; allowing such person to provide confidential information to a law enforcement agency; prohibiting Florida College System and university police from recruiting or using enrolled students for certain activities; allowing a student to provide confidential information to Florida College System or university police or another law enforcement agency; requiring a law enforcement agency to annually collect and submit confidential informant data to the Department of Law Enforcement; prohibiting such data from disclosing the identity of a confidential informant; specifying information required to be submitted to the department; requiring the department make such data publicly available by a specified date; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 374**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to chemicals in consumer products; creating s. 381.989, F.S.; providing a statement of public policy regarding the identification of chemicals of high concern and the presence of such chemicals in consumer products designed for use by pregnant women and children; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health to publish on its website a list of chemicals of high concern by a specified date; specifying criteria for inclusion on and revision of the list; authorizing the department to participate with other states and governmental entities in an interstate clearinghouse established for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.



By Senator Sobel—

**SB 376**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of a tanning facility by a minor; providing a short title; amending s. 381.89, F.S.; prohibiting a minor of any age from using a tanning device at a tanning facility unless a health care provider prescribes use of the device to treat a medical condition and the tanning facility has on file a specified statement signed by the minor's parent or guardian and witnessed by the operator or proprietor of the tanning facility; prohibiting a tanning facility from providing tanning sessions that exceed the number, frequency, or exposure time prescribed by the health care provider or authorized by law or department rule, whichever is less; requiring a parent or guardian to accompany a minor who is younger than 14 years of age during the prescribed tanning sessions; conforming a cross-reference; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Garcia, Gibson, and Bullard—

**SB 378**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.12, F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement officer to issue a warning to a juvenile who admits having committed a misdemeanor or to inform the child's parent or guardian of the child's infraction; requiring a law enforcement officer who does not exercise one of these options to issue a civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion program; providing that repeat misdemeanor offenders may participate in the civil citation program or a similar diversion program under certain circumstances; providing that, in exceptional situations, a law enforcement officer may arrest a first-time misdemeanor offender in the interest of protecting public safety; requiring certain written documentation if such an arrest is made; reenacting ss. 943.051(3)(b) and 985.11(1)(b), F.S., relating to the issuance of a civil citation, and the issuance of a civil citation or similar diversion program, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 985.12, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 380**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to persons with developmental disabilities; amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to allow an applicant whose parent or guardian is a member of the United States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United States Reserve Forces to receive Medicaid home and community-based waiver program services under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Sobel and Gaetz—

**SB 382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assisted living facilities; amending s. 394.4574, F.S.; providing that Medicaid managed care plans are responsible for mental health residents enrolled in Medicaid; specifying that managing entities under contract with the Department of Children and Families are responsible for mental health residents who are not enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan; deleting a provision to conform to changes made by the act; requiring that the community living support plan be completed and provided to the administrator of a facility upon the mental health resident's admission; requiring the community living support plan to be updated when there is a significant change to the mental health resident's behavioral health status; requiring the case manager assigned to a mental health resident for whom the mental health services provider is responsible to keep a record of the date and time of face-to-face interactions with the resident and to make the record available to the entity responsible for inspection; requiring that the record be maintained for a specified time; requiring the responsible entity to ensure that there is adequate and consistent monitoring and enforcement of community living support plans and cooperative agree-

ments and that concerns are reported to the appropriate regulatory oversight organization under certain circumstances; amending s. 400.0074, F.S.; requiring that an administrative assessment conducted by a local council be comprehensive in nature; requiring a local council to conduct an exit consultation with the facility administrator or administrator designee to discuss issues and concerns in areas affecting residents' rights, health, safety, and welfare and make recommendations for any needed improvements; amending s. 400.0078, F.S.; requiring that a resident of a long-term care facility, or his or her representative, be informed that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right; amending s. 429.07, F.S.; revising the requirement that an extended congregate care license be issued to certain facilities that have been licensed as assisted living facilities under certain circumstances and authorizing the issuance of such license if a specified condition is met; providing the purpose of an extended congregate care license; specifying that the initial extended congregate care license of an assisted living facility is provisional under certain circumstances; requiring a licensee to notify the Agency for Health Care Administration if it accepts a resident who qualifies for extended congregate care services; requiring the agency to inspect the facility for compliance with the requirements of an extended congregate care license; requiring the issuance of an extended congregate care license under certain circumstances; requiring the licensee to immediately suspend extended congregate care services under certain circumstances; requiring a registered nurse representing the agency to visit the facility at least twice a year, rather than quarterly, to monitor residents who are receiving extended congregate care services; authorizing the agency to waive one of the required yearly monitoring visits under certain circumstances; authorizing the agency to deny or revoke a facility's extended congregate care license; requiring a registered nurse representing the agency to visit the facility at least annually, rather than twice a year, to monitor residents who are receiving limited nursing services; providing that such monitoring visits may be conducted in conjunction with other inspections by the agency; authorizing the agency to waive the required yearly monitoring visit for a facility that is licensed to provide limited nursing services under certain circumstances; amending s. 429.075, F.S.; requiring that an assisted living facility that serves one or more mental health residents, rather than three or more such residents, obtain a limited mental health license; amending s. 429.14, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the agency may deny, revoke, or suspend the license of an assisted living facility and impose an administrative fine; requiring the agency to deny or revoke the license of an assisted living facility under certain circumstances; requiring the agency to impose an immediate moratorium on the license of an assisted living facility under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from restricting agency staff from accessing and copying certain records or conducting certain interviews; deleting a provision requiring the agency to provide a list of facilities with denied, suspended, or revoked licenses to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; exempting a facility from the 45-day notice requirement if it is required to relocate some or all of its residents; specifying that the exemption does not exempt a facility from any deadlines for corrective action set by the agency; amending s. 429.178, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 429.19, F.S.; revising the amounts and uses of administrative fines; requiring the agency to levy a fine for violations that are corrected before an inspection if non-compliance occurred within a specified period of time; deleting factors that the agency is required to consider in determining penalties and fines; amending s. 429.256, F.S.; revising the term "assistance with self-administration of medication" as it relates to the Assisted Living Facilities Act; amending s. 429.28, F.S.; providing notice requirements for informing facility residents that the name and identity of the resident and complainant in any complaint made to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program or a local long-term care ombudsman council is confidential and that retaliatory action may not be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right; requiring that a facility that terminates an individual's residency after the filing of a complaint be fined if good cause is not shown for the termination; amending s. 429.34, F.S.; requiring certain persons to report elder abuse in assisted living facilities; requiring the agency to regularly inspect each licensed assisted living facility; requiring the agency to conduct more frequent inspections under certain circumstances; requiring the licensee to pay a fee for the cost of additional inspections; requiring the agency to annually adjust the fee; amending s. 429.41, F.S.; providing that certain staffing requirements apply only to residents in continuing care facilities who are receiving relevant services; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; requiring each newly hired employee of

an assisted living facility to attend a preservice orientation provided by the assisted living facility; requiring the employee and administrator to sign a statement that the employee completed the required preservice orientation and keep the signed statement in the employee's personnel record; requiring 2 additional hours of training for assistance with medication; conforming a cross-reference; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to study the reliability of facility surveys and submit to the Governor and the Legislature its findings and recommendations; requiring the agency to implement a rating system for assisted living facilities by a specified date, adopt rules, and create content for the agency's website by a specified date which provides consumers information regarding assisted living facilities; providing criteria for the content; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 384**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday; providing definitions; providing that the tax levied under ch. 212, F.S., may not be collected on the sale of items or articles of tangible personal property by certain small businesses during a specified period; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 386**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration; amending s. 97.1031, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections to make available an online form that allows an elector to electronically submit a notice of in-state change of residence; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Montford and Gaetz—

**SB 388**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 390**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraud; creating s. 817.011, F.S.; defining the term “business entity”; amending s. 817.02, F.S.; providing for restitution to victims for certain victim out-of-pocket costs; providing for a civil cause of action for certain victims; creating s. 817.032, F.S.; defining the term “victim”; requiring business entities to provide copies of business records of fraudulent transactions involving identity theft to victims and law enforcement agencies in certain circumstances; providing for verification of a victim's identity and claim; providing procedures for claims; requiring that certain information be provided to victims without charge; specifying circumstances in which business entities may decline to provide information; providing a limitation on civil liability for business entities that provide information; specifying that no new record retention is required; providing an affirmative defense to business entities in actions seeking enforcement of provisions; amending s. 817.11, F.S.; making editorial changes; transferring, renumbering, and amending ss. 817.12 and 817.13, F.S.; combining offense, penalty, and evidence provisions and transferring such provisions to s. 817.11, F.S.; amending s. 817.14, F.S.; clarifying provisions; amending s. 817.15, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; amending ss. 817.17 and 817.18, F.S.; including counties and other political subdivisions in provisions prohibiting the false marking of goods or packaging with a location of origin;

reorganizing penalty provisions; amending s. 817.19, F.S.; prohibiting fraudulent issuance of indicia of membership interest in a limited liability company; amending s. 817.39, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; amending s. 817.40, F.S.; specifying that the term “misleading advertising” includes electronic forms of dissemination; amending s. 817.411, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; specifying that certain false statements made through electronic means are prohibited; amending s. 817.412, F.S.; specifying that electronic statements are included in provisions prohibiting false representations of used goods as new; amending s. 817.481, F.S.; clarifying provisions; amending s. 817.50, F.S.; revising criminal penalties for fraudulently obtaining goods or services from a health care provider; amending s. 817.568, F.S.; expanding specified identity theft offenses to include all persons rather than being limited to natural persons; including dissolved business entities within certain offenses involving fraudulent use of personal identification information of deceased persons; amending s. 817.569, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly providing false information that becomes part of a public record to facilitate or further the commission of certain offenses; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Clemens and Smith—

**SB 392**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to enterprise zones; amending ss. 20.60, 196.095, 212.08, 212.096, 220.181, 220.182, and 220.183, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 290.003, F.S.; revising the policy and purpose of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act; amending s. 290.0055, F.S.; revising the conditions under which a county or municipality, or a county and one or more municipalities, may apply for the designation of an area as an enterprise zone; requiring that an area nominated for designation as an enterprise zone meet additional criteria; revising the circumstances under which a governing body of certain jurisdiction may apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity for a change in boundary; requiring the board of an enterprise zone to adopt a certain resolution within a specified time period; amending s. 290.0056, F.S.; providing that the municipality or county that applies for designation of an enterprise zone has jurisdiction over the enterprise zone's administration; requiring the municipality or county with jurisdiction over the area designated as an enterprise zone to designate a zone administrator; requiring a county or municipality to create a board of the enterprise zone under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to the creation of an enterprise zone development agency by a county or municipality; providing that the board of the enterprise zone or the zone administrator has the powers and responsibilities previously vested in the enterprise zone development agency; requiring the zone administrator, rather than the enterprise zone development agency, to submit a report to the department; revising the report requirements; requiring the dissolution of an enterprise zone if it does not meet certain goals within a specified period; amending ss. 290.0065 and 290.014, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 290.016, F.S.; extending the expiration date of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act; reenacting ss. 166.231(8)(c), 193.077(4), 193.085(5)(b), 195.073(4)(b), 195.099(1)(b), 196.012(18), 205.022(4), 205.054(6), 212.096(12), 220.02(6)(c) and (7)(c), 220.03(1)(a), (c), (d), (i), (j), (k), (o), (p), (q), and (u), and 220.13(1)(a), F.S., relating to the extension of the expiration date of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act, to incorporate the amendment made to section 290.016, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 394**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public lodging establishments; creating s. 509.095, F.S.; requiring specified public lodging establishments to waive certain policies for individuals who present a valid military identification card; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security.

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By Senators Detert and Gaetz—

**SB 396**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Historic Capitol; amending s. 272.129, F.S.; renaming the Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol as the Florida Historic Capitol Museum; removing provisions authorizing establishment of a citizen support organization to support the Legislative Research Center and Museum; creating s. 272.131, F.S.; creating the Florida Historic Capitol Museum Council; providing for the appointment and qualifications of council members; prescribing duties and responsibilities for the council and individual council members; amending s. 272.135, F.S.; renaming the position of Capitol Curator as the Florida Historic Capitol Museum Director; conforming provisions; amending s. 272.136, F.S.; revising the composition of the board of directors governing the Florida Historic Capitol Museum's direct-support organization; providing that per diem and travel expenses must be paid from direct-support organization funds; conforming provisions; amending s. 320.0807, F.S.; redirecting a portion of the proceeds from the fee for special license plates for former federal or state legislators to the Florida Historic Capitol Museum's direct-support organization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 398**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agricultural tax exemptions; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; redefining the terms “livestock” and “agricultural production”; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; revising the sales and use tax exemption for certain farm equipment to exempt from the tax irrigation equipment, repairs of farm equipment and irrigation equipment, and certain trailers; revising the sales and use tax exemption for items in agricultural use to exempt from the tax stakes used to support plants during agricultural production; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SJR 400**—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Sections 3 and 4 of Article VII and the creation of Section 34 of Article XII of the State Constitution to require the Legislature, by general law, to exempt the assessed value of a renewable energy source device or a component thereof from the tangible personal property tax, to allow the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of the installation of such device or component in determining the assessed value of residential and nonresidential real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation, and to provide an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 402**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy source devices; amending s. 193.624, F.S.; revising the term “renewable energy source device” to include certain devices that store or use solar energy, wind energy, or energy from geothermal deposits to generate specified forms of energy; specifying a period during which a property appraiser is prohibited from considering an increase in the just value of real property used for residential purposes which is attributable to the installation of a renewable energy source device; prohibiting consideration by a property appraiser of an increase in the just value of real property used for any purpose which is attributable to the installation of a renewable energy source device or of a component of such device on or after a specified date; creating s. 196.182, F.S.; exempting a renewable

energy source device, or a component of such device, which is installed upon real property on or after a specified date from the tangible personal property tax; reenacting ss. 193.155(4)(a) and 193.1554(6)(a), F.S., relating to homestead assessments and nonhomestead residential property assessments, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 193.624, F.S., in references thereto; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 404**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to improvements to real property damaged by sinkhole activity; amending s. 163.08, F.S.; declaring that there is a compelling state interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance certain improvements to property damaged by sinkhole activity with local government assistance; expanding the definition of the term “qualifying improvement” to include stabilization or other repairs to property damaged by sinkhole activity; providing that stabilization or other repairs to property damaged by sinkhole activity are qualifying improvements considered affixed to a building or facility; revising the form of a specified written disclosure statement to include an assessment for a qualifying improvement relating to stabilization or repair of property damaged by sinkhole activity; amending s. 163.340, F.S.; expanding the definition of “blighted area” to include a substantial number or percentage of properties damaged by sinkhole activity which are not adequately repaired or stabilized; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 163.524, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Finance and Tax; and Rules.

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By Senators Detert and Soto—

**SB 406**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales of tax certificates for unpaid taxes; amending s. 197.432, F.S.; prohibiting a bidder from placing multiple bids during the sale of certain tax certificates by a tax collector; providing penalties; reenacting ss. 190.024 and 197.263(5), F.S., relating to tax liens and a change in ownership or use of property, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 197.432, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 408**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to designated areas for skateboarding, inline skating, paintball, or freestyle or mountain and off-roading bicycling; amending s. 316.0085, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a governmental entity that provides a designated area for skateboarding, inline skating, or freestyle bicycling obtain the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of a child under a certain age before allowing the child to participate in these activities in such area; requiring the governmental entity to post a rule indicating that consent forms are required for children under a certain age before participation in paintball or mountain and off-road bicycling; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 410**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mandatory supervision for released violent offenders; providing legislative intent; amending s. 947.1405, F.S.; revising a short title; renaming the conditional release program as the mandatory supervision program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; replacing the term “conditional release” with the term “mandatory supervision”; amending s. 947.141, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 944.291, F.S.; revising which prisoners may

only be released under mandatory supervision; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 216.136, 394.926, 394.927, 775.084, 775.16, 775.21, 775.261, 893.11, 943.0435, 943.325, 944.171, 944.28, 944.606, 944.607, 944.608, 944.70, 945.36, 947.071, 947.13, 947.22, 947.24, 948.09, 948.32, and 957.06, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing applicability; specifying that the Mandatory Supervision Program Act continues the prior Conditional Release Program Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 412**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.529, F.S.; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to establish a verification call program; providing registration, application, and notification requirements for such program; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 414**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service animals; amending s. 413.08, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; requiring a public accommodation to permit use of a service animal by an individual with a disability under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public accommodation from inquiring about the nature or extent of an individual's disability; providing conditions for a public accommodation to exclude or remove a service animal; revising penalties for certain persons or entities who interfere with use of a service animal in specified circumstances; specifying that the act does not limit certain rights or remedies granted under federal or state law; providing a penalty for knowing and willful misrepresentation with respect to use or training of a service animal; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 416**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the labeling of genetically engineered foods; creating s. 500.92, F.S.; providing definitions; providing lists of raw agricultural commodities at high risk or potentially at risk for cultivation in a genetically engineered form; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to publish the lists by a specified date and to update a published list annually; providing mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered raw agricultural commodities and processed foods made with or derived from genetically engineered ingredients; exempting specified foods, commodities, ingredients, and other substances from the labeling requirements; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for enforcement of the labeling requirements; providing administrative and civil remedies and penalties; providing legislative intent with regard to such penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 418**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction defect claims; amending s. 558.001, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 558.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “completion of a building or improvement”; amending s. 558.004, F.S.; providing additional requirements for a notice of claim; revising requirements for a response; providing that actions making claims for certain previously resolved claims be deemed frivolous; providing for sanctions for such frivolous claims; revising provisions relating to production of certain records; providing for sanctions for claims that were solely the fault of the claimant or its agents; providing an exception; amending ss. 718.203

and 719.203, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 420**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to animal control; amending s. 588.17, F.S.; providing a procedure for adopting or humanely disposing of impounded livestock as an alternative to sale or auction; amending s. 588.18, F.S.; requiring a designated impounder to establish fees and to be responsible for damages caused while impounding livestock; amending s. 588.20, F.S.; clarifying that the requirements for reporting a sale or disposition apply only if the impounded livestock is offered for sale; amending s. 588.23, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; amending s. 828.03, F.S.; authorizing specified municipalities to appoint agents for the purpose of investigating violations of certain laws; amending s. 828.073, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing agents appointed by specified municipalities to take charge of certain animals; authorizing certain municipalities to take custody of an animal found neglected or cruelly treated or to order the owner of such an animal to provide certain care at the owner's expense; authorizing county courts to remand animals to the custody of certain municipalities; authorizing courts to require the owner of an animal to pay for the care of the animal while in the care of an officer's designee; authorizing the allocation of auction proceeds to certain municipalities; amending s. 828.27, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; clarifying that certain provisions relating to local animal control are not the exclusive means of enforcing animal control laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

**Senate Resolutions 422-424**—Not introduced.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 426**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating the Building Fee Trust Fund within the Board of Governors of the State University System; providing for the disposition of balances in and revenues of the trust fund; prescribing procedures for the termination of the trust fund; amending s. 1010.86, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 428**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds administered by the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.25501, F.S.; codifying the Administrative Trust Fund, Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund, and Working Capital Trust Fund; requiring the department to administer such trust funds; providing for the funding of such trust funds; amending s. 253.01, F.S.; clarifying that the land granted to this state for internal improvement purposes includes non-conservation lands; amending s. 270.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 376.41, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Minerals Trust Fund; creating s. 403.0874, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund; amending s. 403.1832, F.S.; removing provisions relating to federal aid; authorizing the department to transfer all outstanding appropriations supported by federal grants to the Federal Grants Trust Fund; providing for expiration; amending s. 403.709, F.S.; increasing the amount of funding for mosquito control; limiting the amount of the funding that may be used for a solid waste management grant program; deleting obsolete provisions; reenacting ss. 253.02(1) and 253.05, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 253.01, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 403.7095(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.709, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 430**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the termination of a trust fund within the Department of Transportation; terminating the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund; providing for the transfer of any balances or revenues in the terminated trust fund; requiring that the department pay outstanding debts or obligations of the terminated trust fund; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer close out and remove the terminated trust fund from the state accounting systems; repealing s. 338.250, F.S., relating to Central Florida Beltway mitigation; repealing s. 2(2)(a) of chapter 2004-235, Laws of Florida, relating to an exemption of the Central Florida Beltway Trust Fund from termination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 432**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to daylight saving time; providing a short title; requiring that the State of Florida and its political subdivisions observe daylight saving time year-round; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 434**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public libraries; amending s. 257.015, F.S.; defining the terms “depository library” and “state publication”; amending s. 257.02, F.S.; revising the composition and duties of the State Library Council; amending s. 257.04, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State; requiring the division to coordinate with the Division of Blind Services of the Department of Education to provide certain services; authorizing the division to issue electronic information; amending s. 257.05, F.S.; providing legislative findings; revising provisions regarding the delivery and distribution of publications; requiring specified entities in state government to designate a state publications liaison; removing the definition of the term “public document”; revising the duties of the division with respect to the management of the State Publications Program; amending s. 257.36, F.S.; removing a provision requiring the division to provide a centralized microfilming program for state agencies; amending ss. 257.105, 283.31, and 286.001, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 436**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to notaries public; creating s. 117.055, F.S.; requiring a notary public to record specified information in a notarial journal when performing certain notarial acts; providing that notarial journals are the exclusive property of a notary public; requiring a notary public to secure a notarial journal; requiring that a notary public retain a notarial journal for a specified period; requiring a notary public to notify the Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor if a notarial journal is lost, stolen, misplaced, destroyed, erased, compromised, rendered unusable, or becomes otherwise inaccessible during the retention period; requiring a notary public employed by a law firm to maintain a separate notarial journal for certain notarial acts pertaining to the law firm and its clients; providing that such a notarial journal is the exclusive property of the law firm; requiring the law firm to comply with notarial journal security, retention, and reporting requirements; providing that failure to comply with notarial journal requirements does not invalidate a lawful notarization; providing that failure to comply with the notarial journal requirements constitutes grounds for suspension, nonrenewal, or denial of a notary public commission; providing applicability; amending s. 117.10, F.S.; exempting certain acts of specified law enforcement and correctional officers from the notarial journal requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Sobel, Garcia, Flores, Bullard, and Smith—

**SB 438**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to palliative care; creating s. 381.825, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health to establish a palliative care consumer and professional information and education program; specifying the purpose of the program; requiring the department to publish certain educational information and referral materials about palliative care on the department website; authorizing the department to develop and implement other services and education initiatives regarding palliative care; requiring the department to consult with the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force; creating the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force within the Department of Health; specifying the purpose of the task force; providing for membership by a specified time; requiring the task force to adopt certain internal organizational procedures; requiring the department to provide staff, information, and other assistance, as necessary, to the task force; authorizing the reimbursement of task force members for certain expenses; requiring the department to set regular meeting times for the task force; requiring the task force to meet at least twice each year; requiring reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by specified dates; providing for future repeal of the task force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 440**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contraband forfeiture; amending s. 932.703, F.S.; requiring that seizure or forfeiture of property be incidental to an arrest under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 442**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government services; amending s. 153.03, F.S.; authorizing a county to provide certain services and facilities outside the boundaries of a municipality without the express consent of the municipality’s governing body under certain circumstances; amending s. 180.02, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from extending its corporate powers within unincorporated areas of a county without the express consent of the county’s governing body; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 444**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prosecution of juveniles; amending s. 985.557, F.S.; revising the age-based criteria and the offenses for which the discretionary direct file of an information against a child may be made in adult court; prohibiting the filing of an information on a child otherwise eligible if it is the child’s first offense unless there are compelling reasons; requiring such reasons to be stated in writing; providing criteria for a state attorney to determine whether to file an information; requiring a state attorney to file a written explanation when an information is filed; providing criteria for consideration of a child’s request to an adult court to return a criminal case to the juvenile justice system; reenacting ss. 985.04(2), 985.15(1), 985.265(5), and 985.556(3), F.S., relating to direct filing, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 985.557, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 446**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida College System boards of trustees; amending s. 1001.61, F.S.; revising the membership guidelines for the Florida College System institution boards of trustees to require the St. Johns River State College board to have a specified number of trustees from each county that the college serves; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Flores and Margolis—

**SB 448**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educational facilities; creating s. 1013.385, F.S.; providing for school district construction flexibility; authorizing exceptions to educational facilities construction requirements under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Benacquisto and Gaetz—

**SB 450**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pain management clinics; amending ss. 458.3265 and 459.0137, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the future repeal of those sections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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**SR 452**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 454**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Rotary's Camp Florida license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the license plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such license plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Braynon and Smith—

**SB 456**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to labor pools; amending s. 448.24, F.S.; revising methods by which a labor pool is required to compensate day laborers; requiring a labor pool to provide certain notice before a day laborer's first pay period; specifying requirements for a labor pool that selects to compensate a day laborer by payroll debit card; authorizing a labor pool to deliver a wage statement electronically upon request by the day laborer; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 458**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; authorizing the supervisor of elections to arrange the ballot layout for multi-language ballots in a certain manner; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 460**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic safety; providing a short title; amending s. 316.0075, F.S.; prohibiting the use of electronic communications devices by certain drivers; providing a definition; providing exceptions; providing penalties; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; providing for a voluntary checkoff on driver license applications to permit contributions to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety; providing that such contributions are not considered income of a revenue nature for purposes of a service charge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 462**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family law; providing legislative findings; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 61.55, F.S.; providing a purpose; creating s. 61.56, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 61.57, F.S.; providing that a collaborative law process commences when the parties enter into a collaborative law participation agreement; prohibiting a tribunal from ordering a party to participate in a collaborative law process over the party's objection; providing the conditions under which a collaborative law process concludes, terminates, or continues; creating s. 61.58, F.S.; providing for confidentiality of communications made during the collaborative law process; providing exceptions; providing that specified provisions do not take effect until 30 days after the Florida Supreme Court adopts rules of procedure and professional responsibility; providing a contingent effective date; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 464**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.135, F.S.; authorizing a defendant to move to depart from the 3-year mandatory term of imprisonment and from the mandatory fine for a drug trafficking violation involving a specified quantity of a specified controlled substance; authorizing the state attorney to file an objection to the motion; authorizing the sentencing court to grant the motion if the court finds that the defendant has demonstrated by a preponderance of the evidence that specified criteria are met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 466**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to low-voltage alarm systems; amending s. 553.793, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "low-voltage alarm system project" and adding the definition of the term "wireless alarm system"; providing that a permit is not required to install, maintain, inspect, replace, or service a wireless alarm system and its ancillary components; reducing the maximum price for permit labels for alarm systems; authorizing a local enforcement agency to coordinate the inspection of certain alarm system projects; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 468**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to package stores; repealing s. 565.04, F.S., relating to restrictions on the sale by certain licensed alcoholic beverage vendors of merchandise other than specifically authorized types of merchandise and to restrictions on direct access to such vendors' places of business; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; deleting a cross-reference to conform to changes made by the act; prohibiting electronic benefits transfer cards from being used or accepted at loca-

tions operated as package stores; defining the term “package store”; conforming provisions; amending s. 562.13, F.S.; providing an exception to employment restrictions on persons under the age of 18 years who are employed by specified vendors; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 470**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public food service establishment inspections; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; requiring a report for public food service establishment inspections; specifying a grading scale used in the inspection report; authorizing a public food service establishment to request a reinspection under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health to increase inspections and charge a reasonable fee for such inspections for repeat offenses; requiring a public food service establishment to immediately post a letter grade card, maintain a copy of the most recent inspection report, and make such report available to the public upon request; requiring the department to establish a toll-free hotline for complaints; requiring the department to establish a consumer advocate position; authorizing a health inspector to immediately close a public food service establishment under certain circumstances; amending s. 509.233, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Detert and Sachs—

**SB 472**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tuition and fee exemptions; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; exempting certain students who were adopted from the Department of Children and Families or who are or were in the custody of the department under certain circumstances from paying tuition and fees at workforce education programs, Florida College System institutions, and state universities; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities to adopt certain rules regarding the exemptions; reenacting ss. 1001.64(10) and 1011.80(5)(c), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 1009.25, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 474**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health treatment; amending s. 916.107, F.S.; authorizing forensic and civil facilities to order the continuation of psychotherapeutic medications for individuals receiving such medication in the jail before admission; amending s. 916.13, F.S.; providing timeframes within which status hearings must be held; making technical changes; amending s. 916.145, F.S.; authorizing the court to dismiss certain charges within a specified timeframe for defendants who remain incompetent to proceed to trial; providing an exception; amending s. 916.15, F.S.; providing a timeframe within which status hearings must be held; reenacting s. 394.658(1)(a), F.S., relating to the requirements of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 916.13, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 916.106(9) and 916.17, F.S., relating to mentally deficient and mentally ill defendants, to incorporate the amendment made to ss. 916.13 and 916.15, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 394.467(7)(a), F.S., relating to involuntary inpatient placement, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 916.15, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 476**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Mental Health Act; amending s. 394.455, F.S.; redefining terms; requiring that a psychiatric-mental health advanced registered nurse practitioner hold a specified national certification; conforming terminology to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing a psychiatric-mental health advanced registered nurse practitioner to approve the involuntary examination or release of a patient from a receiving facility; amending ss. 394.4574, 394.4655, and 394.467, F.S.; conforming terminology to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 394.495(3) and 394.496(6), F.S., relating to child and adolescent mental health programs and services, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 394.455, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 39.407(4)(b), 394.455(34), 394.462(1)(e), 394.4625(1)(b) and (1)(c), 395.1041(6), and 984.19(3), F.S., relating to medical, psychiatric, and psychological examination and treatment of a child, involuntary examination, transportation to a receiving facility, voluntary admissions, the rights of a person being treated, and certain criteria and procedures used in evaluating a child, respectively, to incorporate amendments made to s. 394.463, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 394.4598(1), F.S., relating to guardian advocates, to incorporate amendments made to ss. 394.4655 and 394.467, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senators Bean and Joyner—

**SB 478**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telemedicine services; creating s. 456.4501, F.S.; defining the term “telemedicine services”; authorizing an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, or a health care practitioner to provide telemedicine services through the use of certain telecommunications technology to a patient who is a resident of this state; requiring telemedicine services to be covered by specified Medicaid programs in the same manner as services provided to a recipient in person; prohibiting the prescription of controlled substances for certain chronic nonmalignant pain through the use of telemedicine services; authorizing the Department of Health and any applicable regulatory board to adopt rules to administer the section; specifying that such rules may not prohibit the use of telemedicine services; prohibiting the regulation of telemedicine services from being construed to restrict the delivery of certain emergency medical services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 480**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student data privacy; creating s. 1002.223, F.S.; providing a short title; defining the terms “covered information,” “K-12 school purposes,” “operator,” and “targeted advertising”; prohibiting an operator from displaying targeted advertising, using certain information to amass student profiles for certain purposes, or selling or disclosing covered information; providing exceptions; authorizing an operator to use covered information for specified actions; requiring an operator to maintain security procedures for the protection of covered information and to delete covered information under certain circumstances; authorizing an operator to disclose covered information under certain circumstances; specifying certain actions by operators, law enforcement agencies, service providers, and students which are not prohibited by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 482**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community health worker certification; creating s. 381.989, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health to approve qualified third-party credentialing entities to administer voluntary community health worker certification programs; establishing criteria for the approval of a third-party credentialing entity; requiring a third-party credentialing entity to issue a



certification to certain qualified individuals who meet the grandfathering standards established by the entity; establishing a maximum fee for such certification; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 484**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regional planning councils; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to identify parties that may enter into mediation relating to the compatibility of developments with military installations; amending s. 186.0201, F.S.; requiring electric utilities to notify the county, rather than the regional planning council, of its current plans to site electric substations; repealing ss. 186.501, 186.502, 186.503, 186.504, 186.505, 186.506, 186.507, 186.508, 186.509, 186.511, and 186.513, F.S., relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; amending s. 186.515, F.S.; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; requiring the Division of Emergency Management to give priority funding to projects in counties that have shelter deficits rather than regional planning council regions; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; revising the requirements for the statewide emergency shelter plan to include the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region; requiring state funds to be maximized and targeted to counties with hurricane evacuation shelter deficits rather than regional planning council regions; amending s. 369.307, F.S.; requiring the St. Johns River Water Management District to adopt policies to protect the Wekiva River Protection Area; amending s. 369.324, F.S.; requiring the St. Johns River Water Management District to provide staff support to the Wekiva River Basin Commission; requiring the district to serve as a clearinghouse of baseline or specialized studies; amending s. 380.05, F.S.; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; requiring developers filing an application for development approval to arrange a preapplication conference with the state land planning agency; requiring the state land planning agency to provide the developer with information about the development-of-regional-impact process; requiring the state land planning agency to develop by rule certain procedures; requiring the state land planning agency to review applications for sufficiency; requiring the state land planning agency to prepare and submit reports on the regional impact of a proposed development; authorizing the state land planning agency to assess and collect fees of conducting the review process; amending s. 380.061, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to review requests for conversions from a proposed project to a proposed development of regional impact; amending s. 380.065, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to review developments of regional impact upon revocation of certification; amending s. 403.7225, F.S.; requiring counties to make arrangements with the Department of Environmental Protection to perform the local hazardous waste management assessment program under certain circumstances; amending s. 403.723, F.S.; requiring the department to designate sites at which regional hazardous waste storage or treatment facilities could be constructed; amending s. 1013.372, F.S.; providing that if a county does not have a hurricane evacuation shelter deficit, educational facilities within the county are not required to incorporate the public shelter criteria; requiring the Division of Emergency Management to identify the general location and square footage of existing shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region; amending s. 1013.74, F.S.; requiring public hurricane evacuation shelters in certain counties rather than regional planning council regions to be constructed in accordance with public shelter standards; counties amending ss. 68.082, 120.52, 120.65, 163.3177, 163.3178, 163.3184, 163.3245, 163.3246, 163.3248, 163.568, 164.1031, 186.006, 186.007, 186.008, 186.803, 187.201, 218.32, 253.7828, 258.501, 260.0142, 260.018, 288.0656, 288.975, 320.08058, 335.188, 339.155, 339.175, 339.285, 339.63, 339.64, 341.041, 343.1004, 343.1006, 343.1010, 343.54, 373.309, 373.415, 377.703, 378.411, 380.045, 380.055, 380.07, 380.507, 403.0752, 403.50663, 403.507, 403.508, 403.5115, 403.518, 403.526, 403.527, 403.5272, 403.5363, 403.5365, 403.537, 403.704, 403.7226, 403.941, 403.9411, 403.9422, 403.973, 408.033, 419.001, 420.609, 427.012, 501.171, 985.682, 1013.30, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 163.3164(40) and 186.003(5), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “regional planning agency”; repealing s. 343.1003(11)(c), F.S., relating to the Northeast

Florida Regional Council; repealing s. 369.303(1), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “council”; repealing s. 380.031(15), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “regional planning agency”; repealing ss. 403.503(26) and 403.522(21), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “regional planning council”; repealing s. 403.7264(4), F.S., relating to the role of regional planning councils in amnesty days for purging small quantities of hazardous waste; repealing s. 403.9403(22), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “regional planning council”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Sobel and Gaetz—

**SB 486**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Health Care Clinic Act; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; redefining the term “clinic”; amending s. 400.991, F.S.; redefining the term “applicant”; defining the term “convicted”; prohibiting applicants for clinic licensure from having an arrest awaiting final disposition for, or having been convicted of, a felony or crime punishable by a specified minimum term of imprisonment; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to deny an application for a clinic license or license renewal from an applicant who has been found by a state or federal regulatory agency or court to have committed an act that resulted in the suspension or revocation of a clinic license; amending s. 400.995, F.S.; providing that a licensed clinic is subject to a specified administrative penalty if its medical director or clinic director fails to ensure that practitioners providing health care services or supplies to patients have a valid license; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; exempting certain federally certified clinics from the requirement of being licensed under the act in order to receive reimbursement under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; reenacting ss. 400.991(2), 400.9935(6), 480.0475(1)(a), and 817.234(8)(c), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.9905, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 488**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the expunction of criminal records; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge a minor’s nonjudicial arrest record upon successful completion of a prearrest or postarrest diversion program; extending the application submission date for minors who completed the program before a certain date; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; revising the information that must be provided in the written statement from the state attorney or statewide prosecutor in order for a person to be eligible for a criminal history record expunction; revising the criteria for obtaining a certificate of eligibility for expunction; authorizing the department to enter certain expunged records in specified databases; requiring the department to disclose certain expunged records to specified governmental entities; reenacting s. 985.125(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0582, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 943.0582(2)(a) and (5), 943.0585(1)(a) and (5), 943.059(1)(b), (2)(e), and (4)(a), 948.08(6)(b) and (7)(b), 948.16(1)(b) and (2)(b), 961.06(1), 985.345(2), and 776.09(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0585, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Thompson—

**SB 490**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lotteries; amending s. 24.121, F.S.; requiring the Department of the Lottery to equitably apportion revenues to certain state universities to be used for funding breast cancer research and providing services for certain individuals who have breast cancer; creating s. 24.132, F.S.; offering a special instant lottery game called “Ticket for the Cure” by the department for a limited time; prohibiting the department from unreasonably diminishing the efforts devoted to marketing other instant lottery games; requiring the department to allocate net revenue to be used for funding



breast cancer research and providing services for certain individuals who have breast cancer; restricting the use of funds; defining terms; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 492**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving safety; creating s. 316.306, F.S.; prohibiting the use of cellular telephones and other electronic communications devices by drivers in a school zone or school crossing or on school district property; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 494**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to intimate apparel; creating s. 501.935, F.S.; prohibiting retail stores from allowing a customer to try on intimate apparel in the store unless it is tried on over clothing or with a disposable shield; prohibiting a retail store from selling intimate apparel that has been tried on in violation of the prohibition; defining the term “intimate apparel” to include lower undergarments and swimsuit bottoms; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 496**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardians for dependent children who are developmentally disabled or incapacitated; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring an updated case plan developed in a face-to-face conference with the child and other specified persons, when appropriate; providing requirements for the Department of Children and Families when a court determines that a child may be developmentally disabled, has a diagnosis of a developmental disability, or may be incapacitated; requiring the department to provide specified information if another interested party or participant initiates proceedings for the appointment of a guardian; requiring proceedings seeking appointment of a guardian advocate or a determination of incapacity and the appointment of a guardian be conducted in a separate proceeding in probate court; amending s. 393.12, F.S.; requiring the probate court to initiate proceedings for appointment of guardian advocates if petitions are filed for appointment of guardian advocates for certain minors who are subject to chapter 39, F.S., proceedings if such minors have attained a specified age; providing that such a child has the same due process rights as an adult; providing requirements for when an order appointing a guardian advocate must be issued; amending s. 744.301, F.S.; providing that if a child is subject to proceedings under chapter 39, F.S., the parents may act as natural guardians unless the dependency or probate court finds that it is not in the child’s best interests or their parental rights have been terminated; amending s. 744.3021, F.S.; requiring the probate court to initiate proceedings for appointment of guardian advocates if petitions are filed for appointment guardian advocates for certain minors who are subject to chapter 39, F.S., proceedings if the minors have attained a specified age; providing that such a child has the same due process rights as an adult; providing requirements for when an order appointing a guardian advocate must be issued; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 498**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; repealing s. 985.557, F.S., relating to direct filing of an information; amending ss. 985.04, 985.15, 985.265, and 985.556, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 985.565, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing, rather than

requiring, a court to impose adult sanctions under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 500**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home park tenancies; amending s. 723.003, F.S.; defining the term “prospectus”; amending s. 723.006, F.S.; requiring the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to provide notice to the homeowners’ association of a proposed amendment to a prospectus before authorizing such amendment; amending s. 723.011, F.S.; removing the use of an offering circular; amending s. 723.012, F.S.; removing the use of an offering circular; requiring that additional information be provided in the prospectus which advises the mobile home owner of consequences if the land use is changed; amending s. 723.014, F.S.; removing the use of an offering circular; amending s. 723.032, F.S.; requiring the division to enforce certain rental agreement provisions; amending ss. 723.035, 723.041, and 723.059, F.S.; removing the use of an offering circular; amending s. 723.061, F.S.; requiring a park owner to provide certain information to residents who are displaced as a result of a mandatory eviction due to a change in use of the land; amending ss. 73.072 and 723.031, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 502**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health providers; amending s. 395.0197, F.S.; requiring that the report to the Department of Health for allegations of sexual misconduct by a licensed health care facility be made within a specified time period; increasing penalties for violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 504**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to playground safety; providing a short title; creating s. 501.927, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain new and existing playgrounds to comply with specified safety standards and guidelines; requiring safety inspections of certain playgrounds by a certain date; requiring counties and municipalities to provide a link to certain playground safety information on their websites; authorizing counties and municipalities to require permits and charge fees for the construction or renovation of certain playgrounds; prohibiting the use of state funds for constructing or retrofitting a playground unless the playground meets certain safety requirements; prohibiting the appropriation of state funds after a specific date to operate, maintain, or supervise playgrounds that do not meet certain safety requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 506**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sales and use tax; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; revising the method for calculating the amount of tax and discretionary sales surtax; amending ss. 212.04, 212.05, 212.0506, and 213.015, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 508**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small business participation in state contracting; creating s. 287.0577, F.S.; defining the terms “contract bundling” and “small business”; directing that agencies avoid contract bundling under certain circumstances; requiring agencies to conduct market research and include written summaries and analyses of such research in solicitations for bundled contracts; requiring certain agencies to award a percentage of contracts to small businesses; requiring contract vendors to use small businesses as subcontractors or subvendors; providing requirements with respect to payment of subcontractors; prohibiting agencies, general contractors, or prime contractors from requiring certain bonds or other sureties for certain contracts; requiring the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor to establish a system for reporting small business participation in state contracting; requiring agencies to cooperate with such reporting; requiring specified annual reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 510**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Miami-Dade County Lake Belt Area; amending s. 373.4149, F.S.; requiring amendments to local zoning and subdivision regulations concerning properties located within a certain area to be compatible with limestone mining activities; prohibiting amendments to local zoning and subdivision regulations which would result in an increase in residential density for certain property until there is no mining activity within a certain distance; amending s. 373.41492, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; including monitoring as an environmental purpose for which the per-ton mitigation fee may be applied; decreasing the amount of the per-ton mitigation fee for limerock and sand sold after certain dates; imposing an environmentally endangered lands fee; rescinding the water treatment plant upgrade fee; requiring the Department of Revenue to administer, enforce, and collect the environmentally endangered lands fee; adding water quality monitoring to the required uses for mitigation fee proceeds; requiring the environmentally endangered lands fee to be used solely for purposes related to wetland and threatened forest communities located in Miami-Dade County; reenacting s. 373.41495(1),(2), and (3), F.S., relating to the Lake Belt Mitigation Trust Fund to incorporate the amendment made to s. 373.41492, F.S., in reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thompson—

**SB 512**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to HIV testing; amending s. 381.004, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; differentiating between the notification and consent procedures for performing an HIV test in a health care setting and a non-health care setting; amending s. 456.032, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting s. 483.314(4), F.S., relating to the collection and transmittal of specimens, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 381.004, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Abruzzo and Clemens—

**SB 514**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Baker Act; requiring the Department of Children and Families to create a workgroup to provide recommendations relating to revision of the Baker Act; requiring the workgroup to make recommendations on specified topics; providing for membership of the workgroup; providing for meetings; requiring the workgroup to meet by a specified date; requiring a review of draft recommendations by a specified date; requiring the workgroup to submit a report to specified entities and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Bean and Garcia—

**SB 516**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance coverage for emergency services; creating s. 627.64194, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting coverage for emergency services from requiring a prior authorization determination; requiring such coverage to be provided regardless of whether the service is furnished by a participating or nonparticipating provider; specifying coinsurance, copayment, limitation of benefits, and reimbursement requirements for nonparticipating providers; prohibiting a nonparticipating provider from collecting or attempting to collect an amount in excess of specified amounts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senators Gibson and Gaetz—

**SB 518**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Education Program; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; amending s. 1002.67, F.S.; requiring the administration of a preassessment and postassessment to students based upon adopted performance standards; providing assessment requirements; requiring the assessments to be administered by certain personnel and during certain time periods; requiring the assessments to be used to calculate the kindergarten readiness rate; amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; requiring the Office of Early Learning to annually report to the State Board of Education certain student growth data; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 520**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to long-term care insurance; amending s. 627.94072, F.S.; providing additional forms for the mandatory offer of nonforfeiture benefits in long-term care insurance policies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 522**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Bond Finance; amending s. 218.37, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the division issue a regular newsletter to certain parties which addresses local and state bonds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Banking and Insurance; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 524**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rental agreements; creating s. 83.561, F.S.; providing that a purchaser taking title to a tenant-occupied residential property following a foreclosure sale takes title to the property as a landlord; specifying conditions under which the tenant may remain in possession of the premises; prescribing the form for a 90-day notice of termination of the rental agreement; establishing requirements for delivery of the notice; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 526**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to notaries public; amending s. 92.525, F.S.; revising the methods available for verifying documents; amending s. 117.05, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that a signer personally appear before a notary public at the time of notarization; amending s. 117.10, F.S.; defining the term “reliable electronic means”; authorizing specified officers to administer oaths by reliable electronic means when engaged in the performance of official duties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 528**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the medical use of marijuana; creating s. 381.99, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 381.992, F.S.; allowing registered patients and designated caregivers to purchase, acquire, and possess medical-grade marijuana subject to specified requirements; allowing a cultivation and processing licensee, employee, or contractor to acquire, cultivate, transport, and sell marijuana under certain circumstances; allowing a retail licensee to purchase, receive, possess, store, dispense, and deliver marijuana under certain circumstances; allowing a licensed laboratory to receive marijuana for certification purposes; prohibiting certain actions regarding the acquisition, possession, transfer, use, and administration of marijuana; clarifying that a person is prohibited from driving under the influence of marijuana; creating s. 381.993, F.S.; specifying registration requirements for a patient identification card; allowing a qualified patient to designate a caregiver subject to certain requirements; requiring notification by the Department of Health of the denial of a designated caregiver’s registration; requiring the department to create certain patient registration and certification forms for availability by a specified date; requiring the department to update a patient registry and issue an identification card under certain circumstances within a specified timeframe; specifying the requirements of the identification card, including expiration and renewal requirements; providing notification and return requirements if the department removes the patient or caregiver from the registry; creating s. 381.994, F.S.; requiring the department to create an online patient registry by a specified date subject to certain requirements; creating s. 381.995, F.S.; requiring the department to establish standards and develop and accept licensure application forms for the cultivation, processing, and sale of marijuana by a specified date subject to certain requirements; providing for an initial application fee, a licensure fee, and a renewal fee for specified licenses; requiring the department to issue certain licenses by specified dates; specifying requirements for a cultivation and processing license, including expiration and renewal requirements; specifying facility requirements for a cultivation and processing licensee, including inspections and the issuance of cultivation and processing facility licenses; allowing a dispensing organization to use a contractor to cultivate and process marijuana subject to certain requirements; directing a dispensing organization or contractor to destroy all marijuana by-products under certain conditions within a specified timeframe; allowing a cultivation and processing licensee to sell, transport, and deliver marijuana products under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department of Health from licensing retail facilities in a county unless the board of county commissioners for that county determines by ordinance the number and location of retail facilities subject to certain limitations; specifying the application requirements for a retail license; requiring the department to consider certain factors when issuing retail licenses to encourage a competitive marketplace; providing expiration and renewal requirements for a retail license; requiring inspection of a retail facility before dispensing marijuana; providing dispensing requirements; allowing retail licensees to contract with certain types of carriers to deliver marijuana under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from advertising marijuana products; specifying inspection, license, and testing requirements for certain facilities; requiring the department to create standards and impose penalties for a dispensing organization subject to certain restrictions; requiring the department to maintain a public, online list of all licensed retail facilities; creating s. 381.996, F.S.; providing patient certification requirements relating to qualified patients; requiring a physician to transfer an order and update the registry subject to certain requirements and time restraints; requiring physician education; creating s. 381.997, F.S.; requiring testing, certification, and reporting of results by an independent laboratory before distribution or sale of

marijuana or marijuana products; providing package and label requirements; requiring the department to establish quality standards and testing procedures by a certain date; creating s. 381.998, F.S.; providing criminal penalties; creating s. 381.999, F.S.; establishing that this act does not require or restrict health insurance coverage for the purchase of medical-grade marijuana; creating s. 381.9991, F.S.; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 530**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bullying and harassment policies in schools; amending s. 1006.147, F.S.; requiring school districts to revise their bullying and harassment policies at specified intervals; specifying that a school district policy require a school to implement the policy in a certain manner and integrate it with the school’s bullying prevention and intervention program; requiring such a policy to include mandatory reporting procedures and a list of authorized programs that provide bullying and harassment identification, prevention, and response instruction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 532**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the ordering of medication; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; revising the authority of a licensed physician assistant to order medication under the direction of a supervisory physician for a specified patient; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing an advanced registered nurse practitioner to order medication for administration to a specified patient; amending s. 465.003, F.S.; revising the term “prescription” to exclude an order for drugs or medicinal supplies by a licensed practitioner that is dispensed for certain administration; amending s. 893.02, F.S.; revising the term “administer” to include the term “administration”; revising the term “prescription” to exclude an order for drugs or medicinal supplies by a licensed practitioner that is dispensed for certain administration; amending s. 893.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by act; amending s. 893.05, F.S.; authorizing a licensed practitioner to authorize a licensed physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner to order controlled substances for a specified patient under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 400.462(26), 401.445(1), 409.906(18), and 766.103(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 401.445(1) and 766.103(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 464.012, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 409.9201(1)(a), 458.331(1)(pp), 459.015(1)(rr), 465.014(1), 465.015(2)(c), 465.016(1)(s), 465.022(5)(j), 465.023(1)(h), 465.1901, 499.003(43), and 831.30(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 465.003, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 112.0455(5)(i), 381.986(7)(b), 440.102(1)(l), 458.331(1)(pp), 459.015(1)(rr), 465.015(3), 465.016(1)(s), 465.022(5)(j), 465.023(1)(h), 499.0121(14), 768.36(1)(b), 810.02(3)(f), 812.014(2)(c), 856.015(1)(c), 944.47(1)(a), 951.22(1), 985.711(1)(a), 1003.57(1)(i), and 1006.09(8), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.02, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 893.051(3)(e), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.04, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 893.051(3)(d), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.05, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 534**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; creating s. 787.08, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation and certain employers to display human trafficking public awareness signs at specified locations; providing civil penalties for violations; requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with certain others, to develop specifications for the form and content of such signs; providing sign requirements; providing that the Attorney General is responsible for enforcement; requiring rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 536**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to distilled spirits in powdered form; amending s. 565.07, F.S.; prohibiting the sale of a distilled spirit in powdered form; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 538**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the disclosure of sexually explicit images; creating s. 847.0136, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting an individual from electronically disclosing a sexually explicit image of an identifiable person with the intent to harass such person if the individual knows or should have known that such person did not consent to the disclosure; providing criminal penalties; providing for jurisdiction; providing exceptions; exempting providers of specified services; amending s. 921.244, F.S.; requiring a court to order that a person convicted of such offense be prohibited from having contact with the victim; providing criminal penalties for a violation of such order; providing that criminal penalties for certain offenses run consecutively with a sentence imposed for a violation of s. 847.0136, F.S.; reenacting s. 784.048(7), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 921.244, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 540**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 944.73, F.S.; creating the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections; providing a purpose; requiring that any balance remaining in the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year remain in the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Benacquisto and Simpson—

**SB 542**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interception of wire, oral, or electronic communication; amending s. 934.03, F.S.; authorizing a child younger than 18 years of age to intercept and record an oral communication if the child is a party to the communication and certain conditions are met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senators Hukill and Simpson—

**SB 544**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain machinery and equipment; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing that the exemption for certain mixer drums and the parts and labor required to affix such mixer drums is repealed on a specified date; deleting the expiration date for the exemption for certain industrial machinery and equipment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 546**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Bonefish and Tarpon Trust license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the

plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Clemens and Gaetz—

**SB 548**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of tobacco products in motor vehicles; creating s. 316.6136, F.S.; prohibiting a person from smoking a tobacco product in a motor vehicle in which a child under 13 years of age is present; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Health Policy; and Rules.

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**SR 550**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 552**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 420.6231, F.S.; creating a public records exemption for individual identifying information of a person contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System; defining the term “individual identifying information”; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; specifying that the exemption does not preclude the release of aggregate information; providing for future review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 554**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited liability companies; amending s. 605.0103, F.S.; specifying that persons who are not members of a limited liability company are not deemed to have notice of a provision of the company’s articles of organization which limits a person’s authority to transfer real property held in the company’s name unless such limitation appears in an affidavit, certificate, or other instrument that is recorded in a specified manner; amending s. 605.0105, F.S.; removing the prohibition that an operating agreement may not vary the power of a person to dissociate under certain circumstances; amending s. 605.04073, F.S.; providing that an action requiring the vote or consent of members may be taken without a meeting if the action is approved in a record and if the number of votes cast is at least that required in a meeting; amending s. 605.0410, F.S.; requiring a limited liability company to provide a record of certain information within a specified period to a member who makes a demand; amending s. 605.1108, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that, for a limited liability company formed before a specified date, certain language in the company’s articles of organization operates as if it were in the operating agreement; amending ss. 15.16, 48.062, 213.758, 220.02, 220.03, 220.13, 310.181, 440.02, 605.0102, 605.0401, 605.04074, 605.04091, 605.1025, 606.06, 607.1108, 607.1109, 607.11101, 636.204, 655.0201, 658.2953, 694.16, and 1002.395, F.S.; conforming cross-references to the repeal of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, revising definitions, and making editorial and conforming changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 556**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state symbols; creating s. 15.0521, F.S.; designating tupelo honey as the official state honey; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 558**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public lodging and public food service establishments; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; removing an obsolete date; revising the frequency at which the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation must reassess the inspection frequency of public food service establishments; removing the requirement that the department provide the food-recovery brochure to each inspected public food service establishment or temporary food service event sponsor; requiring the department to notify an inspected establishment or event sponsor of the food-recovery brochure's availability; removing the limitation on the period that a licensed public food service establishment may operate at a temporary food service event; amending s. 509.091, F.S.; authorizing the division to deliver lodging inspection reports and food service inspection reports by electronic means; amending s. 509.101, F.S.; requiring an operator of a public food service establishment to make available a copy of the latest food service inspection report at the time of a division inspection; amending s. 509.251, F.S.; revising the assessment of the delinquent fee for the license renewal of a public lodging establishment and public food service establishment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 560**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans' tuition fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising the persons eligible to receive a waiver for out-of-state tuition fees to include a spouse or child eligible for veterans' education benefits by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 562**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; requiring plan amendments proposing a development that qualifies as a development of regional impact to be subject to the state coordinated review process; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; providing that new proposed developments are subject to the state coordinated review process and not the development of regional impact review process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; and Rules.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 564**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trade secrets; amending s. 812.081, F.S.; including financial information in provisions prohibiting the theft, embezzlement, or unlawful copying of trade secrets; providing criminal penalties; reenacting s. 499.931, F.S., relating to trade secret information concerning medical gas, to incorporate the amendments made by the act to s. 812.081, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 566**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending ss. 119.071, 125.0104, 288.1226, 331.326, 365.174, 381.83, 403.7046, 403.73, 499.051, 502.222, 570.48, 573.123, 601.10, 601.15, 601.152, 601.76, and 815.04, F.S.; expanding public records exemptions

for certain data processing software obtained by an agency, certain information held by a county tourism promotion agency, information related to trade secrets held by the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, information related to trade secrets held by Space Florida, proprietary confidential business information submitted to the Department of Revenue, trade secret information held by the Department of Health, trade secret information reported or submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, trade secret information contained in a complaint and any investigatory documents held by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, trade secret information of a dairy industry business held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, trade secret information held by the Division of Fruits and Vegetables of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, trade secret information of a person subject to a marketing order held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, trade secret information provided to the Department of Citrus, trade secret information of noncommodity advertising and promotional program participants held by the Department of Citrus, trade secret information contained in a citrus handler's return filed with the Department of Citrus, a manufacturer's formula filed with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and specified data, programs, or supporting documentation held by an agency, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to the definition of the term "trade secret" in s. 812.081, F.S., by SB \_\_\_; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; making editorial and technical changes; reenacting ss. 499.012(8)(g) and (m) and 499.0121(7), F.S., relating to the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 812.081, F.S., by SB \_\_\_, in references thereto; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 568**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family trust companies; amending s. 662.102, F.S.; revising the purposes of the Family Trust Company Act; providing legislative findings; amending s. 662.111, F.S.; redefining the term "officer"; creating s. 662.113, F.S.; specifying the applicability of other chapters of the financial institutions codes to family trust companies; providing that the section does not limit the authority of the Office of Financial Regulation to investigate a family trust company to ensure compliance with the chapter and applicable financial institutions codes; amending s. 662.120, F.S.; revising the ancestry requirements for designated relatives of a licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.1215, F.S.; revising the requirements for investigations of license applicants by the Office of Financial Regulation; amending s. 662.122, F.S.; revising the requirements for registration of a family trust company and a foreign licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.1225, F.S.; requiring a foreign licensed family trust company to be in compliance with the family trust laws and regulations in its jurisdiction; amending s. 662.123, F.S.; revising the types of amendments to organizational documents which must have prior approval by the office; amending s. 662.128, F.S.; extending the deadline for the filing of, and revising the requirements for, specified license and registration renewal applications; amending s. 662.132, F.S.; revising the prohibition against the purchase of certain bonds or securities by specified family trust companies; amending s. 662.141, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the office examine a family trust company that is not licensed and a foreign licensed family trust company; providing that the office may rely upon specified documentation that identifies the qualifications of beneficiaries as permissible recipients of family trust company services; deleting a provision that authorizes the office to accept an audit by a certified public accountant in lieu of an examination by the office; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules establishing specified requirements for family trust companies; amending s. 662.142, F.S.; deleting a provision that authorizes the office to immediately revoke the license of a licensed family trust company under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which the office may enter an order revoking the license of a licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.143, F.S.; revising the acts that may result in the entry of a cease and desist order against specified family trust companies and affiliated parties; amending s. 662.145, F.S.; revising the office's authority to suspend a family trust company-affiliated party who is charged with a specified felony or to restrict or prohibit the participation

of such party in certain financial institutions; amending ss. 662.150 and 662.151, F.S.; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 570**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process of witness subpoenas; amending s. 48.031, F.S.; providing that service of a subpoena on a witness in a civil traffic case may be made by United States mail directed to the witness at the last known address and that such service must be mailed before a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Transportation; and Rules.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 572**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school support organizations; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining the term “school support organization”; authorizing such organizations to pay tax on specified items purchased for resale in lieu of collecting the tax upon resale; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 574**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to government procurement; amending s. 287.012, F.S.; revising the term “eligible user”; defining the term “reverse auction”; amending s. 287.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services to maintain a program for reverse auctions; authorizing the department to contract for equipment and services necessary to implement reverse auctions; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; authorizing the department to impose and collect fees for use of the reverse auction program; requiring the department to compensate a provider for managing a reverse auction website under specified conditions; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the functions, powers, and duties of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.27, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Education to use reverse auctions and other online procurement programs in assisting district school boards with transportation services contracts; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1010.04, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Governors to adopt regulations establishing procedures governing a state university’s participation in reverse auctions and other online procurement programs; reenacting ss. 120.57(3)(g) and 283.33(3), F.S., relating to procedures for a protest of a contract solicitation or award and contracts for printing of publications, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 287.012, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 627.351(6)(e), F.S., relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 287.057, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 576**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; amending s. 20.1971, F.S.; creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; providing for the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; requiring the agency to maintain the integrity of such funds; providing for disposition of funds available from reversions or reductions in budget authority; requiring that title to lands or related property interests acquired be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; requiring the agency or its designee to manage the lands or property interests acquired in accordance with the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing a restriction on how funds may be invested; pro-

viding for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 578**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 20.142, F.S.; creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; requiring the department to maintain the integrity of such funds; providing for disposition of funds from reversions or reductions in budget authority from the trust fund; requiring that title to lands or related property interests acquired be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; requiring the department or its designee to manage lands or related property interests acquired in accordance with the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing a restriction on how funds may be invested; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 580**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 20.106, F.S.; creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State; providing for the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; requiring the department to maintain the integrity of such funds; providing for disposition of funds from reversions or reductions in budget authority from the trust fund; requiring that title to lands or related property interests acquired be vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; requiring the department or its designee to manage lands or related property interests in accordance with the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing a restriction on how funds may be invested; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 582**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 20.232, F.S.; creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of Transportation; providing for the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; requiring the department to maintain the integrity of such funds; providing for disposition of funds from reversions or reductions in budget authority from the trust fund; requiring that title to lands or related property interests acquired be vested by the state; requiring the department or its designee to manage lands or related property interests acquired in accordance with the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing a restriction on how funds may be invested; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 584**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; terminating certain trust funds within the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing for the disposition of balances in, revenues of, and all outstanding appropriations of the trust

funds; requiring the departments and the commission, respectively, to pay outstanding debts or obligations of the trust funds; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer close out and remove the terminated funds from the state accounting system; amending s. 17.61, F.S.; requiring moneys in land acquisition trust funds created or designated to receive funds under s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution to be retained in those trust funds; repealing s. 161.05301, F.S., relating to beach erosion control project staffing; amending s. 161.054, F.S.; redirecting certain proceeds from the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund; amending s. 161.091, F.S.; authorizing disbursements from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the beach management plan; amending s. 211.3103, F.S.; authorizing a percentage of proceeds from the phosphate rock excise tax to be credited to the State Park Trust Fund; amending s. 215.20, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 215.618, F.S.; authorizing Florida Forever bonds to be issued to finance or refinance the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests; amending ss. 215.619, 253.027, and 253.03, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 253.034, F.S.; requiring proceeds from the sale of surplus conservation lands before a certain date to be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund and after such date under certain circumstances into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; prohibiting more than a certain amount of funds to be expended from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for funding a certain contractual arrangement; amending s. 253.7824, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 258.435, F.S.; requiring moneys received in trust by the Department of Environmental Protection relating to aquatic preserves to be deposited into the State Park Trust Fund; amending s. 259.032, F.S.; conforming provisions affected by the termination of the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund; authorizing state agencies designated to manage lands acquired with funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to contract with local governments and soil and water conservation districts to assist in management activities; amending s. 259.035, F.S.; requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to develop rules defining specific criteria and numeric performance measures needed for lands acquired with funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to s. 28(a), Art. X of the State Constitution; requiring the proposed rules to be submitted to the Legislature for consideration; requiring recipients of funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to annually report to the Division of State Lands; requiring the council to consider and evaluate in writing each project proposed for acquisition using such funds and ensure that each proposed project meets the requirements of s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; amending ss. 259.036, 259.037, 259.04, and 259.041, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 259.101, F.S.; conforming provisions affected by the termination of the Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; requiring agencies and water management districts that acquired lands using Preservation 2000 funds to make them available for public recreational use; requiring water management districts and the department to control the growth of nonnative invasive plant species on certain lands; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; conforming cross-references; prohibiting more than a certain amount of funds to be expended from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for funding a certain contractual arrangement; amending s. 259.1051, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 338.250, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 373.026(8)(c), F.S., relating to the use of state funds for land purchases for certain projects; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 373.129, F.S.; requiring certain civil penalties to be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund; amending ss. 373.1391 and 373.199, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 373.430, F.S.; requiring certain moneys to be deposited into the Florida Permit Fee Trust Fund rather than the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; amending ss. 373.459, 373.4592, 373.45926, 373.470, and 373.584, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 373.59, F.S.; conforming provisions affected by the termination of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund; amending s. 373.5905, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 373.703 and 375.031, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; designating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection for receipt of certain documentary stamp tax revenues for the prescribed uses of s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; providing priority for the use of moneys in the trust fund; requiring agencies receiving transfers of moneys from the fund to maintain the integrity of such funds; amending s. 375.044, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 375.045, F.S., relating to the

Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; amending s. 375.075, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 376.11, F.S.; revising the funds required to be deposited into the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund and the purposes for which such funds may be used; amending s. 376.123, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 376.307, F.S.; revising the funds required to be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund and the purposes for which such funds may be used; amending s. 376.40, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 379.202, F.S., relating to the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program Trust Fund of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 379.206, F.S.; requiring grants and donations from development-of-regional-impact wildlife mitigation contributions to be credited to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund; amending s. 379.212, F.S.; providing that the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall be used to implement s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; authorizing the department to transfer certain funds; requiring the commission to maintain the integrity of such funds; amending s. 379.362, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to use funds appropriated from the Land Acquisition Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection to fund certain oyster management and restoration programs; amending s. 380.0666, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 380.0677, F.S., relating to the Green Swamp Land Authority; amending s. 380.507, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 380.508, F.S.; requiring certain funds to be credited to or deposited into the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; requiring funds over and above eligible project costs to be deposited into the Florida Forever Trust Fund rather than the Florida Communities Trust Fund; amending s. 380.510, F.S.; requiring certain funds collected under a grant or loan agreement to be deposited into the Internal Improvement Trust Fund rather than the Florida Communities Trust Fund; requiring the deed or lease of any real property acquired with certain funds to contain covenants and restrictions sufficient to ensure that the use of such real property complies with s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution; repealing s. 380.511, F.S., relating to the Florida Communities Trust Fund; amending s. 403.0615, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 403.08601 and 403.121, F.S.; requiring certain funds to be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund rather than the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; repealing s. 403.1651, F.S., relating to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; amending s. 403.885, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 403.8911, F.S., relating to the annual appropriation from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund; amending s. 403.9325, F.S.; redefining the term “public lands set aside for conservation or preservation” to include lands and interests acquired with funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; amending s. 403.93345, F.S.; redefining the term “fund” to mean the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund; requiring certain funds to be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund rather than the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund; repealing s. 570.207, F.S., relating to the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 570.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 570.71, F.S.; excluding funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being deposited into the Incidental Trust Fund under certain circumstances; amending s. 895.09, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; reenacting s. 260.015(1)(c), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 259.035, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 258.015(3)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 375.041, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 287.0595(2), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 376.307, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dean—

**SB 586**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; revising and deleting distributions of the tax; providing that specified distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are not subject to the service charge under s. 215.20, F.S.; revising the purposes for

which distributions may be used; repealing s. 161.05301, F.S., relating to beach erosion control project staffing; repealing s. 161.091(3), F.S., relating to funding for the state's beach management plan; repealing s. 375.045, F.S., relating to the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; amending s. 375.075, F.S.; requiring specified public recreation projects to have been selected through the Department of Environmental Protection's competitive selection process prior to the release of funds; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 201.0205, 215.618, 215.619, 259.032, 259.1051, 339.0801, 339.55, 341.303, 343.58, 369.252, 379.214, 379.362, 403.8911, 420.5092, and 420.9073, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 201.031(2), 339.2818(6), 339.2819(5), 339.61(3), 341.051(6), 373.470(4)(e), and 420.9079(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 201.15, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Altman—

**SJR 588**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the State Constitution to allow the Legislature, by general law after a specified date, to exempt from taxation property owned by a municipality that is not used for municipal or public purposes.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senators Altman and Bradley—

**SB 590**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to flags; providing a short title; creating s. 256.041, F.S.; requiring a United States flag or a state flag that is purchased on or after a specified date by the state, a county, or a municipality for public use to be made in the United States; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 592**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing that amendments or modifications related to local government water conservation practices or design criteria which are adopted to an edition of the Florida Building Code do not expire and shall be carried forward into the next edition of the code, subject to review or modification; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 594**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agritourism; amending s. 570.85, F.S.; prohibiting a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 596**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to craft distilleries; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; defining the term "branded product"; applying the current limitation on the number of containers that may be sold to consumers by craft distilleries to individual containers for each branded product; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 598**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to boating under the influence; creating s. 322.266, F.S.; providing that a conviction for boating under the influence be recorded in a person's driving record; providing that prior convictions for boating under the influence are considered prior convictions for driving under the influence; amending s. 327.35, F.S.; providing that a conviction for boating under the influence be reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that prior convictions for driving under the influence are considered prior convictions for boating under the influence; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 600**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance guaranty associations; amending s. 625.012, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "asset" to include Florida Insurance Guaranty Association assessments, under certain conditions, for purposes of determining the financial condition of an insurer; amending ss. 631.717 and 631.737, F.S.; transferring a provision relating to the obligation of the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association to pay valid claims under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 624.316(1)(a), 625.031, 625.305(1), 627.828(3)(b), and 629.401(6)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 625.012, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Gaetz and Galvano—

**SB 602**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with disabilities; amending s. 1002.385, F.S.; revising definitions; revising scholarship application deadlines and guidelines; requiring authorized program funds to support the student's educational needs; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to create certain procedures; authorizing part-time private tutoring services by persons meeting certain requirements; clarifying and expanding responsibilities of the Department of Education; revising the conditions under which a student's personal learning scholarship account must be closed; revising the responsibilities for school districts; revising private school eligibility requirements; revising responsibilities for parents and students who participate in the program; requiring a parent to affirm program funds are only used for authorized purposes that serve the student's educational needs; revising responsibilities of eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations pertaining to the administration of personal learning scholarship accounts; revising the wait list and priority of approving renewal and new applications; revising the notice requirement of an organization; authorizing accrued interest to be used for authorized expenditures; requiring accrued interest to be reverted as a part of reverted scholarship funds; revising taxable income requirements; removing obsolete audit requirements; requiring the Auditor General to provide a copy of each annual operational audit performed to the Commissioner of Education within a specified timeframe; correcting cross-references; providing future repeal of provisions pertaining to an implementation schedule of notification and eligibility timelines; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; authorizing a prepaid college plan to be purchased, accounted for, used, and terminated under certain circumstances; specifying State Board of Education rulemaking requirements; requiring the department to make rules; outlining specific rulemaking requirements of the Department of Education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.



By Senator Flores—

**SB 604**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection; creating s. 501.155, F.S.; providing a short title; providing applicability; providing definitions; requiring owners and operators of specified websites and online services to disclose certain information; providing for injunctive relief; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senators Gaetz and Montford—

**SB 606**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dental care; creating s. 381.4019, F.S.; establishing a joint local and state dental care access account initiative, subject to the availability of funding; authorizing the creation of dental care access accounts; specifying the purpose of the initiative; defining terms; providing criteria for the selection of dentists for participation in the initiative; providing for the establishment of accounts; requiring the Department of Health to implement an electronic benefit transfer system; providing for the use of funds deposited in the accounts; authorizing the department to distribute state funds to accounts subject to legislative appropriations; authorizing the department to accept contributions from local sources for deposit in designated accounts; limiting the number of years that an account may remain open; providing for the immediate closure of accounts under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to transfer state funds remaining in a closed account at a specified time and to return unspent funds from local sources; requiring a dentist to repay funds in certain circumstances; authorizing the department to pursue enforcement actions and to use other legal means to recover funds; authorizing the department to establish application procedures by rule; requiring the department to give priority to applications from dentists practicing in certain areas; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to rank shortage areas and medically underserved areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 608**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to real estate brokers and appraisers; amending s. 475.15, F.S.; requiring the Florida Real Estate Commission to adopt certain rules pertaining to broker registration on a temporary, emergency basis; amending s. 475.17, F.S.; clarifying education requirements that apply for postlicensure and initial real estate licensure; amending s. 475.183, F.S.; providing that the commission may reinstate the license of an individual in certain circumstances; amending s. 475.629, F.S.; requiring an appraiser to prepare and retain a work file in certain circumstances; requiring the work file to be retained for a specified period; requiring the work file to contain certain documents; requiring appraisal management companies to retain certain items; removing the prohibition that the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may not inspect or copy the records except in certain circumstances; amending s. 475.6295, F.S.; providing that duly authorized agents and employees of the department may inspect an appraisal management company at all reasonable hours; amending s. 475.631, F.S.; removing the board's authority to enter into written agreements with similar licensing or certification authorities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 610**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to food deserts; creating s. 220.197, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the food desert business tax credit for certain businesses that sell nutrient-dense food items in areas designated as food deserts; providing for the amount of the credit; requiring taxpayers to submit an application to the Department of Revenue in order to claim the tax credit; requiring the department and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to review and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the continuation of the

tax credit; providing penalties for fraudulent claims for the tax credit; authorizing rulemaking authority; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 612**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cosmetic product registration; amending s. 499.015, F.S.; removing the requirement that a person who manufactures, packages, repackages, labels, or relabels a cosmetic in this state must register such cosmetic biennially with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending ss. 499.003 and 499.041, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 614**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug prescription by advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants; amending s. 110.12315, F.S.; expanding the categories of persons who may prescribe brand drugs under the prescription drug program when medically necessary; amending ss. 310.071, 310.073, and 310.081, F.S.; exempting controlled substances prescribed by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a physician assistant from the disqualifications for certification or licensure, and for continued certification or licensure, as a deputy or state pilot; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; applying existing penalties for violations relating to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances to an advanced registered nurse practitioner; amending s. 456.44, F.S.; deleting an obsolete date; requiring advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants who prescribe controlled substances for certain pain to make a certain designation, comply with registration requirements, and follow specified standards of practice; providing applicability; amending 458.347, F.S.; expanding the prescribing authority of a licensed physician assistant; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing an advanced registered nurse practitioner to prescribe, dispense, administer, or order drugs, rather than to monitor and alter drug therapies; amending s. 464.018, F.S.; specifying acts that constitute grounds for denial of a license for or disciplinary action against an advanced registered nurse practitioner; amending s. 893.02, F.S.; redefining the term “practitioner” to include advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants under the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act; amending s. 948.03, F.S.; providing that possession of drugs or narcotics prescribed by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is an exception from a prohibition relating to the possession of drugs or narcotics during probation; reenacting s. 310.071(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 310.071, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 456.072(1)(mm) and 466.02751, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 456.44, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 458.303, 458.347(4)(e) and (9)(c), 458.3475(7)(b), 459.022(4)(e) and (9)(c), and 459.023(7)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 458.347, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 456.041(1)(a), 458.348(1) and (2), and 459.025(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 464.012, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 320.0848(11), 464.008(2), 464.009(5), 464.018(2), and 464.0205(1)(b), (3), and (4)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 464.018, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 775.051, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.02, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 944.17(3)(a), 948.001(8), and 948.101(1)(e), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.03, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 616**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education accountability; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising requirements for the administration of local assessments; transferring provisions relating to

district school board policies regarding assessments; restricting the amount of school hours that a school district may dedicate to administer specified assessments; requiring a school district to secure consent of a student's parent if school hours dedicated to the administration of local assessments exceed the threshold amount; authorizing a student to take an examination or assessment adopted pursuant to State Board of Education rule; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; revising the percentage thresholds for performance evaluation criteria for instructional personnel and school administrators; specifying standards for the content and the administration of local assessments; specifying requirements for eligibility of salary adjustments for instructional personnel or school administrators; requiring the state board to adopt rules by a certain date; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; adding references to school improvement ratings; authorizing a school district to request approval from the state board to use student performance results on new statewide assessments for diagnostic and baseline purposes; requiring a district school superintendent to submit the waiver request to the Commissioner of Education; specifying required content of a waiver request; requiring the commissioner to review and make recommendations to the state board regarding each waiver request; specifying conditions and requirements for a school that is granted a waiver for the 2014-2015 school year; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 618**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to secondary metals recyclers; transferring administration of part II of chapter 538, F.S., relating to secondary metals recyclers, from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for applicability with respect to pending actions, orders, and rules; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to share certain confidential information with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending ss. 319.30, 538.18, and 538.19, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 538.20, F.S.; authorizing specified persons to inspect regulated metals property and records; amending s. 538.21, F.S.; prohibiting a secondary metals recycler from disposing of certain property for a specified period; amending s. 538.23, F.S.; revising violations subject to criminal penalties; amending s. 538.25, F.S.; revising application requirements for registration as a secondary metals recycler; revising registration fees; requiring such fees to be transferred into the General Inspection Trust Fund; requiring applicants to submit fingerprints and pay a fee for fingerprint processing and retention; providing for the submission, retention, and use of collected fingerprints; requiring secondary metals recyclers to maintain specified insurance coverage; authorizing the department to suspend the registration or eligibility for registration of a secondary metal recycler that does not maintain the required coverage; requiring secondary metals recyclers to exhibit active registration certificates from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services before applying for or renewing a local business tax receipt; requiring secondary metals recyclers to allow department personnel to enter certain places of business for a specified purpose; authorizing the department to seek a warrant if such access is denied; revising penalties for noncompliance; requiring the department to suspend certain registrations or applications for registration under certain circumstances; amending s. 538.26, F.S.; prohibiting secondary metals recyclers from purchasing regulated metals property, restricted regulated metals property, or ferrous metals between certain hours or on Sundays; prohibiting the purchase of specified restricted regulated metals property without obtaining certain proof of the seller's ownership of, or authority to sell, the regulated metals property; revising the number of lead-acid batteries purchased in a single purchase by the same individual in a single day which makes a purchase subject to certain restrictions; creating s. 538.27, F.S.; providing penalties for noncompliance; creating s. 538.29, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 620**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency management; amending s. 252.921, F.S.; revising a short title provision; creating s. 252.9335, F.S.; exempting certain employees from specified travel expense provisions when traveling under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senators Montford and Bean—

**SB 622**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education facilities financing; amending s. 243.52, F.S.; expanding the definition of the term "project" as it relates to the Higher Educational Facilities Financing Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Thompson and Smith—

**SB 624**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funding for high school interscholastic athletic programs; providing legislative findings; levying a surcharge on the admission charges for professional sporting events; defining the term "professional sporting event"; providing that certain admissions are exempt from the surcharge; requiring the Department of Revenue to administer, collect, and enforce the surcharge; providing for deposit and use of surcharge proceeds for high school interscholastic athletic programs; providing a formula for allocating the proceeds among school districts and schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thompson—

**SB 626**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of force; amending ss. 776.012, 776.013, and 776.031, F.S.; deleting provisions specifying that a person has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force in certain circumstances; reenacting s. 790.25(5), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 776.012, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 776.032(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 776.012, 776.013, and 776.031, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 628**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to behavior analysts; amending s. 20.43, F.S.; establishing the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance; amending s. 456.001, F.S.; including licensed behavior analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts in the definition of "health care practitioner"; amending s. 456.0135, F.S.; requiring an applicant for initial licensure as a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst to include fingerprints pursuant to certain procedures; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 470.40, F.S.; providing a purpose; creating s. 470.41, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 470.415, F.S.; creating the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis; providing membership and terms for the board; creating s. 470.42, F.S.; providing requirements for initial licensure as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; providing requirements for renewal of license; requiring fees collected by the Department of Health to be deposited into a specified trust fund; creating s. 470.43, F.S.; providing grounds for disciplinary action or the denial of a license; authorizing the board to enter an order denying licensure to or imposing penalties against an applicant under certain circumstances; creating s. 470.44, F.S.; providing penalties for practicing applied behavior analysis or for

identifying oneself as a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant behavior analyst without a license; creating s. 470.45, F.S.; providing exceptions to applicability; creating s. 470.46, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the board to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 630**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transfers to minors; amending s. 710.102, F.S.; defining the term “general power of appointment”; amending s. 710.105, F.S.; specifying that certain transfers from a trust are considered as having been made directly by the grantor of the trust; amending s. 710.123, F.S.; authorizing custodianships established by irrevocable gift and by irrevocable exercise of power of appointment to terminate when a minor attains the age of 25, subject to the minor’s right in such custodianships to compel distribution of the property upon attaining the age of 21; limiting liability of financial institutions for certain distributions of custodial property; reenacting ss. 710.117(2) and 710.121(2) and (6), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 710.105, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 632**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn adrenoleukodystrophy screening; creating s. 383.147, F.S.; providing definitions; directing the Department of Health to establish requirements for newborn adrenoleukodystrophy screening; providing certain insurance and managed care coverage; providing adrenoleukodystrophy screening as a covered benefit; providing an exemption; providing for documentation of objections to screening by the parent or legal guardian; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 634**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to responsibilities of health care facilities; repealing s. 383.336, F.S., relating to practice parameters for physicians performing Caesarean section deliveries in provider hospitals; amending s. 395.1051, F.S.; requiring a hospital to notify certain obstetrical physicians within a specified timeframe before the hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide obstetrical services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 636**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public accountancy; amending s. 473.302, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “licensed audit firm”; amending s. 473.3101, F.S.; revising which firms are required to hold a public accounting license; amending s. 473.316, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “quality review” to include a peer review; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 638**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education facilities; amending s. 1011.61, F.S.; revising the term “full-time student” for the purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 640**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vital statistics; amending s. 382.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 382.003, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health to produce and maintain paper death certificates and fetal death certificates and issue burial-transit permits; amending s. 382.006, F.S.; requiring a funeral director to provide electronic burial-transit permits to certain persons; assigning responsibility for manually filed paper death records to the subregistrar; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 382.007, F.S.; revising provisions relating to records of final dispositions of dead bodies; requiring maintenance of records for a specified period; amending s. 382.008, F.S.; requiring electronic filing of death and fetal death certificates with the department or local registrar on a prescribed form; authorizing certain legally authorized persons to provide personal data about the deceased; authorizing the department, rather than the local registrar, to grant an extension of time for providing certain information regarding a death or a fetal death; amending s. 382.0085, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 382.011, F.S.; retaining a funeral director’s responsibility to file a death or fetal death certificate with the department, rather than with the local registrar; amending s. 382.0135, F.S.; requiring the department to electronically notify the United States Social Security Administration of deaths in the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Benacquisto and Sobel—

**SB 642**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individuals with disabilities; creating s. 1009.985, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 1009.986, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as “Florida ABLE, Inc.”; specifying requirements for the registration, organization, incorporation, and operation of the organization; requiring the organization to operate under a written contract with the Florida Prepaid College Board; specifying provisions that must be included in the contract; requiring the organization to provide for an annual financial audit and supplemental data under certain circumstances; establishing and providing for the membership of a board of directors for the organization; providing limits on a director’s authority; specifying meeting and quorum requirements; prohibiting compensation for the service of directors and other specified members; authorizing specified reimbursement for the travel expenses of directors and specified members of the organization; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; authorizing the organization to establish the Florida ABLE program; specifying requirements that must be met before implementation of the program; requiring that the organization develop a participation agreement that contains specified provisions; authorizing other provisions that may be included in the agreement; providing for the amendment of the agreement under certain circumstances; providing for the use of the balance of an abandoned ABLE account by the organization; providing that contracts and participation agreements entered into by the organization do not constitute a debt or obligation of the state; authorizing the organization to contract with other states for specified purposes; providing for termination of the program under certain circumstances and for the disposition of certain assets upon termination; prohibiting the state from limiting or altering the specified vested rights of designated beneficiaries except under specified circumstances; requiring the organization to establish a comprehensive investment plan for the program; exempting funds paid into the program’s trust fund from the claims of specified creditors; providing for recovery by Medicaid of certain medical assistance provided to a deceased designated beneficiary; providing for the distribution of the balance of a deceased designated beneficiary’s ABLE account; requiring the organization to provide specified data and files to the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing that specified payroll deduction authority applies to the Florida Prepaid College Board and the organization for the purpose of administering the program; requiring the organization to submit an annual report to specified entities; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to adopt rules; providing that the section is re-

pealed on a specified date; amending s. 222.22, F.S.; providing that specified moneys, assets, and income of a qualified ABLE program, including the Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants; amending s. 1009.971, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 644**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 1009.988, F.S.; creating the Florida ABLE Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 646**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 1009.987, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial and health information held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., the Florida ABLE program, or an agent or service provider thereof; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 648**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the land application of septage; amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; removing the future prohibition against the land application of septage from onsite treatment and disposal systems; requiring land application to be subject to certain requirements; defining the term “spring protection and management zone”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 650**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a county and municipality homestead tax exemption; amending s. 196.075, F.S.; revising the homestead tax exemption that may be adopted by a county or municipality by ordinance for the assessed value of property with a just value less than \$250,000 which is owned by persons age 65 or older who meet certain residence and income requirements; specifying that just value shall be determined at the time of the owner’s initial application for the exemption; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SJR 652**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII of the State Constitution to revise the homestead tax exemption that may be granted by counties or municipalities, if authorized by general law, for the assessed value of property with a just value less than \$250,000 which is owned by persons age 65 or older who meet certain residence and income requirements, to specify that just value shall be determined at the time of the owner’s initial application for the exemption.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Rules.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 654**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state ombudsman program; amending s. 400.0060, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 400.0061, F.S.; revising legislative intent with respect to citizen ombudsmen; deleting references to ombudsman councils and transferring their responsibilities to representatives of the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; amending s. 400.0063, F.S.; revising duties of the office; amending s. 400.0065, F.S.; revising the purpose of the office; revising the duties and authority of the state ombudsman; requiring the state ombudsman to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, and specified agencies and entities; amending s. 400.0067, F.S.; revising duties and membership of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council; amending s. 400.0069, F.S.; requiring the state ombudsman to designate and direct program districts; providing duties of representatives of the office in the districts; revising the appointments of and qualifications for district ombudsmen; prohibiting certain individuals from serving as ombudsmen; deleting provisions that provide for an election of a chair of a local council and the meeting times for the local council; amending s. 400.0070, F.S.; providing conditions under which a representative of the office could be found to have a conflict of interest; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in consultation with the state ombudsman, to define by rule what constitutes a conflict of interest; amending s. 400.0071, F.S.; requiring the department to consult with the state ombudsman to adopt rules pertaining to complaint procedures; amending s. 400.0073, F.S.; providing procedures for investigation of complaints; amending s. 400.0074, F.S.; revising procedures for conducting onsite administrative assessments; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 400.0075, F.S.; revising complaint notification and resolution procedures; amending s. 400.0078, F.S.; providing for a resident or representative of a resident to receive additional information regarding resident rights; amending s. 400.0079, F.S.; providing immunity from liability for a representative of the office under certain circumstances; amending s. 400.0081, F.S.; requiring long-term care facilities to provide representatives of the office with access to facilities, residents, and records for certain purposes; amending s. 400.0083, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 400.0087, F.S.; providing for the office to coordinate ombudsman services with Disability Rights Florida; amending s. 400.0089, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 400.0091, F.S.; revising training requirements for representatives of the office and ombudsmen; amending ss. 20.41, 400.021, 400.022, 400.0255, 400.1413, 400.162, 400.19, 400.191, 400.23, 400.235, 415.102, 415.1034, 415.104, 415.1055, 415.106, 415.107, 429.02, 429.07, 429.19, 429.26, 429.28, 429.34, 429.35, 429.67, 429.85, 744.102, and 744.444, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 656**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to landlords and tenants; amending s. 83.42, F.S.; excluding transient occupancy in a dwelling unit or premises from the regulation of residential tenancies; amending s. 83.43, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “transient occupancy”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 658**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interpreters for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 468.861, F.S.; providing a purpose; creating s. 468.8611, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 468.8612, F.S.; creating the Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; providing board membership and terms; providing that ch. 455, F.S., relating to the activities of a board, applies to board

members; creating s. 468.8613, F.S.; requiring an interpreter to apply for a license or permit within a specified timeframe; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue an initial license, permit, or provisional permit to an applicant who meets certain criteria; requiring licensees and permit holders to provide proof of the completion of specified continuing education requirements; requiring the department to issue a license, permit, or provisional permit to a holder of an active license or permit issued by another state or territory under certain circumstances; requiring background checks on an applicant for initial issuance of a license or permit; prohibiting the department from denying a license or permit to an applicant under certain circumstances; requiring the department to issue renewals of licenses and permits under certain circumstances; creating s. 468.8614, F.S.; requiring an interpreting agency to register with the department; providing application requirements; creating s. 468.8615, F.S.; requiring an individual to have an active license or permit to serve as an interpreter; providing penalties; requiring an individual to elect active or inactive status at the time of license or permit renewal; requiring an individual to take certain actions in order to elect inactive status; authorizing the board to discipline an individual for an act or omission; directing the board to send notices to a licensee or permit holder before the expiration or cancellation of a license or permit; creating s. 468.8616, F.S.; requiring the department to charge fees; authorizing the board to earmark a specific amount from such fees for certain purposes; requiring that all moneys collected by the department from such fees be deposited into the Professional Regulation Trust Fund; authorizing the Legislature to appropriate any excess moneys from the trust fund to the General Revenue Fund; requiring the department to submit a proposed budget; creating s. 468.8617, F.S.; prohibiting certain actions by individuals and entities; providing penalties; creating s. 468.8618, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue and deliver a notice to cease and desist in certain circumstances; creating s. 468.8619, F.S.; providing applicability; creating s. 468.862, F.S.; requiring the board and the department to adopt rules; providing guidelines for the department rules; amending s. 20.165, F.S.; providing that the board is established within the Division of Professions; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 660**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assault or battery on a utility worker; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; defining the term “utility worker”; providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against a utility worker; amending ss. 901.15, 921.0022, 943.051, 985.11, and 985.644, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 662**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile homes; amending s. 73.072, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 723.003, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 723.006, F.S.; requiring the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to approve training and educational programs for board members of mobile home owners’ associations; providing duties of the division; providing requirements for education curriculum information for board member and mobile home owner training; amending s. 723.023, F.S.; revising mobile home owner’s general obligations; amending s. 723.031, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 723.037, F.S.; providing and revising requirements for lot rental increases; amending s. 723.059, F.S.; revising provisions relating to rights of purchasers of lifetime leases; amending s. 723.0611, F.S.; providing for the removal of a member of the board of directors under certain conditions; amending s. 723.078, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to the bylaws of homeowners’ associations; revising quorum and voting requirements; revising provisions relating to board of directors, committee, and member meetings; providing requirements for meeting minutes; revising requirements for the amendment of articles of incorporation and bylaws; revising requirements for the recall of board members; creating s. 723.1255, F.S.; providing requirements for the alternative resolution of recall disputes;

creating s. 723.0781, F.S.; specifying certification or educational requirements for a newly elected or appointed board member; amending s. 723.079, F.S.; revising and providing requirements relating to the official records of the association; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 664**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing in capital felonies; amending ss. 921.141 and 921.142, F.S.; requiring that an advisory sentence of death be made by a unanimous recommendation of the jury after a defendant’s conviction or adjudication of guilt for a capital felony or capital drug trafficking felony; requiring the court to instruct the jury that, in order for the jury to recommend to the court that the death penalty be imposed, the jury must find that sufficient aggravating circumstances exist which outweigh the mitigating circumstances found to exist; requiring the court to instruct the jury that each aggravating circumstance used to support the jury’s recommendation of death must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt by a unanimous vote; requiring that the court provide a special verdict form specifying each aggravating circumstance found; limiting the court’s findings concerning aggravating circumstances to those found by the jury; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 666**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential tenant insurance policies; creating s. 83.491, F.S.; requiring a written residential rental agreement to include a statement specifying whether insurance coverage is required; providing a form for such statement; providing notice requirements; limiting the scope to written rental agreements; prohibiting a cause of action relating to a landlord’s failure to enforce an insurance requirement; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 668**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the emergency fire rescue services and facilities surtax; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; revising the distribution of surtax proceeds; deleting a provision requiring the county governing authority to develop and execute interlocal agreements with local government entities providing emergency fire and rescue services; requiring a local government entity requesting and receiving certain personnel or equipment from another service provider to pay for such personnel or equipment from its share of surtax proceeds; deleting a requirement that surtaxes collected in excess of projected collections be applied as a rebate to the final millage; deleting a provision requiring local government entities to enter into an interlocal agreement in order to receive surtax proceeds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 670**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pet services and advocacy programs; creating part VII of chapter 125, F.S.; authorizing counties to create independent special districts and, if approved by referendum, levy ad valorem taxes to provide funding for pet services and advocacy programs; creating a Pets’ Trust council; providing for council membership, powers, and functions; providing that certain nonbinding straw ballots satisfy referendum requirements; providing for expiration of the programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 672**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.031, F.S.; authorizing a criminal witness subpoena commanding a witness to appear for a deposition to be posted at the witness's residence by an authorized person if one attempt to serve the subpoena has failed; reenacting ss. 48.196(2) and 409.257(5), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 48.031, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 674**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal identifying information of current or former servicemembers of military special operations units and the spouses and children of such servicemembers; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 676**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voluntary contributions to End Breast Cancer; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring the application forms for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration to include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to End Breast Cancer to be distributed to a specified organization and used for specified purposes; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring an application form for a driver license or identification card to include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to End Breast Cancer to be distributed to a specified organization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 678**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reciprocal insurers; amending s. 629.271, F.S.; authorizing a reciprocal insurer to distribute a portion of unassigned funds up to a specified limit if approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation; providing that such distribution may not unfairly discriminate between classes of risks or policies or between subscribers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 680**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending ss. 327.37, 327.39, and 327.50, F.S.; requiring personal flotation devices to be used in accordance with the United States Coast Guard approval labels; amending s. 379.357, F.S.; revising the dates for tarpon tag validity; deleting the requirement that tax collectors submit forms annually relating to the number of unissued tags; deleting the requirement for submitting forms relating to tarpon landed; amending s. 379.361, F.S.; removing the income requirement for a restricted species endorsement on a saltwater products license; amending s. 379.3012, F.S.; revising the rulemaking authority of the commission relating to the alligator management and trapping program; amending s. 379.364, F.S.; requiring resident dealers to pay a

certain fee per annum; removing the requirement for dealers and buyers to forward reports relating to the number and kinds of hide bought; removing the requirement that common carriers only ship, transport, or receive hides or furs marked with certain identifying information; amending s. 379.3751, F.S.; removing the rulemaking authority of the commission to limit the number of participants engaged in the taking of alligators or their eggs from the wild and to establish appropriate qualifications for certain alligator collectors; providing exemptions for alligator trapping licenses; requiring certain licenses to be issued without fee to residents who meet the requirements for disability; clarifying that a management area permit is not required for a person engaged in the taking of an alligator under a permit that authorizes the taking of alligators; providing that the transfer of fees for marketing and education services is contingent upon annual appropriation; reenacting and amending s. 379.3752, F.S.; removing the requirement that the commission expend one-third of the revenue from the issuance of alligator hatchling tags for alligator husbandry research; providing that the transfer of fees for marketing and education services is contingent upon annual appropriation; deleting the requirement that the number of tags pursuant to a collection permit be equal to a safe yield of alligators; amending s. 379.401, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 379.412, F.S.; establishing penalties for the unlawful feeding of wildlife and freshwater fish; providing an exception; repealing s. 379.3011, F.S., relating to the alligator trapping program; repealing s. 379.3013, F.S., relating to alligator study requirements; repealing s. 379.3016, F.S., relating to the prohibition against the sale of alligator products and associated penalties; repealing s. 379.3017, F.S., relating to the restricted use of the terms "alligator" or "gator" in certain sales; reenacting ss. 327.73(1)(i) and 327.375(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 327.37, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 327.73(1)(p), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 327.39, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 327.54(1)(c) and 327.73(1)(m), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 327.50, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 682**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transitional living facilities; creating part XI of ch. 400, F.S.; creating s. 400.997, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 400.9971, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 400.9972, F.S.; requiring the licensure of transitional living facilities; providing license fees and application requirements; requiring accreditation of licensed facilities; creating s. 400.9973, F.S.; providing requirements for transitional living facility policies and procedures governing client admission, transfer, and discharge; creating s. 400.9974, F.S.; requiring a comprehensive treatment plan to be developed for each client; providing plan and staffing requirements; requiring certain consent for continued treatment in a transitional living facility; creating s. 400.9975, F.S.; providing licensee responsibilities with respect to each client and specified others and requiring written notice of such responsibilities to be provided; prohibiting a licensee or employee of a facility from serving notice upon a client to leave the premises or taking other retaliatory action under certain circumstances; requiring the client and client's representative to be provided with certain information; requiring the licensee to develop and implement certain policies and procedures governing the release of client information; creating s. 400.9976, F.S.; providing licensee requirements relating to administration of medication; requiring maintenance of medication administration records; providing requirements for the self-administration of medication by clients; creating s. 400.9977, F.S.; providing training and supervision requirements for the administration of medications by unlicensed staff; specifying who may conduct the training; requiring licensees to adopt certain policies and procedures and maintain specified records with respect to the administration of medications by unlicensed staff; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt rules; creating s. 400.9978, F.S.; providing requirements for the screening of potential employees and training and monitoring of employees for the protection of clients; requiring licensees to implement certain policies and procedures to protect clients; providing conditions for investigating and reporting incidents of abuse, neglect, mistreatment, or exploitation of clients; creating s. 400.9979, F.S.; providing re-

quirements and limitations for the use of physical restraints, seclusion, and chemical restraint medication on clients; providing a limitation on the duration of an emergency treatment order; requiring notification of certain persons when restraint or seclusion is imposed; authorizing the agency to adopt rules; creating s. 400.998, F.S.; providing background screening requirements for licensee personnel; requiring the licensee to maintain certain personnel records; providing administrative responsibilities for licensees; providing recordkeeping requirements; creating s. 400.9981, F.S.; providing licensee responsibilities with respect to the property and personal affairs of clients; providing requirements for a licensee with respect to obtaining surety bonds; providing recordkeeping requirements relating to the safekeeping of personal effects; providing requirements for trust funds or other property received by a licensee and credited to the client; providing a penalty for certain misuse of a client's personal funds, property, or personal needs allowance; providing criminal penalties for violations; providing for the disposition of property in the event of the death of a client; authorizing the agency to adopt rules; creating s. 400.9982, F.S.; providing legislative intent; authorizing the agency to adopt and enforce rules establishing specified standards for transitional living facilities and personnel thereof; creating s. 400.9983, F.S.; classifying certain violations and providing penalties therefor; providing administrative fines for specified classes of violations; creating s. 400.9984, F.S.; authorizing the agency to apply certain provisions with regard to receivership proceedings; creating s. 400.9985, F.S.; requiring the agency, the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Department of Children and Families to develop electronic information systems for certain purposes; transferring and renumbering s. 400.805, F.S., as s. 400.9986, F.S.; repealing s. 400.9986, F.S., relating to transitional living facilities, on a specified date; revising the title of part V of ch. 400, F.S.; amending s. 381.745, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "transitional living facility," to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 381.75, F.S.; revising the duties of the Department of Health and the agency relating to transitional living facilities; amending ss. 381.78, 400.93, 408.802, and 408.820, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 381.79(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 381.75, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing for the act's applicability to licensed transitional living facilities licensed on specified dates; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 684**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to convenience businesses; amending s. 812.171, F.S.; revising the term "convenience business"; amending s. 812.173, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; amending s. 812.174, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; removing the requirement that a curriculum be submitted for reapproval biennially with a specified administrative fee; removing a requirement that specified curriculum be subject to reapproval 2 years from initial approval and biennially thereafter; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 686**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military housing ad valorem tax exemptions; amending s. 196.199, F.S.; providing that certain leasehold interests and improvements to land owned by the United States, a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States are exempt from ad valorem taxation under specified circumstances; providing that such leasehold interests and improvements are entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation without an application being filed for the exemption or the property appraiser approving the exemption; providing non-applicability of provisions to transient public lodging establishments; providing retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 688**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the opening and closing of public schools; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising a requirement for the uniform opening date of public schools; amending s. 1003.621, F.S.; providing that academically high-performing school districts must comply with provisions relating to the uniform opening date of public schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 690**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to toilet access; amending s. 381.009, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a retail establishment serving the public which has a toilet facility for its employees to allow a customer to use the facility during normal business hours if certain conditions are met; providing that a retail establishment or an employee of a retail establishment is not civilly liable for a specified act or omission that occurs as a result of allowing a customer to use an employee toilet facility; authorizing the Department of Health to impose a fine upon a retail establishment or an employee of a retail establishment in certain circumstances; providing that the amounts collected from fines shall be deposited into an appropriate trust fund of the Department of Health; requiring a customer to present to an employee of a retail establishment proof of an eligible medical condition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 692**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; providing an exception to the prohibition on a high-performing charter school establishing more than one charter school in this state under specified circumstances; amending s. 1002.332, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state entities to apply for designation as a high-performing charter school system; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt by rule eligibility criteria for such designation; requiring that charter schools established by such entities receive a reduction in certain administrative fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 694**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; amending s. 110.181, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that state officers and employees designate a charitable organization to receive their contributions from the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; deleting requirements for independent unaffiliated agencies, international service agencies, and national agencies; requiring the fiscal agent selected by the Department of Management Services to distribute undesignated funds in a specified manner; deleting the requirement that a local steering committee be established in each fiscal agent area; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 696**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reemployment after retirement; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; authorizing Florida Retirement System members to be reemployed after retirement under certain con-

ditions; amending s. 121.591, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 698**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Safe and Free Florida license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2015 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2015 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the August 7-11, 2014, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2015 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the 2015 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 702**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.45, 11.9336, 20.255, 27.366, 28.22205, 39.307, 39.524, 40.32, 61.13016, 112.31455, 163.32466, 189.074, 200.065, 212.0606, 285.18, 287.0595, 288.9934, 288.9936, 298.01, 316.545, 322.058, 327.391, 337.403, 339.041, 339.135, 339.2818, 348.753, 348.7546, 365.172, 373.223, 376.3072, 377.6015, 379.2495, 380.06, 381.78, 394.494, 394.495, 394.913, 397.333, 397.754, 397.92, 400.022, 403.067, 408.036, 408.061, 409.1678, 409.906, 409.966, 409.986, 409.987, 456.039, 456.074, 479.03, 479.16, 480.041, 480.043, 482.161, 487.2031, 499.84, 499.91, 499.92, 514.0115, 538.03, 570.07, 570.482, 597.020, 605.0712, 605.0805, 624.523, 625.1212, 626.0428, 627.062, 627.745, 627.797, 662.121, 662.122, 662.1225, 662.130, 662.141, 662.146, 662.147, 680.528, 721.13, 775.0862, 775.21, 775.25, 784.078, 787.02, 787.06, 921.1402, 940.031, 943.0435, 944.275, 960.03, 960.065, 961.06, 985.0301, 985.265, 1002.395, 1003.4203, 1003.4282, 1003.493, 1003.4935, 1003.51, 1003.5716, 1005.33, 1007.271, 1008.22, 1008.25, 1008.34, 1008.44, 1011.80, 1011.81, 1011.905, 1013.738, F.S.; reenacting and amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; reenacting ss. 288.001, 430.502, 509.032, 539.001, and 718.116, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; and confirming the restoration of provisions unintentionally omitted from republication in the acts of the Legislature during the amendatory process; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 704**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 88.7011, 120.745, 163.336, 218.077(5), 220.33(7), 253.01(2)(b), 288.106(4)(f), 339.08(1)(n), 381.0407, 403.709(1)(f), 409.911(10), 409.91211, 430.04(15), 430.502(10)-(12), 443.131(5), 624.351, 624.352, and 626.2815(7), F.S., and amending ss. 110.123, 339.135, 409.912, 409.9122, 576.061, 828.27, and 1002.32, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or ex-

piration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2015 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 409.91195, 409.91196, 409.962, 636.0145, 641.19, 641.225, and 641.386, F.S., to conform cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 706**—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 257.171, 257.193, 257.43, 393.0651, 393.066, 394.4789, 394.495, 394.496, 394.497, 397.406, 397.407, 397.427, 397.471, 397.901, 397.96, 400.147, 401.113, 401.252, 401.34, 402.04, 402.47, 403.414, 403.510, 403.7061, 403.763, 403.871, 403.873, 403.874, 403.876, 403.942, 406.11, 409.2598, 409.9102, 415.112, 420.526, 420.527, 429.44, 467.0125, 467.013, 467.019, 468.1165, 468.307, 468.3851, 468.3852, 468.404, 468.435, 468.532, 468.8312, 468.8317, 468.8412, 476.214, 477.022, 479.07, 481.205, 502.121, and 509.035, F.S., and repealing s. 415.112, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rule-making authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 708**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to code enforcement officers; amending s. 162.04, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “code enforcement officer”; amending s. 162.21, F.S.; providing educational requirements for code enforcement officers; providing for certification upon successful passage of minimum standards training course and examination; requiring certain currently employed officers to pass a basic skills examination within a specified period; specifying timeframes within which standards training courses must be passed; requiring postcertification training by code enforcement officers at specified intervals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Grimsley and Ring—

**SB 710**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physical therapy practice; amending s. 486.021, F.S.; redefining the terms “physical therapist,” “physical therapy practitioner,” “physical therapy” or “physiotherapy,” and “practice of physical therapy”; amending s. 486.025, F.S.; providing additional powers to the Board of Physical Therapy Practice; amending s. 486.081, F.S.; providing restrictions on the use of the title “doctor”; amending s. 486.135, F.S.; prohibiting a person who is not licensed as a physical therapist from using certain designations for false representation; providing restrictions on the use of the title “doctor”; reenacting ss. 1002.385(5)(c) and 1002.66(2)(d), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 486.021, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 486.021(4) and 486.031(3)(c), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 486.081, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 712**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting all aircraft sales or leases, rather than the sales or leases of certain aircraft, from the sales and use tax; deleting the definition of the term “common carrier” to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 212.0801, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.



—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 714**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental control; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; authorizing land set-asides and land-use modifications that reduce nutrient loads into nutrient-impaired surface waters to be used under the water quality credit trading program; amending s. 403.201, F.S.; providing applicability of prohibited variances relating to certain discharges of waste; amending s. 403.709, F.S.; establishing a solid waste landfill closure account within the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund to be used for specified purposes; providing for the deposit of certain funds into the account; reenacting s. 373.414(17), F.S., relating to additional criteria for activities in surface waters and wetlands, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.201, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 716**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterinary medical practice; amending s. 474.203, F.S.; requiring individuals otherwise exempt from the requirements of ch. 474, F.S., relating to veterinary medical practice to comply with the veterinary medical patient record requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Higher Education; and Rules.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 718**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 57.111, F.S.; providing conditions under which a proceeding is not substantially justified for purposes of attorney fees and costs; amending s. 120.54, F.S.; requiring agencies to set a time for workshops for certain unadopted rules; amending s. 120.55, F.S.; providing additional items that must be noticed by an agency in the Florida Administrative Register; requiring agencies to provide such notice to registered recipients under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.56, F.S.; clarifying that petitions for administrative determinations apply to rules and proposed rules; identifying which entities have the burden in hearings in which a rule, proposed rule, or agency statement is at issue; prohibiting an administrative law judge from bifurcating certain petitions; amending s. 120.565, F.S.; authorizing certain parties to state to an agency their understanding of how certain rules apply to specific facts; specifying the timeframe for an agency to provide a declaratory statement; authorizing the award of attorney fees under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.569, F.S.; granting agencies additional time to render final orders under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.57, F.S.; conforming proceedings based on invalid or unadopted rules to proceedings used for challenging existing rules; requiring an agency to issue a notice regarding its reliance on the challenged rule or alleged unadopted rule; authorizing the administrative law judge to make certain findings on the validity of certain alleged unadopted rules; requiring the administrative law judge to issue a separate final order on certain rules and alleged unadopted rules; prohibiting agencies from rejecting specific conclusions of law; limiting situations under which an agency may reject or modify conclusions of law; providing for stay of proceedings not involving disputed issues of fact upon timely filing of a rule challenge; providing that the final order terminates the stay; amending s. 120.573, F.S.; providing additional situations in which a party may request mediation; amending s. 120.595, F.S.; providing criteria for establishing whether a nonprevailing party participated in a proceeding for an improper purpose; revising provisions providing for the award of attorney fees and costs by the appellate court or administrative law judge; providing exceptions; removing a provision authorizing an agency to demonstrate its actions were substantially justified; requiring notice of a proposed challenge by the petitioner as a condition precedent to filing a challenge and being eligible for the reimbursement of attorney fees and costs; authorizing the recovery of attorney fees and costs in-

curring in litigating rights to attorney fees and costs in certain actions; providing such attorney fees and costs are not limited in amount; amending s. 120.68, F.S.; requiring specified agencies to provide notice of appeal to the Administrative Procedures Committee under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.695, F.S.; removing obsolete provisions; requiring agency review and certification of minor rule violations by a specified date; requiring the reporting of agency failure to complete such review and certification; requiring certification of minor violations for all rules adopted after a specified date; requiring public notice; providing for nonapplicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 720**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school choice; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a person or officer of an entity who submits a charter school application to undergo background screening; prohibiting a sponsor from approving a charter school application until completion and receipt of the results of such screening; requiring a charter school applicant to provide evidence of accreditation; revising the deadline by which a charter school must have a certificate of occupancy or temporary certificate of occupancy; requiring that approval of a charter be based on documentation of adequate financial resources to support the charter school's operation; removing obsolete language; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 722**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aviation fuel tax; amending s. 206.9825, F.S.; revising the tax rate of the excise tax on certain aviation fuels; deleting an excise tax exemption for certain aviation fuel delivered by licensed wholesalers or terminal suppliers that increase the state's workforce by certain amounts; providing an effective date.+

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Flores and Gaetz—

**SB 724**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of pregnancies; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.; revising conditions for the voluntary and informed consent to a termination of pregnancy; reenacting s. 390.012(3)(d), F.S., relating to Agency for Health Care Administration rules regarding medical screening and evaluation of abortion clinic patients, to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 390.0111, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 726**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection; amending s. 501.142, F.S.; requiring retail sales establishments that sell goods to the public to grant a refund within a specified period of time for goods costing more than a specified amount if returned by a consumer who has been adjudicated incapacitated or has documentation from a physician of a certain medical condition, or by a representative of the consumer, if specified requirements are satisfied; requiring restitution and providing penalties for a violation of the requirements; making technical changes; amending s. 501.95, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 728**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance coverage for opioids; creating s. 627.64194, F.S.; defining terms; providing that a health insurance policy that covers opioid analgesic drug products may impose a prior authorization requirement for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product only if the insurer imposes the same requirement for each opioid analgesic drug product without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim; prohibiting such health insurance policy from requiring use of an opioid analgesic drug product without an abuse-deterrence labeling claim before providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 730**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disciplinary proceedings for health care practitioners; amending s. 456.073, F.S.; requiring the full Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to review certain complaints; providing that a third complaint alleging medical malpractice is evidence of probable cause; clarifying that multiple complaints alleging the same wrongful treatment of the same patient constitutes one complaint; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 732**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 775.089, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “victim” to include governmental entities and political subdivisions in certain instances; creating ss. 838.23 and 839.27, F.S.; requiring the sentencing judge to order restitution and a specified number of community service work hours for violations of chapter 838, F.S., relating to bribery and misuse of public office, or chapter 839, F.S., relating to offenses by public officers and employees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 734**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries; amending s. 381.78, F.S.; requiring the council to appoint a seven-member committee on brain injury; providing for committee membership; specifying certain duties; requiring the committee to report to the council biannually; requiring the committee to report to the State Surgeon General annually; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 736**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential properties; amending ss. 718.116 and 720.30851, F.S.; providing requirements relating to the request for an estoppel certificate by a unit or parcel owner; providing that the association waives the right to collect any moneys owed in excess of the amounts set forth in the estoppel certificate under certain conditions; providing that the association waives any claim against a person or entity who would have relied in good faith upon the estoppel certificate under certain conditions; providing and revising fee and supplemental fee requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 738**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clinical laboratories; amending s. 483.181, F.S.; requiring certain licensed clinical laboratories to make their services available to specified licensed practitioners; prohibiting such clinical laboratories from charging different prices for its services based on the type of licensee a practitioner has; authorizing such clinical laboratories to refuse to perform a service if the service is not reimbursable by the applicable insurer or other payor or if there is a history of nonpayment for services by the requester of the service; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 740**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of wireless communications devices; providing a short title; creating s. 316.307, F.S.; prohibiting a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device; defining the term “wireless communications device” and including cellular telephones within that definition for purposes of the act; providing exceptions; providing a penalty; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; adding the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety to the list of organizations on driver license application forms which may receive voluntary contributions; providing that such contributions are not considered income of a revenue nature for purposes of a service charge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 742**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ticket sales; amending s. 817.36, F.S.; authorizing a specified phrase to be printed or displayed on the ticket; requiring certain guarantees and disclosures for tickets sold through a mobile application or digital platform; deleting the requirement that the ticket seller guarantee a refund if the seller cannot transmit tickets to the buyer in the buyer’s preferred method, resulting in the buyer’s inability to attend the event; including mobile applications and digital platforms as prohibited places where an individual may not sell or purchase tickets absent the property owner’s consent; prohibiting a person from selling, using, or causing to be used specified means to bypass portions of the ticket-buying process or disguise the identity of the ticket purchaser under certain circumstances; providing that a person who violates such prohibitions commits a misdemeanor of the second degree; authorizing an injured party to bring a claim to recover damages; authorizing a court to award damages up to three times the amount of actual damages; deleting a civil penalty and upgrading the severity of a certain offense to a misdemeanor of the second degree; deleting a provision to conform to changes made by the act; establishing registration requirements for a ticket broker; requiring a ticket broker to register with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by a specified date; prohibiting certain persons from registering as a ticket broker; requiring a ticket broker, resale website, mobile application, or other digital platform to disclose specified information; prohibiting a website, mobile application, or digital platform from using a trademark or service mark without written consent; providing an exception; authorizing an aggrieved person to bring a lawsuit and obtain certain remedies; authorizing the recovery of damages, attorney fees, and court costs; authorizing the department to impose one or more specified penalties against a person in specified circumstances; providing for a penalty or a fine; requiring the department to adopt rules to implement the registration provisions; defining terms; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 744**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property insurance appraisal umpires and property insurance appraisers; creating part

XVII of chapter 468, F.S., relating to property insurance appraisal umpires; creating the property insurance appraisal umpire licensing program within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing legislative findings; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing definitions; authorizing the department to establish fees; providing licensing application requirements; providing authority and procedures regarding submission and processing of fingerprints; providing examination requirements; providing application requirements for licensure as a property insurance appraisal umpire; providing licensure renewal requirements; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing continuing education requirements; providing requirements for the inactivation of a license by a licensee; providing requirements for renewing an inactive license; establishing license reactivation fees; providing for certification of partnerships and corporations offering property insurance appraisal umpire services; providing grounds for compulsory refusal, suspension, or revocation of an umpire's license; providing grounds for discretionary denial, suspension, or revocation of an umpire's license; providing ethical standards for property insurance appraisal umpires; creating part XVIII of chapter 468, F.S., relating to property insurance appraisers; creating the property insurance appraiser licensing program within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing legislative findings; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing definitions; authorizing the department to establish fees; limiting fee amounts; providing licensing application requirements; providing authority and procedures regarding submission and processing of fingerprints; providing examination requirements; providing application requirements for licensure as a property insurance appraiser; providing licensure renewal requirements; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing continuing education requirements; providing requirements for the inactivation of a license by a licensee; providing requirements for renewing an inactive license; establishing license reactivation fees; providing for certification of partnerships and corporations offering property insurance appraiser services; providing grounds for compulsory refusal, suspension, or revocation of an appraiser's license; providing grounds for discretionary denial, suspension, or revocation of an appraiser's license; providing ethical standards; providing requirements for certain residential or commercial property insurance contracts that provide for the process of appraisal when the insured and the insurer fail to mutually agree to the actual cash value, the amount of loss, or the cost of repair or replacement of property for which a claim has been filed; providing for the selection of appraisers and umpires; providing for compensation; providing applicability with respect to the Florida Arbitration Code; prohibiting the appraisal process from addressing issues involving coverage or lack thereof under an insurance contract; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 746**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to diabetes awareness training for law enforcement officers; providing a short title; creating s. 943.1726, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop standards for instruction of law enforcement officers on diabetic emergencies; specifying topics to be included in the instruction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 748**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential properties; amending s. 617.0721, F.S.; providing that any copy, facsimile, or other reliable reproduction of the original proxy may be substituted and used in lieu of, and for the same purposes as, the original proxy if the reproduction is a complete reproduction of the entire proxy; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; providing that certain written records of the association related to the operation of the association constitute official records that must be maintained by the association; providing that the vote necessary to charge use fees for the use of the common elements or association property may be approved by a majority of the voting interests present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the association if a quorum has been established; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; prohibiting a unit owner

from posting specified recordings of a meeting in certain circumstances; clarifying that association property can be used to post notices; amending ss. 718.116, 719.108, and 720.3085, F.S.; providing that the association may recover from the unit owner or parcel owner a reasonable charge imposed by a management or bookkeeping company, or collection agent, incurred in connection with a delinquent assessment; providing that such charges must be liquidated, noncontingent, and based upon actual time expended; providing that fees for collection are not recoverable in a certain circumstance; specifying the hierarchy for the application of payments received for collection services contracted by the association; amending s. 719.104, F.S.; providing that certain written records of the association related to the operation of the association constitute official records that must be maintained by the association; amending ss. 719.106 and 720.306, F.S.; prohibiting a unit owner or parcel owner from posting specified recordings of a meeting in certain circumstances; creating s. 720.3015, F.S.; providing a short title; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 750**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient lifting and handling practices; creating s. 381.029, F.S.; defining the term “hospital”; requiring hospitals to establish a policy concerning the lifting and handling of patients by hospital employees; requiring a committee to develop the policy; providing for membership and duties of the committee; requiring continuing evaluation of the policy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Fiscal Policy; and Rules.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 752**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the redevelopment trust fund; amending s. 163.387, F.S.; adding certain hospital districts to the list of public bodies or taxing authorities that are exempt from appropriating certain revenues to the redevelopment trust fund; reenacting s. 259.042(9), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 163.387, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 754**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school safety; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; providing that state sales and use taxes collected on firearms and ammunition shall be allocated to the Safe Schools Trust Fund rather than the General Revenue Fund; amending s. 790.053, F.S.; providing that an exception to prohibition on the open carrying of weapons for certain nonlethal weapons does not apply to persons, other than school faculty or staff members, within school safety zones; creating s. 790.0535, F.S.; providing that a person present within a school safety zone who is carrying a weapon or firearm in violation of specified provisions may avoid charges by surrendering the weapon or firearm to a specified person at the earliest opportunity if the person has committed no other offense involving the weapon or firearm within the zone; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; providing that a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm does not authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or firearm in a school safety zone; amending s. 1006.025, F.S.; requiring a school district's guidance plan to include mandatory guidance counseling for certain students in school safety issues; amending ss. 11.45, 202.18, 218.245, 218.65, 288.11621, 288.11625, 288.11631, and 288.1169, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 756**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 1010.88, F.S.; creating the Safe Schools Trust Fund within the Department of Education; providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for annual carryforward of trust fund balances; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 758**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the prescription and use of opioid antagonists for emergency treatment of opioid overdoses; providing a short title; creating s. 381.887, F.S.; defining terms; providing the purposes of the act; providing for the prescribing of opioid antagonists to, and the use of them by, patients and caregivers who have received emergency overdose treatment information; providing for the prescribing of opioid antagonists to, and the use of them by, first responders; providing immunities from liability; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 760**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child protection teams; amending s. 39.303, F.S.; requiring the Statewide Medical Director for Child Protection and the district medical directors to hold certain qualifications; reenacting ss. 39.3031 and 391.026(2), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 39.303, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 762**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale or exchange of surplus lands; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; extending the timeframe within which a certified appraisal may be obtained for lands to be sold as surplus; revising the procedures a water management district must follow for publishing a notice of intention to sell surplus lands; providing that parcels no longer essential or necessary for conservation purposes and valued below a certain threshold may be sold directly to the highest bidder; authorizing districts to include restrictions on future use of land sold; reenacting ss. 259.101(6)(a), 373.139(6), and 380.0677(9), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made by this act to s. 373.089, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 764**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; including kratom in a schedule of controlled substances; reenacting ss. 39.01(30)(a) and (g), 316.193(5), 322.2616(2)(c), 327.35(5), 440.102(11)(b), 458.3265(1)(e), 459.0137(1)(e), 782.04(1)(a) and (4), 787.06(2)(a), 817.563, 831.31(1)(a) and (2), 856.015(1)(c), 893.02(4), 893.035(2), (7)(a), and (8)(a), 893.0356(2)(a) and (5), 893.05(1), 893.12(2)(b), (c), and (d), 893.13(1)(a), (c) through (f), and (h), (2)(a), (4)(b), (5)(b), and (7)(a), 921.0022(3)(b), (c), and (e), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.03, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hukill—

**SB 766**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surveillance by a drone; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person, a state agency, or a political subdivision from using a drone to capture an image of privately owned real property or of the owner, tenant, or occupant of such property with the intent to conduct surveillance without his or her written consent if a reasonable expectation of privacy exists; specifying when a reasonable expectation of privacy may be presumed; providing that an owner, tenant, or occupant may initiate a civil action for compensatory damages or seek injunctive relief against a person, a state agency, or a political subdivision that violates the act; providing for the recovery of attorney fees and punitive damages; specifying that remedies provided by the act are cumulative to other remedies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 768**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient observation status notification; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; requiring licensed facilities to notify patients if they place them in observation status rather than admitted status; requiring facilities to provide certain notice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 770**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; exempting from public records requirements trade secret information in annual recycling reports submitted by private businesses to a county; providing for future repeal and legislative review of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; making technical changes; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 772**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement training; providing legislative findings; requiring Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Florida Memorial University to establish the Law Enforcement Academy for Diverse Communities; specifying minimum requirements for the academy's curriculum; authorizing the academy to perform additional functions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 774**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education accountability; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; providing that the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics online assessments may not be fully implemented until certain technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity have been tested, verified, and certified as ready; requiring the Commissioner of Education to provide an alternative to online assessments in certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; specifying that, for the purpose of the student assessment program, state and local student assessment programs must use the minimum amount of testing necessary; revising requirements for the administration of the ELA and Mathematics assessments; prohibiting the use of such assessments for promotion or retention purposes; prohibiting the use of the ELA assessment for graduation purposes; requiring the commissioner to provide an alternative, nonelectronic option for the administration and reporting of assessments under certain circumstances; providing that online assessments may not be implemented until certain technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity has been tested, verified, and

certified as ready; revising requirements relating to local assessments, including certain student performance measurements, course content measurements, end-of-course assessments, and administration schedules; amending s. 1008.30, F.S.; providing that the PSAT, SAT, and ACT are tests that may be accepted in lieu of a common placement test to assess student college readiness; authorizing, rather than requiring, high schools to evaluate student college readiness using the results of the test prescribed in this section under certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.31, F.S.; revising legislative intent regarding the state K-20 education performance accountability system; requiring the commissioner to notify the United States Department of Education regarding the transition period required to implement the new performance accountability system; requiring the system to be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year; requiring school grades to be held in abeyance until the system is implemented; creating s. 1008.311, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent regarding the state's transition to the new system; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; requiring that specified school grades and school improvement ratings be held in abeyance; authorizing the commissioner to reduce or eliminate intervention and support services for a school or an approved provider under certain circumstances; authorizing school districts to use other measures of student performance or concordant scores for certain purposes; removing a future repeal relating to the transition of the school grading system; amending s. 1008.345, F.S.; requiring the commissioner to continue his or her responsibility for implementing and maintaining a system of intensive school improvement and stringent education accountability during the transition period for implementing the new performance accountability system; amending s. 1008.385, F.S.; requiring the commissioner to publish technology requirements for school districts to facilitate online assessments; prohibiting the implementation of certain online assessments until certain technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity has been tested, verified, and certified as ready; requiring the commissioner to provide an alternative, nonelectronic option for the administration and reporting of assessments under certain circumstances, to submit a report on the implementation of technology requirements by school districts to the Legislature, and to recommend the level of funding for such technology requirements to the Legislature annually; requiring school districts to implement technology requirements for administering online assessments and to report to the commissioner its compliance with such requirements; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; revising the personnel evaluation procedures and criteria, including student learning assessments; authorizing school districts to measure student learning and performance using certain formulas; revising the rulemaking requirements the State Board of Education must adopt relating to evaluations; requiring the standards for each performance level to be established within a certain timeframe; amending s. 1012.3401, F.S.; revising personnel performance evaluations in relation to student learning or achievement; amending ss. 1001.03, 1002.451, 1004.04, 1004.85, 1007.271, 1008.37, 1012.22, 1012.341, and 1012.56, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 776**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water and wastewater; creating s. 159.8105, F.S.; requiring the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to review the allocation of private activity bonds to determine the availability of additional allocation or reallocation of bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; extending specified tax exemptions to certain investor-owned water and wastewater utilities; amending s. 367.022, F.S.; exempting from regulation by the Florida Public Service Commission a person who resells water service to certain tenants or residents up to a specified percentage or cost; amending s. 367.081, F.S.; authorizing the creation of a utility reserve fund; requiring the commission to adopt rules to govern the implementation and management of the fund; establishing criteria for adjusted rates; specifying expense items that may be automatically increased or decreased; authorizing the commission to establish, by rule, additional specified expense items that cause an automatic increase or decrease of utility rates; requiring, rather than authorizing, the commission to establish a leverage formula under certain circumstances; restricting a utility from recovering more than a certain percentage of reasonable rate case expenses; amending s. 367.0814, F.S.;

prohibiting the commission from awarding rate case expense to recover attorney fees or fees of other outside consultants in certain circumstances; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 367.0816, F.S.; prohibiting a utility from recovering rate case expenses for more than one rate case at a time; amending s. 367.111, F.S.; authorizing the commission to review water quality and wastewater service under certain circumstances; amending s. 403.8532, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to require or request that the Florida Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation make loans, grants, and deposits to for-profit, privately owned or investor-owned water systems; deleting current restrictions on such activities; amending ss. 367.084 and 367.171, F.S.; conforming cross-references; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 778**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government construction preferences; amending s. 287.084, F.S.; prohibiting local ordinances and regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of a contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requiring a state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 780**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a special assessment for law enforcement services; creating s. 166.212, F.S.; authorizing a municipality to levy a special assessment to fund the costs of providing law enforcement services; requiring a municipality to adopt an ordinance and reduce its ad valorem millage to levy the special assessment; providing a methodology for the apportionment of the special assessment and the reduction of the ad valorem millage; requiring the property appraiser to list the special assessment on the notice of property taxes; specifying exceptions to the reduction of the ad valorem millage by more than a certain percentage; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules and forms; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 782**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county officers; amending ss. 145.051, 145.071, 145.09, 145.10, 145.11, and 1001.47, F.S.; providing that the salaries of a clerk of circuit court, county comptroller, sheriff, supervisor of elections, property appraiser, tax collector, and district school superintendent may not be decreased under specific circumstances as the county population increases; amending s. 1001.50, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 784**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; providing that this act shall be known as the "Right Medicine, Right Time Act"; creating s. 402.90, F.S.; creating the Clinical Practices Review Commission; housing the commission, for administrative purposes, within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health; specifying the composition of, qualifications for appointment to, and standards imposed on commission members; designating the members as public officers; requiring the executive director to submit to the Commission on Ethics a list of certain people subject to public disclosure requirements; providing penalties for failure to comply with such standards; specifying the duties and responsibilities of the commission;

amending s. 409.967, F.S.; requiring a managed care plan that establishes a prescribed drug formulary or preferred drug list to provide a broad range of therapeutic options to the patient; requiring a managed care plan to comply with specified procedures; creating s. 627.6051, F.S.; requiring sufficient clinical evidence to support a proposed coverage limitation at the point of service; defining the term “sufficient clinical evidence”; requiring the commission to determine whether sufficient clinical evidence exists and the Office of Insurance Regulation to approve coverage limitations if the commission determines that such evidence exists; providing for the liability of a health insurer and its chief medical officer for injuries and damages resulting from restricted access to services if the insurer has imposed coverage limitations without the approval of the office; requiring insurers to establish reserves to pay for such damages; amending ss. 627.642 and 627.6699, F.S.; requiring an outline of coverage and certain plans offered by a small employer carrier to include summary statements identifying specific prescription drugs and procedures that are subject to specified restrictions and limitations; requiring insurers and small employer carriers to post the summaries on the Internet; amending s. 627.651, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 627.662, F.S.; specifying that specified provisions relating to coverage limitations on prescription drugs and diagnostic or therapeutic procedures apply to group health insurance, blanket health insurance, and franchise health insurance; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring a health maintenance contract summary statement to include a statement of any limitations on benefits, the identification of specific prescription drugs, and certain procedures that are subject to specified restrictions and limitations; requiring a health maintenance organization to post the summaries on the Internet; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from establishing certain procedures and requirements that restrict access to covered services; exempting limitations that are supported by sufficient clinical evidence; requiring the commission to evaluate the sufficiency of the evidence and the Office of Insurance Regulation to approve coverage limitations on the basis of the commission’s evaluation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 786**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to towing of vehicles and vessels; amending s. 715.07, F.S.; providing for removal of a vehicle or vessel by a cooperative association or a homeowners’ association; authorizing an owner or lessee of real property to have a vehicle or vessel removed from the property without certain signage under certain circumstances; requiring a notice to be attached to the vehicle or vessel and providing requirements therefor; requiring police verification and documentation of such a notice and requirements therefor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 788**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disabled parking; amending s. 316.1964, F.S.; revising provisions that allow counties and municipalities to charge fees for vehicles displaying a disabled parking permit at certain timed parking facilities; excluding vehicles displaying a DV license plate from payment of such fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 790**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hair restoration or transplant; amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Department of Health to deny a license to or to discipline a hair restoration or transplant surgeon for improperly delegating certain tasks; authorizing the boards and the department to discipline an individual other than a physician assistant or an advanced registered nurse practitioner for improperly accepting the delegation of certain tasks; amending ss. 458.347, 459.022, and 464.012, F.S.; authorizing a supervisory hair re-

storation or transplant surgeon to delegate to a physician assistant and an advanced registered nurse practitioner certain tasks; creating ss. 458.352 and 459.027, F.S.; requiring a hair restoration or transplant surgeon to document the licensure, education, training, and experience of an individual who accepts the delegation of certain tasks; defining the term “surgical procedure”; requiring a health care provider of hair restoration or transplant to inform a patient of the identity and training status of the individuals involved in the patient’s care; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 792**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacy; amending s. 465.189, F.S.; authorizing a registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist to administer specified vaccines to an adult; revising which vaccines may be administered by a pharmacist or a registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist; requiring a registered intern seeking to administer vaccines to be certified to administer such vaccines and to complete a minimum amount of coursework; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 794**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prejudgment interest; creating s. 55.031, F.S.; requiring a court to include prejudgment interest on the amount of money damages awarded to a plaintiff in a final judgment; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 796**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial reporting; amending ss. 718.111, 719.104, and 720.303, F.S.; deleting provisions with respect to the preparation by certain condominium associations, cooperative associations, and homeowners’ associations of annual reports of cash receipts and expenditures in lieu of certain financial statements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 798**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to household moving services; amending s. 507.01, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 507.02, F.S.; clarifying intent; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; revising the registration fees for a moving broker; removing the requirement that a moving broker provide evidence of current and valid insurance or alternative coverage; amending s. 507.04, F.S.; removing a prohibition that a mover may not limit its liability for the loss or damage of household goods to a specified valuation rate; removing a requirement that a mover disclose a liability limitation when the mover limits its liability for a shipper’s goods; requiring a mover to offer valuation coverage to compensate a shipper for the loss or damage of the shipper’s household goods that are lost or damaged during a household move; requiring the valuation coverage to indemnify the shipper for at least the cost of replacement goods less depreciated value; revising the time at which the mover must disclose the terms of the coverage to the shipper in writing; revising the information that the disclosure must provide to the shipper; creating s. 507.045, F.S.; requiring a mover to annually publish, file, and post a tariff with the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services; requiring the department to reject a noncomplying tariff; providing that a tariff must contain certain information; prohibiting a mover from charging, demanding, collecting, or receiving compensation beyond that agreed upon by the mover and shipper; requiring a mover to provide

certain notice to the department about changes in rates or charges and related rules; providing that the department may waive a certain notice requirement; amending s. 507.05, F.S.; requiring a mover to conduct a physical survey and provide a binding estimate in certain circumstances unless waived by the shipper in writing; requiring specified content for the binding estimate; authorizing the mover to provide a maximum one-time fee for providing a binding estimate; requiring the mover and shipper to sign the estimate; requiring the mover to provide the shipper with a copy of the estimate at the time of signature; providing that a binding estimate may only be amended under certain circumstances; providing that a mover reaffirms the original binding estimate once the mover begins to load the household goods for a move; authorizing a mover to charge more than the binding estimate in certain circumstances; requiring a mover to allow a shipper to consider whether additional services are needed; requiring a mover to retain a copy of the binding estimate for a specified period; requiring a mover to provide a contract for service to the shipper before providing moving or accessorial services; requiring a driver to have possession of the contract before leaving the point of origin; requiring a mover to retain a contract of service for a specified period; creating s. 507.054, F.S.; requiring the department to prepare a publication that summarizes the rights and responsibilities of, and remedies available to, movers and shippers; requiring the publication to meet certain specifications; creating s. 507.055, F.S.; requiring a mover to provide certain disclosures to a prospective shipper; amending s. 507.06, F.S.; requiring a mover to tender household goods for delivery on the agreed upon delivery date or within a specified period unless waived by the shipper; requiring a mover to immediately notify and provide certain information to a shipper if the mover is unable to perform delivery on the agreed upon date or during the specified period; requiring a mover to take certain actions if the mover amends the date or period for pick up or delivery; creating s. 507.065, F.S.; providing a maximum amount that a mover may charge a shipper; requiring a mover to bill a shipper for certain amounts within a specified period; creating s. 507.066, F.S.; specifying the amount of payment that the mover may collect upon delivery of partially lost or destroyed household goods; requiring a mover to determine the proportion of lost or destroyed household goods; prohibiting a mover from collecting or requiring a shipper to pay any charges other than specific valuation rate charges if a household goods shipment is totally lost or destroyed in transit; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; providing that it is a violation of ch. 507, F.S., to fail to comply with specified provisions; providing that it is a violation of ch. 507, F.S., to increase the contracted cost for moving services in certain circumstances; conforming a provision to a change made by this act; amending s. 507.09, F.S.; requiring the department, upon verification by certain entities, to immediately suspend a registration or the processing of an application for a registration in certain circumstances; amending s. 507.11, F.S.; providing criminal penalties; conforming a provision to a change made by this act; creating s. 507.14, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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**SR 800**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 802**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vocational rehabilitation; amending s. 413.202, F.S.; providing for the future repeal of the designation of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as the administrative unit for purposes of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, subject to legislative review of a required report; amending s. 413.207, F.S.; requiring the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to initiate, by a specified date, a performance improvement plan designed to achieve specified goals; requiring the division to submit a performance report annually, by a specified date, to the Governor and the Legislature which includes specified information; amending s. 413.23, F.S.; authorizing the division to develop and implement a pilot program; creating s. 413.80, F.S.; requiring the division to develop and implement a pilot program to improve the state vocational rehabilitation program; requiring the division to enter into partnership agreements with local, nonprofit organizations; authorizing the division to issue an invitation to negotiate under certain circumstances; requiring that the agreements

include specific performance goals in certain areas; requiring the division to report activities and results of the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature annually by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 804**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence; amending s. 741.31, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for a third or subsequent violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence or a foreign protection order issued under specified provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 806**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of financial institutions; amending s. 655.005, F.S.; redefining the terms “main office” and “principal office”; amending s. 655.047, F.S.; requiring mailed semiannual assessments to be received by the Office of Financial Regulation by a specified date; requiring electronically transmitted semiannual assessments to be transmitted to the office by specified dates; amending s. 655.60, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the office select a licensed or certified appraiser to conduct certain appraisals; deleting the requirement that the office approve the cost of certain appraisals before payment of that cost by a state financial institution, subsidiary, or service corporation; creating s. 657.0275, F.S.; requiring a credit union to notify the office of the name and residential address of an individual who is elected or appointed to certain positions within a specified time; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt a notification form by rule; amending s. 658.19, F.S.; revising the individuals for whom certain information must be provided to the office on an application for authority to organize a banking corporation or trust company; amending s. 660.33, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 663.08, F.S.; requiring an international banking corporation to provide its annual certification of capital accounts to the office by a specified date; reenacting ss. 655.960(8) and 663.302(1)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 655.005, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 658.165(1), 665.013(3), and 667.003(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 658.19, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 658.12(4), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 660.33, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 808**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reducing racial and ethnic health disparities; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study and provide recommendations relating to Medicaid provider networks by a specified date; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SJR 810**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to authorize amendments or revisions to the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter by a special law approved by the electors of Miami-Dade County; restricting the filing of a bill proposing such a special law; providing that the charter may impose fixed term limits on county commissioners; conforming historical references to reflect the current name of Miami-Dade County.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

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**SR 812**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 814**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to oyster fishery and resource management; creating s. 379.2445, F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing the Nature Coast Oyster Alliance within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; requiring the alliance to meet a certain number of times per year; providing that the purpose of the alliance is to coordinate the development of a comprehensive oyster resource recovery and management plan; requiring the alliance to establish an Oyster Resource Recovery and Management Working Group; assigning certain responsibilities to the working group; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 816**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to home health agencies; amending s. 400.474, F.S.; revising the information that a home health agency is required to submit to the Agency for Health Care Administration for license renewal; removing the requirement that a home health agency submit quarterly reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 818**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to maximum class size; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; requiring the calculation of a school district's class size categorical allocation reduction at the school average when maximum class size requirements are not met; revising the calculation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 820**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient admission status notification; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; providing requirements for licensed facilities for patient notification regarding admission status; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Smith—

**SB 822**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm; creating s. 776.001, F.S.; providing legislative intent regarding the justifiable use of force; amending s. 776.041, F.S.; clarifying what constitutes provocation in the determination of applicability of the justified use of force provision; amending s. 790.01, F.S.; providing an exemption from criminal penalties for a person carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency; reenacting s. 790.02, 790.06(1), 790.25(5), and 921.0022(3)(e), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 824**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public-private partnerships; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 287.05712, F.S.; revising definitions; deleting provisions creating the Public-Private Partnership Guidelines Task Force; requiring a private entity that submits an unsolicited proposal to pay an initial application fee and additional amounts if the fee does not cover certain costs; specifying payment methods; authorizing a responsible public entity to alter the statutory timeframe for accepting proposals for a qualifying project under certain circumstances; deleting a provision that requires approval of the local governing body before a school board enters into a comprehensive agreement; revising the conditions necessary for a responsible public entity to approve a comprehensive agreement; deleting provisions relating to notice to affected local jurisdictions; providing that fees imposed by a private entity must be applied as set forth in the comprehensive agreement; restricting provisions in financing agreements that could result in a responsible public entity's losing ownership of real or tangible personal property; deleting a provision that required a responsible public entity to comply with specific financial obligations; providing duties of the Department of Management Services; revising provisions relating to construction of the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 826**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 287.05712, F.S., relating to qualifying public-private projects for public facilities and infrastructure; providing a definition; providing an exemption from public records requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity for a specified period; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting of a responsible public entity during which exempt proposals are discussed; requiring that a recording be made of the closed meeting; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the recording of, and any records generated during, a closed meeting for a specified period; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 828**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to international banking corporations; creating s. 663.021, F.S.; providing that specified entities of an international banking corporation are not required to produce certain books or records that are maintained outside the United States and are not available to the entities in response to a subpoena; providing applicability; providing that a request for production of certain books or records for a customer of an office of the international banking corporation which is established or maintained in a foreign country must be conducted pursuant to letters rogatory or in accordance with specified treaties or conventions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 830**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of corporation not for profit self-insurance funds; amending s. 624.4625, F.S.; revising the requirements for a participating member of a corporation not for profit self-insurance fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.



By Senator Simpson—

**SB 832**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sector plans; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; requiring that plan amendments that propose an amendment to an adopted sector plan follow a specified state-coordinated review process; amending s. 163.3245, F.S.; establishing that this section is intended to promote development of a long-term vision for conservation, development, and agriculture on a landscape scale; providing that the purpose of a scoping meeting is to identify the data and resources available to assist in the preparation of the long-term master plan; providing that if the entire planning area proposed for the long-term master plan is within the jurisdiction of two or more local governments, some or all of them may enter into a joint planning agreement with respect to the geographic area that is subject to the long-term master plan; providing that other requirements of this chapter inconsistent with or superseded by certain planning standards relating to a long-term master plan do not apply; requiring that certain maps, illustrations, and text included in a long-term master plan identify general procedures and policies to be followed in facilitating intergovernmental coordination that addresses extrajurisdictional impacts from the future land uses if not addressed in other plan elements; providing that a long-term master plan is not required to project certain factors relating to public facilities or to prescribe certain application or review procedures for a detailed specific area plan under certain circumstances; providing that other requirements of this chapter inconsistent with or superseded by certain planning standards relating to detailed specific area plans do not apply; requiring detailed specific area plans to identify certain factors related to transportation and other public facilities in a 5-year capital improvement schedule of the affected local government; requiring detailed specific area plans to record conservation easements effective by a certain date; requiring detailed specific area plans to identify specific procedures to facilitate intergovernmental coordination to address certain extrajurisdictional impacts if not addressed in other plan elements; requiring that all lands identified in the long-term master plan for permanent preservation be subject to a recorded conservation easement by a certain date; providing that an applicant may request a pre-application conference with the local government that has jurisdiction before filing an application for a detailed specific area plan, subject to certain requirements; requiring the local government to document and provide to participants the findings and agreements within a certain timeframe following the conference; providing that the participants may comment, agree, or disagree in writing with the documentation within a certain timeframe; prohibiting the local government and reviewing agencies from objecting to assumptions and methodologies agreed upon by participants under certain circumstances; requiring the applicant for a detailed specific area plan to transmit copies of the application to specified reviewing agencies for review and comment; requiring such comments to be submitted to the local government having jurisdiction and to the state land planning agency, subject to certain requirements; requiring that natural resources within the planning area identified in a legally effective long-term master plan as significant for preservation or conservation be considered regionally significant natural resources for certain permitting purposes; conforming a cross-reference; authorizing a water management district to issue a requesting applicant a consumptive use permit for a duration commensurate with an approved master development order subject to certain requirements and restrictions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Joyner—

**SB 834**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local governing bodies; amending s. 292.10, F.S.; providing that counties with a certain percent of the population consisting of veterans qualify as areas of high veteran impact to fund boards of county commissioners to exercise certain powers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 836**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association; amending s. 631.54, F.S.; defining the term “as-

essment year”; amending s. 631.57, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the levy of assessments on insurers by the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association; specifying conditions under which such assessments are paid; revising procedures and timeframes for the levying of the assessments; revising provisions relating to assessments that are premium and not subject to the premium tax; limiting an insurer’s liability for uncollectible emergency assessments; deleting the requirement to file a final accounting report documenting the recoupment; revising an exemption for assessments; amending s. 631.64, F.S.; requiring charges or recoupments to be displayed separately on premium statements to policyholders and prohibiting their inclusion in rates; amending ss. 627.727 and 631.55, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 838**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to justices and judges; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; revising the applicability of the term “termination”; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; providing that a retired justice or retired judge is not subject to certain restrictions on employment after retirement otherwise applicable to retired employees; amending s. 121.591, F.S.; providing that a retired justice or retired judge who returns to temporary employment as a senior judge in any court may continue to receive a distribution of his or her retirement account after providing proof of termination from his or her regularly established position; adjusting employer contribution rates in order to fund changes made by the act; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing findings of an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 840**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to write-in candidates; amending s. 99.0615, F.S.; removing the requirement that a write-in candidate reside within the district of the office sought at the time of qualification; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 842**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation eligibility for coverage; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; removing the prohibition against permits for substantial improvements from being eligible for coverage; authorizing coverage for major structures built before a certain date and subsequently rebuilt, repaired, restored, or remodeled to a specified percentage less than the major structure’s original square footage; reenacting s. 627.712(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 627.351, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

**SR 844**—Not introduced.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 846**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 379.249, F.S.; exempting from public records requirements the personal information contained in site files or records which identifies the location of artificial reefs funded with private contributions; providing for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 848**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the employment of individuals with disabilities; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; providing a purpose; requiring specified state agencies and organizations to develop and implement an interagency cooperative agreement; requiring the interagency cooperative agreement to provide the roles, responsibilities, and objectives of state agencies and organizations; authorizing the state agencies and organizations that are parties to the interagency cooperative agreement to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 850**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; authorizing the use of impact fees to provide, construct, improve, repair, alter, or replace new and existing capital facilities; creating s. 201.032, F.S.; authorizing a county or municipality to impose a surcharge on documents taxable under s. 201.02, F.S., for the purpose of funding certain capital improvements and capital facilities in lieu of impact fees; restricting the amount of the surcharge; specifying procedures to enact an ordinance to impose the surcharge and specifying the effective date of such ordinance; requiring that a copy of the notice be provided to the Department of Revenue; requiring the department to pay certain moneys to a county or municipality that imposes the surcharge; requiring a county or municipality to deposit revenues from the surcharge into a special trust fund and to annually provide certain information about such fund to the department; specifying authorized uses of surcharge revenues; prohibiting a county or municipality that imposes a surcharge for an authorized purpose from also assessing an impact fee for the same purpose; providing applicability; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

**SB 852**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 854**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic partners; amending s. 28.24, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the circuit court to collect a filing fee for domestic partner registrations; amending s. 382.009, F.S.; requiring notification of a patient's domestic partner in the event of the brain death of the patient; amending s. 394.459, F.S.; requiring a facility providing mental health services to authorize access to a patient by his or her domestic partner; amending s. 400.022, F.S.; requiring that nursing homes allow a domestic partner access to his or her partner who is a resident and requiring that the domestic partner be allowed to meet with the families of other residents; amending s. 406.50, F.S.; including a domestic partner as a legally authorized person who may object to the use of unclaimed remains for medical education or research; requiring a person or entity in charge or in control of the remains of a deceased person to contact the decedent's domestic partner under certain circumstances; authorizing a funeral director to assume responsibility as the legally authorized person if a relative or domestic partner does not exist or is not available; amending s. 408.051, F.S.; adding the term "domestic partner" to the definition of the term "patient representative" as it relates to the Florida Electronic Health Records Exchange Act; amending s. 429.28, F.S.; requiring that assisted living facilities allow domestic partners to share a room under specified circumstances; amending s. 429.85, F.S.; requiring that adult family-care homes allow domestic partners to share a room under specified circumstances; amending s. 446.50, F.S.; providing for the deposit of moneys generated from the fee charged for a Declaration of Domestic Partnership into the Displaced Homemaker Trust Fund; amending s. 497.005, F.S.; including a domestic partner as a legally authorized person who may make funeral arrangements for a decedent; amending s. 497.152, F.S.; adding the

domestic partner to the list of persons whose written authorization must be obtained before the entombment, interment, disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment of a person's remains; adding the domestic partner to the list of persons who may file a complaint with the licensee; amending s. 741.01, F.S.; requiring that funds generated from the Declaration of Domestic Partnership fee be deposited in and disbursed from the Domestic Violence Trust Fund; deleting a provision requiring funds to be appropriated to the Department of Children and Families for a specified purpose; creating s. 741.501, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating s. 741.502, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 741.503, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to adopt forms; creating s. 741.504, F.S.; establishing requirements for domestic partnership; providing criminal penalties for providing false information; creating s. 741.505, F.S.; specifying prohibitions to forming domestic partnerships under certain circumstances; creating s. 741.506, F.S.; identifying rights afforded to domestic partners; providing for the enforcement of such rights; creating s. 741.507, F.S.; providing fees for establishing and terminating a domestic partnership; creating s. 741.508, F.S.; providing methods to prove the existence of a domestic partnership under certain circumstances; creating s. 741.509, F.S.; providing for termination of a domestic partnership; creating s. 741.510, F.S.; providing that the act does not preempt the authority of a county or municipality to enact a domestic partnership ordinance that does not conflict with the act; amending s. 765.105, F.S.; including a patient's domestic partner as one of several specified persons who may seek judicial intervention to question the surrogate's or proxy's health care decisions; amending s. 765.401, F.S.; providing that a domestic partner may serve as a health care proxy; amending s. 765.512, F.S.; providing that the domestic partner may make an anatomical gift on behalf of a decedent under certain circumstances; amending s. 765.517, F.S.; adding a domestic partner to the list of people who may receive the remainder of body parts after an anatomical gift; amending s. 872.04, F.S.; authorizing a domestic partner to provide written consent for an autopsy to be performed on his or her deceased partner if a health care surrogate has not been designated; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 856**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vision insurance; creating s. 501.501, F.S.; prohibiting specified insurers, prepaid limited health service organizations, and health maintenance organizations and third-party administrators thereof from requiring a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist to provide vision care services under specified circumstances or to purchase certain materials or services; specifying that a violation of the section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice subject to specified civil and administrative action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 858**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for direct mail advertising literature; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing an exemption for certain direct mail advertising literature for the sale of services or property; defining the term "direct mail advertising literature"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 860**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacy; creating s. 465.1862, F.S.; defining terms; providing requirements for contracts between pharmacy benefit managers and contracted pharmacies; requiring a pharmacy benefit manager to ensure that a prescription drug has met certain requirements to be placed on a maximum allowable cost pricing list; requiring the pharmacy benefit manager to disclose certain information to a plan sponsor; requiring a contract between a pharmacy

benefit manager and a pharmacy to include an appeal process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 862**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Nursing Home Guides; amending s. 400.191, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to publish Gold Seal designations in the Nursing Home Guide; requiring each nursing home facility to post a sign on every facility entrance which indicates the Gold Seal designation of the facility; requiring a nursing home facility on the Nursing Home Guide Watch List to provide notice containing certain information to the primary familial contact for each resident; reenacting s. 400.23(2)(h), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.191, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 864**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales of motor vehicles powered by electricity or hydrogen; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining the terms “electric vehicle” and “hydrogen vehicle”; exempting the sale of an electric vehicle and a hydrogen vehicle from the sales and use tax until a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Flores, Garcia, and Diaz de la Portilla—

**SM 866**—A memorial to the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States expressing profound disagreement with the decision of the President to restore full diplomatic relations with Cuba, opposing the opening of a consulate or any diplomatic office in this state, and urging the upholding of the embargo.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 868**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to solar energy; reviving, readopting, and amending s. 377.806, F.S., relating to the Solar Energy System Incentives Program; authorizing rebates for a portion of the purchase price of solar energy systems during a specified period; requiring applications for rebates to include proofs of purchase; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to give priority to residents who have installed a solar energy system upon their homestead valued below a certain threshold amount; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 870**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community associations; amending ss. 718.112, 719.106, and 720.306, F.S.; authorizing a condominium, cooperative, and homeowners’ association to conduct elections by electronic voting under certain conditions; authorizing the Secretary of State to study and adopt rules governing the use of electronic voting systems for certain purposes; creating ss. 718.128, 719.129, and 720.317, F.S.; requiring an association to select an independent third party as an inspector of elections for certain purposes; providing duties of the inspector; providing a definition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 872**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to estates; amending s. 733.106, F.S.; authorizing the court, if costs and attorney fees are to be paid from the estate under specified sections of law, to direct payment from a certain part of the estate or, under specified circumstances, to direct payment from a trust; authorizing costs and fees to be assessed against one or more persons’ part of the trust in such proportions as the court finds just and proper; specifying factors that the court may consider in directing the assessment of such costs and fees; authorizing a court to assess costs and fees without finding that the person engaged in specified wrongful acts; amending s. 733.212, F.S.; revising the required content for a notice of administration; revising provisions that require an interested person, who has been served a notice of administration, to file specified objections in an estate matter within 3 months after service of such notice; providing that the 3-month period may only be extended for certain estoppel; providing that objections that are not barred by the 3-month period must be filed no later than a specified date; deleting references to objections based upon the qualifications of a personal representative; amending s. 733.2123, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 733.3101, F.S.; requiring a personal representative to resign immediately if he or she knows that he or she was not qualified to act at the time of appointment; requiring a personal representative who was qualified to act at such appointment to file a notice if no longer qualified; authorizing an interested person within a specified period of time to request the removal of a personal representative who files such notice; providing that a personal representative is liable for costs and attorney fees incurred in a removal proceeding if he or she is removed and should have known of the facts supporting the removal; defining the term “qualified”; amending s. 733.504, F.S.; requiring a personal representative to be removed and the letters of administration revoked if he or she was not qualified to act at the time of appointment; amending s. 733.617, F.S.; prohibiting an attorney or person related to the attorney from receiving compensation for serving as a personal representative if the attorney prepared or supervised execution of the will unless the attorney or person is related to the testator or the testator acknowledges in writing the receipt of certain disclosures; specifying the disclosures that must be acknowledged; specifying when an attorney is deemed to have prepared or supervised the execution of a will; specifying when a person is “related” to another individual; specifying when an attorney or person related to the attorney is deemed to be nominated as personal representative; providing that the provisions do not limit an interested person’s rights or remedies at law or equity except for compensation payable to a personal representative; providing that the failure to obtain a written acknowledgment of the disclosure does not disqualify a personal representative from serving or affect the validity of a will; providing a form for the written acknowledgment; providing applicability; amending s. 733.817, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; deleting a provision that exempts an interest in protected homestead from the apportionment of taxes; providing for the payment of taxes on protected homestead family allowance and exempt property by certain other property to the extent such other property is sufficient; revising the allocation of taxes; revising the apportionment of the net tax attributable to specified interests; authorizing a court to assess liability in an equitable manner under certain circumstances; providing that a governing instrument may not direct that taxes be paid from property other than property passing under the governing instrument, except under specified conditions; requiring that direction in a governing instrument be express to apportion taxes under certain circumstances; requiring that the right of recovery provided in the Internal Revenue Code for certain taxes be expressly waived in the decedent’s will or revocable trust with certain specificity; specifying the property upon which certain tax is imposed for allocation and apportionment of certain tax; providing that a general statement in the decedent’s will or revocable trust waiving all rights of reimbursement or recovery under the Internal Revenue Code is not an express waiver of certain rights of recovery; requiring direction to specifically reference the generation-skipping transfer tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code to direct its apportionment; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the decedent to direct by will the amount of net tax attributable to property over which the decedent held a general power of appointment under certain circumstances; providing that an express direction in a revocable trust is deemed to be a direction contained in the decedent’s will as well as the

revocable trust under certain circumstances; providing that an express direction in the decedent's will to pay tax from the decedent's revocable trust by specific reference to the revocable trust is effective unless a contrary express direction is contained in the revocable trust; revising the resolution of conflicting directions in governing instruments with regard to payment of taxes; providing that the later express direction in the will or other governing instrument controls; providing that the date of an amendment to a will or other governing instrument is the date of the will or trust for conflict resolution only if the codicil or amendment contains an express tax apportionment provision or an express modification of the tax apportionment provision; providing that a will is deemed executed after another governing instrument if the decedent's will and another governing instrument were executed on the same date; providing that an earlier conflicting governing instrument controls as to any tax remaining unpaid after the application of the later conflicting governing instrument; providing that a grant of permission or authority in a governing instrument to request payment of tax from property passing under another governing instrument is not a direction apportioning the tax to the property passing under the other governing instrument; providing a grant of permission or authority in a governing instrument to pay tax attributable to property not passing under the governing instrument is not a direction apportioning the tax to property passing under the governing instrument; providing application; prohibiting the requiring of a personal representative or fiduciary to transfer to a recipient property that may be used for payment of taxes; amending s. 736.0708, F.S.; prohibiting an attorney or person related to the attorney from receiving compensation for serving as a trustee if the attorney prepared or supervised execution of the trust instrument unless the attorney or person is related to the settlor or the settlor acknowledges in writing the receipt of certain disclosures; specifying the disclosures that must be acknowledged; specifying when an attorney is deemed to have prepared or supervised the execution of a trust instrument; specifying when a person is "related" to another individual; specifying when an attorney or person related to the attorney is deemed to be appointed as trustee; providing that the provisions do not limit an interested person's rights or remedies at law or equity except for compensation payable to a trustee; providing that the failure to obtain a written acknowledgment of the disclosure does not disqualify a trustee from serving or affect the validity of a trust instrument; providing a form for the written acknowledgment; providing applicability; amending s. 736.1005, F.S.; authorizing the court, if attorney fees are to be paid from the trust under specified sections of law, to direct payment from a certain part of the trust; providing that fees may be assessed against one or more persons' part of the trust in such proportions as the court finds just and proper; specifying factors that the court may consider in directing the assessment of such fees; providing that a court may assess fees without finding that a person engaged specified wrongful acts; amending s. 736.1006, F.S.; authorizing the court, if costs are to be paid from the trust under specified sections of law, to direct payment from a certain part of the trust; providing that costs may be assessed against one or more persons' part of the trust in such proportions as the court finds just and proper; specifying factors that the court may consider in directing the assessment of such costs; reenacting s. 738.302(4), F.S., relating to the apportionment of receipts and disbursements when the decedent dies or income interest begins, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 733.817, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing that specified sections of the act are remedial and intended to clarify existing law; providing for retroactive and prospective application of specified portions of the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 874**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the dual enrollment program; amending s. 1007.271, F.S.; exempting dual enrollment students from paying certain fees, including technology fees; deleting the requirement that a home education secondary student be responsible for his or her own instructional materials in order to participate in the dual enrollment program; requiring a postsecondary institution that is eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program to enter into a home education articulation agreement; requiring the postsecondary institution to annually complete and submit the agreement to the Department of Education by a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing certain instructional materials to be made

available free of charge to dual enrollment students in public high schools, home education programs, and private schools; requiring the department to review dual enrollment articulation agreements submitted for certain students, including home education students and private school students, to participate in a dual enrollment program; requiring the Commissioner of Education to notify the district school board superintendent and the president of the postsecondary institution if the dual enrollment articulation agreement does not comply with statutory requirements; requiring a district school board and a Florida College System institution to annually complete and submit to the department by a specified date a dual enrollment articulation agreement with a state university and an eligible independent college or university, as applicable; providing requirements for a private school student to participate in a dual enrollment program; requiring a postsecondary institution eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program to enter into an articulation agreement with each private school student seeking enrollment in a dual enrollment course and his or her parent; requiring the postsecondary institution to annually complete and submit the articulation agreement to the department by a specified date; providing requirements for the articulation agreement; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1011.62, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dean—

**SB 876**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beirut Memorial; creating s. 265.005, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the Department of Management Services to establish a Beirut Memorial, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring the department to consider recommendations of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Florida Historical Commission regarding specific aspects of the memorial; requiring the Department of Management Services to coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources regarding design and placement of the memorial; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 878**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Children and Youth Cabinet; amending s. 402.56, F.S.; revising the membership of the cabinet; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12; and Rules.

By Senator Ring—

**SB 880**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loan default rates; amending s. 1005.04, F.S.; requiring certain institutions to maintain a federal student loan cohort default rate below a specified percentage; providing that an institution is ineligible to receive certain grant payments, and remains ineligible, until the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate falls below a specified percentage; defining such an institution's period of ineligibility; amending s. 1005.31, F.S.; revising the minimum standards the Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate an institution for licensure to include the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; requiring the commission to deny a renewal license for an institution whose federal student loan cohort default rate exceeds a specified percentage; amending s. 1005.32, F.S.; revising the minimum criteria for an independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for a license by accreditation to include a maximum percentage for the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; amending ss. 1009.89 and 1009.891, F.S.; prohibiting an institution whose federal student loan cohort default rate exceeds a specified percentage from receiving William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant payments and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program payments; defining such institutions' periods of ineligibility; amending s. 1011.81, F.S.; requiring Florida College System institution performance funding for industry

certifications to take into consideration an institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; amending s. 1011.905, F.S.; requiring State University System institution performance funding calculations to take into consideration an institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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**SR 882**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 884**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce education postsecondary student fees; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; removing adult general education program student fees; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 886**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the research and development tax credit; amending s. 220.196, F.S.; deleting an obsolete reference; increasing the total amount of tax credits which may be granted to business enterprises during any calendar year; revising the deadline for the filing of an application for the tax credit; revising the allocation of the tax credit to applicants; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 888**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educator professional practices; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; authorizing certain employees or agents of the Department of Education to have access to certain reports and records; amending s. 1012.79, F.S.; revising the membership of the Education Practices Commission; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to appoint emeritus members to the commission; amending s. 1012.796, F.S.; authorizing the commissioner to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SB 890**—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 892**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to safe work environments; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and purposes; creating part III of chapter 448, F.S.; providing definitions; providing that subjecting an employee to an abusive work environment is an unlawful employment practice; prohibiting retaliation against an employee who has opposed any unlawful employment practice or who has made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation or proceeding concerning such a claim; providing for vicarious liability for employers in certain circumstances; providing a defense; providing for liability for individual employees in certain circumstances; providing a defense; providing affirmative defenses; specifying relief available; limiting an employer's liability for emotional distress and precluding punitive damages in certain circumstances; specifying that provisions may only be enforced by a private right of action; providing time limitation on actions; providing that remedies provided shall be in addition to and not in place of other remedies provided in law; providing for reimbursement of certain compensation; amending ss. 1002.42 and 1006.07, F.S.; requiring screening of certain persons before entering instructional areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 894**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to absentee voting; amending ss. 97.012, 97.021, 97.026, 98.065, 98.077, 98.0981, 98.255, 101.051, 101.151, 101.5612, 101.5614, 101.572, 101.591, 101.6105, 101.62, 101.64, 101.65, 101.655, 101.661, 101.662, 101.67, 101.68, 101.69, 101.6921, 101.6923, 101.6925, 101.694, 101.6951, 101.6952, 101.697, 102.031, 102.141, 102.168, 104.047, 104.0616, 104.17, 117.05, 394.459, 741.406, and 916.107, F.S.; revising references of “absentee ballot” to “vote-by-mail ballot”; conforming terminology to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 896**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the location of utilities; amending s. 125.42, F.S.; authorizing the board of county commissioners to grant a license to work on or operate specified utility and communications services lines only within the right-of-way limits of certain county or public highways or roads; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation and certain local governmental entities to prescribe and enforce rules or regulations regarding placing and maintaining specified structures only within the right-of-way limits of roads or publicly owned rail corridors under their respective jurisdictions; prohibiting a municipality or county from requiring a provider of communications services to re-submit information already in the possession of, or previously provided to, the municipality or county; amending s. 337.403, F.S.; requiring a utility owner, under certain circumstances, to initiate at its own expense the work necessary to alleviate an interference to a public road or publicly owned rail corridor which is caused by a utility if it is within the right-of-way limits of the public road or publicly owned rail corridor; requiring an authority or an entity other than the authority to bear the costs of relocating a utility in certain circumstances; requiring the authority to bear the cost of the utility work necessary to eliminate an unreasonable interference if the utility is located within a certain utility easement; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 898**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the special risk class; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; revising criteria for membership in the special risk class to include members employed as 911 public safety telecommunicators; providing that such a telecommunicator is not eligible for a certain adjustment in his or her monthly retirement benefit; making technical changes; declaring the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Abruzzo and Smith—

**SB 900**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; creating s. 212.099, F.S.; establishing the Restaurant and Hotel Renovation Tax Refund Program; defining terms; providing policies and procedures for the review and approval of applications; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to verify renovation project costs and the incremental sales tax revenue increases for approved applicants; prescribing limitations with respect to tax refund amounts; requiring the Department of Revenue to remit tax refund payments upon certification; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to cease certifying tax refund amounts under specified conditions; authorizing the De-

partment of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 902**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hemp production; providing a short title; creating s. 581.301, F.S.; providing a definition; providing that hemp is an agricultural crop; providing legislative intent; requiring registration of hemp producers; providing registration requirements; providing exemptions; requiring rulemaking; providing for an affirmative defense to certain charges relating to cannabis; providing exceptions to other laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Criminal Justice; Regulated Industries; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 904**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nurse registries; amending s. 400.462, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; providing for the licensure of more than one nurse registry operational site within the same geographic service area; authorizing a licensed nurse registry to operate a satellite office; requiring a nurse registry operational site to keep all original records; requiring a nurse registry to provide notice and certain evidence before it relocates an operational site or opens a satellite office; reenacting ss. 400.497, 817.505(3)(h), 400.506(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.506, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 906**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring an application for a charter school to contain a list of certain information regarding all charter schools currently or previously operated by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; requiring a sponsor to consider current or previous charter school performance by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; authorizing a sponsor to deny an application based on charter school failures; requiring a charter school to submit monthly financial statements for the first year of operation with specified information included; requiring a charter school to submit a plan to become financially viable under certain circumstances; requiring a charter to include documentation of adequate financial resources to support the charter school's operation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 908**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 316.083, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the passing of a vehicle; creating s. 316.0833, F.S.; prohibiting passing and turning in front of a vulnerable user in an unsafe manner; providing penalties; amending s. 316.0875, F.S.; revising exceptions to provisions for designated no-passing zones; creating s. 316.1921, F.S.; prohibiting harassing, taunting, or throwing an object at a person riding a bicycle; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 316.1925, F.S.; revising provisions relating to careless driving; amending s. 316.2065, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “substandard-width lane”; creating s. 318.142, F.S.; providing penalties for specified infractions contributing to bodily injury of a vulnerable user; amending s. 318.19, F.S.; requiring a hearing for specified offenses; amending s. 322.095, F.S.; requiring traffic law and substance abuse education courses to include instruction on traffic laws relating to rights and safety of vulnerable users; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; requiring driver license examinations to include a test of the applicant's knowledge of

traffic laws relating to rights and safety of vulnerable users; amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; requiring driver education courses offered by a school district to include certain instruction; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SJR 910**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII of the State Constitution to authorize the living spouse of a deceased veteran, who upon his or her death was aged 65 or older, partially or totally permanently disabled due to combat, and honorably discharged, to receive a discount on the payment of ad valorem taxes on homestead property based on the percentage of the veteran's disability and to specify that the exemption is transferrable to another residence if the spouse remains unmarried and uses the residence as his or her primary residence.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 912**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recycled and recovered materials; amending s. 403.727, F.S.; exempting a person who sells, transfers, or arranges for the transfer of recycled and recovered materials from liability for solid waste released or threatened to be released from the receiving facility or site, under certain circumstances; defining the term “recycled and recovered materials”; providing retroactive application under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 914**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the offer or sale of securities; amending s. 517.021, F.S.; defining the term “intermediary” for purposes of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act; amending s. 517.061, F.S.; exempting certain issuers and intermediaries from registration requirements relating to the offer or sale of certain securities; providing requirements for such issuers and intermediaries; providing limitations on offers or sales of securities; prohibiting the use of specified exemptions from registration requirements in conjunction with another exemption from registration requirements; providing exceptions; requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to provide certain information on its website; amending s. 517.12, F.S.; exempting certain intermediaries from registration requirements relating to the offer or sale of certain securities; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 626.9911, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 916**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commercial insurer rate filing procedures; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; limiting to residential property insurers the requirement that property insurers certify certain information presented in rate filings as truthful, complete, and in compliance with specified actuarial techniques; amending s. 627.0645, F.S.; revising the types of commercial insurers that are exempt from making certain required annual base rate filings with the Office of Insurance Regulation; reenacting s. 627.0651(14)(a), F.S., relating to the making and use of rates for motor vehicle insurance, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.0645, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Dean—

**SB 918**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental resources; amending s. 259.032, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to publish, update, and maintain a database of conservation lands; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature identifying the percentage of such lands which the public has access to and the efforts the department has undertaken to increase public access; amending ss. 260.0144 and 335.065, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 339.81, F.S.; creating the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; specifying the composition of the network; requiring a project constructed as part of the network to be included in the Department of Transportation’s work program; declaring the planning, development, operation, and maintenance of the network to be a public purpose; authorizing the spending of public funds and the acceptance of certain gifts and grants to be used for such purpose; authorizing the department to transfer maintenance responsibilities to certain state agencies and contract with not-for-profit or private sector entities to provide maintenance services; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 339.82, F.S.; requiring the department to develop a Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Plan; creating s. 339.83, F.S.; authorizing the department to enter into concession agreements with not-for-profit or private sector entities for certain commercial sponsorship signs, markings, and exhibits; authorizing the department to contract for the provision of certain services related to the trail sponsorship program; authorizing the department to reject proposals for such services, seek other proposals, or perform the services; authorizing the department to terminate permits or change locations of sponsorship sites for construction or improvement of facilities under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 373.036, F.S.; requiring certain information to be included in the consolidated annual report for each project related to water quality or water quantity; amending s. 373.042, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection or the governing board of a water management district to establish a minimum flow or minimum water level for an Outstanding Florida Spring; requiring the establishment of interim minimum flows or minimum water levels if minimum flows or minimum levels have not been adopted; requiring the application of interim minimum flows or minimum water levels in water management districts that may affect an interim minimum flow or minimum water level established in another water management district; providing a deadline for development and implementation of recovery or prevention strategies under certain circumstances; amending s. 373.0421, F.S.; conforming cross-references; creating part VIII of ch. 373, F.S., entitled the “Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act”; creating s. 373.801, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 373.802, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 373.803, F.S.; requiring the department to delineate a spring protection and management zone for each Outstanding Florida Spring by a certain date; requiring the department to adopt by rule maps and legal descriptions that depict the delineation of each spring protection and management zone by a certain date; creating s. 373.805, F.S.; requiring the department or a water management district to adopt or revise various recovery or prevention strategies under certain circumstances by a certain date; providing minimum requirements for recovery or prevention strategies for Outstanding Florida Springs; authorizing local governments to apply for an extension for projects in an adopted recovery or prevention strategy; creating s. 373.807, F.S.; requiring the department to initiate assessments of Outstanding Florida Springs by a certain date; requiring the department to develop basin management action plans; authorizing local governments to apply for an extension for projects in an adopted basin management action plan; requiring local governments to adopt an urban fertilizer ordinance by a certain date; requiring the department, the Department of Health, and local governments to identify onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems within each spring protection and management zone; requiring local governments to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans; prohibiting property owners with identified onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems from being required to pay certain costs; creating s. 373.809, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules to fund certain pilot projects; creating s. 373.811, F.S.; specifying prohibited activities within a spring protection and management zone of an Outstanding Florida Spring; creating s. 373.813, F.S.; providing rulemaking authority; creating s. 373.815, F.S.; requiring the department to submit annual reports; amending s. 403.061, F.S.; requiring the department to create a consolidated water resources work plan; requiring the department to create and maintain a web-based interactive map; creating s. 403.0616,

F.S.; creating the Florida Water Resources Advisory Council to provide the Legislature with recommendations for projects submitted by governmental entities; requiring the council to consolidate various reports to enhance the water resources of this state; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 403.0623, F.S.; requiring the department to establish certain standards to ensure statewide consistency; requiring the department to maintain a centralized database for testing results and analysis of water quantity and quality data; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 920**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abortion; creating a short title; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.; requiring certain physicians to have admitting privileges at a hospital within a specified distance of the location where an abortion is performed or induced; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 922**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the appointment of an ad litem; amending s. 49.021, F.S.; defining the term “ad litem”; authorizing a court to appoint an ad litem for any party in certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from requiring an ad litem to post a bond or designate a resident agent in order to serve as ad litem; requiring courts to discharge an ad litem when the final judgment is entered or as otherwise ordered by the court; providing that an ad litem is entitled to an award of a reasonable fee for services rendered and costs that must be assessed by the court against a specified party or as otherwise ordered by the court; prohibiting a proceeding in which the court appointed an ad litem from being declared ineffective solely due to a lack of statutory authority to appoint an ad litem; providing that this section does not abrogate a court’s common law authority to appoint an ad litem; prohibiting a court from appointing an ad litem to represent an interest for which a personal representative, guardian of property, or trustee is serving; requiring an ad litem, upon discovery that the party it represents is already represented by a personal representative, guardian of property, or trustee, or is deceased, to take certain actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 924**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property prepared for a tax-exempt use; creating s. 196.1955, F.S.; consolidating and revising provisions relating to obtaining an ad valorem exemption for property owned by an exempt organization, including the requirement that the owner of an exempt organization take affirmative steps to demonstrate an exempt use; authorizing the property appraiser to serve a notice of tax lien on exempt property that is not in actual exempt use after a certain time; providing that the lien attaches to any property owned by the organization identified in the notice of lien; providing that the provisions authorizing the tax lien do not apply to a house of public worship; defining the term “public worship”; amending s. 196.196, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the exemption as it applies to public worship and affordable housing and provisions that have been moved to s. 196.1955, F.S.; amending s. 196.198, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to property owned by an educational institution and used for an educational purpose that is included in s. 196.1955, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 926**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to underwater pool lighting safety; amending s. 514.0115, F.S.; providing that underwater lighting inspections are not exempt from supervision or regulation; amending s. 514.025, F.S.; requiring county health departments to inspect underwater lighting in public pools; amending ss. 515.21, 515.33, and 515.35, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 515.51, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 515.52, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 515.53, F.S.; requiring the seller to provide a disclosure summary to a prospective purchaser upon sale of certain residential property of the dangers associated with underwater lighting in swimming pools; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Code to contain underwater lighting standards for residential and public swimming pools; creating s. 553.881, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Code to prohibit the installation of or replacement with underwater lights of greater than a specified voltage in new or existing residential or public swimming pools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 928**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile civil citations; amending s. 985.12, F.S.; requiring that a law enforcement officer, upon making contact with a juvenile who admits having committed a misdemeanor, issue a civil citation in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Ring and Sobel—

**SB 930**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to art therapy; creating s. 491.017, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting use of the title “art therapist” except by certain individuals; providing a penalty; creating the Board of Professional Art Therapists; providing membership requirements; providing requirements, with exception, for licensure as an art therapist; providing requirements for practice as a registered art therapy intern; requiring the board to establish fees for licensure applications, licensure, and license renewal; providing grounds for disciplinary action; requiring rulemaking; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 932**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to timeshares; amending s. 721.05, F.S.; revising the term “timeshare estate”; amending s. 721.07, F.S.; revising provisions pertaining to multisite timeshare plans and clarifying single-site timeshare plan developer liability for nonmaterial errors or omissions; amending s. 721.08, F.S.; providing that leasehold accommodations or facilities may be added to a timeshare trust; providing that a vote of the voting interests of a timeshare plan is not required for substitution or automatic deletion of multisite timeshare trust property; removing the requirement for court approval of trustee dispositions of timeshare trust property; creating s. 721.125, F.S.; providing for extension or termination of timeshare plans; amending s. 721.14, F.S.; providing for the transfer of reservation system data upon termination of managing entity; amending s. 721.27, F.S.; clarifying the annual fees due from managing entities of all timeshare plans; amending s. 721.52, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “nonspecific multisite timeshare plan” and “specific multisite timeshare plan”; amending s. 721.53, F.S.; providing that leasehold accommodations or facilities may be added to a multisite timeshare trust; providing that a vote of the voting interests of a multisite timeshare plan is not required for substitution or automatic deletion of multisite timeshare trust property; removing the requirement for court approval of trustee dispositions of multisite timeshare trust property; amending s. 721.54, F.S.; eliminating the term restrictions for nonspecific multisite timeshare

plans; amending s. 721.55, F.S.; requiring the conspicuous disclosure of the term of each component site in a multisite timeshare plan; modifying the cap on common expense assessment increases for multisite timeshare; clarifying multisite timeshare plan developer liability for non-material errors or omissions; amending s. 721.551, F.S.; clarifying the obligation to deliver component site documents to purchasers; amending s. 721.552, F.S.; providing procedures for substitutions and automatic deletions of multisite timeshare plan accommodations and facilities; amending s. 721.56, F.S.; relocating data transfer obligations upon termination of managing entity to s. 721.14, F.S.; amending s. 721.57, F.S.; providing for the offering of timeshare estates in a specific multistate timeshare plan; amending s. 721.58, F.S.; transferring the requirement to pay annual fees by managing entities of multisite timeshare plans to s. 721.27; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 934**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public works projects; providing definitions; prohibiting state and political subdivisions that contract for the construction, maintenance, repair, or improvement of public works from imposing certain conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; providing an exception; prohibiting state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids, being awarded any bid or contract, or performing work on a public works project; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 936**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “covered policy”; amending s. 626.752, F.S.; expanding an exemption from the requirements of that section which applies to the corporation to exempt additional specified activities of the corporation; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising requirements relating to quota share primary insurance agreements; requiring the corporation’s plan of operation to adopt a program that facilitates the removal of risks in which the corporation offers reinsurance to authorized insurers that are willing to assume risks from the corporation; specifying limitations on the corporation’s participation in the assumption of risk in agreements executed under the program; deleting and revising related terms; providing that entering into specified agreements is at the discretion of the insurer; providing that if the corporation is the reinsurer, all forms and endorsements must be approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation; prohibiting the corporation from sharing risk for certain damages; requiring the corporation and each insurer to report additional information to the fund and requiring the State Board of Administration to adopt rules to administer this requirement; revising the procedures for determining whether a risk is eligible for the corporation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 938**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education affordability; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting textbooks required for a course offered by a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution from the sales and use tax; amending s. 1001.7065, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 1004.084, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to identify strategies and initiatives to reduce the cost of higher education; requiring a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by a certain date; amending s. 1004.085, F.S.; defining the term “instructional materials”; revising textbook policies and procedures to include instructional materials; requiring a public postsecondary institution to post in its course registration system and on its website information relating to



required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials and prices; requiring the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to adopt textbook and instructional materials affordability policies, procedures, and guidelines; providing requirements for the use of adopted undergraduate textbooks and instructional materials; authorizing exceptions by an institution's president or designee; requiring annual reporting of textbook and instructional materials cost information and affordability policies and procedures to the Chancellor of the Florida College System or the Chancellor of the State University System; requiring electronic copies of the affordability policies and procedures be sent annually to the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; revising the amount tuition may vary for the combined total of the standard tuition and out-of-state fees; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; prohibiting resident tuition at a Florida College System institution from exceeding a specified amount per credit hour; revising the amount tuition may vary for the combined total of the standard tuition and out-of-state fees; requiring colleges to publicly notice meetings regarding proposed tuition or fee increases; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; prohibiting resident undergraduate tuition at a state university from exceeding a specified amount per credit hour; removing a Board of Governors designee's permission to establish graduate and professional tuition; prohibiting graduate and professional program tuition from exceeding a specified amount; requiring universities to publicly notice meetings regarding proposed tuition or fee increases; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Detert and Sachs—

**SB 940**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children in out-of-home care; amending s. 409.145, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; removing provisions requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop, implement, and administer a coordinated community-based system of care for children directed toward specified goals; authorizing children of certain ages to be placed in a residential group home setting using a shift-care model only under specified circumstances; requiring the department to develop a proposal for a continuum of care for children in out-of-home care; repealing s. 39.523, F.S., relating to the placement in residential group care; repealing s. 409.165, F.S., relating to alternate care for children; repealing s. 409.1676, F.S., relating to comprehensive residential group care services to children who have extraordinary needs; repealing s. 409.1677, F.S., relating to model comprehensive residential services programs; repealing s. 409.1679, F.S., relating to additional requirement and reimbursement methodology; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 39.202, 39.5085, and 1002.3305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 942**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a Rapid Response Education and Training Program; amending s. 1006.735, F.S.; establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program; requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer certain education and training commitments to businesses; specifying the duties of the program; requiring reports to the Legislature; requiring the Division of Career and Adult Education within the Department of Education to conduct an analysis and assessment of the effectiveness of the education and training programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 944**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to secondhand dealers; amending s. 538.06, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer with jur-

isdiction to place a specified written hold order on specified goods; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 946**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal holidays and special observances; creating s. 683.095, F.S.; designating the second Monday in October of each year as “Sir Lancelot Jones Day”; authorizing the Governor to issue proclamations commemorating the occasion; encouraging public officials, schools, private organizations, and citizens to commemorate the occasion; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Rules.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 948**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career education and job training; amending s. 446.021, F.S.; revising terms; amending s. 446.032, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; amending s. 446.045, F.S.; clarifying State Apprenticeship Advisory Council membership; amending s. 446.081, F.S.; clarifying the limitations of certain provisions; amending s. 446.091, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; amending s. 446.092, F.S.; revising characteristics of an apprenticeable occupation; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising funding to include career and professional academies; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules for administration; amending s. 1006.735, F.S.; establishing the Rapid Response Education and Training Program within the Complete Florida Plus Program; requiring the Complete Florida Plus Program to work with Enterprise Florida, Inc., to offer education and training programs to businesses' employees; specifying the duties of the Rapid Response Education and Training Program; requiring reports to the Legislature; requiring the Division of Career and Adult Education within the Department of Education to conduct an analysis and assessment of the effectiveness of the education and training programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hukill—

**SB 950**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public health emergencies; amending s. 381.0012, F.S.; requiring certain state and local officers to assist in enforcing rules and orders issued by the Department of Health under ch. 381, F.S.; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; authorizing the State Health Officer to issue orders to isolate individuals; defining terms; clarifying the responsibilities of the department for isolation and quarantine; specifying that any order the department issues is immediately enforceable by a law enforcement officer; requiring the department to adopt rules for the imposing and lifting of isolation orders; providing a penalty for violating an isolation order; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 952**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Charter School District Pilot Program; creating s. 1011.6202, F.S.; creating the Charter School District Pilot Program; providing a procedure for a school district to participate in the pilot program; providing requirements for participating school districts and schools; exempting participating schools from certain laws and rules; requiring principals of participating schools to complete a specific professional development program; providing the authorization period of a charter; providing for renewal and revocation of a charter; providing for reporting and rulemaking; amending s. 1011.69, F.S.; requiring district school boards participating in the pilot program

to allocate a specified percentage of certain funds to participating schools; amending s. 1012.28, F.S.; providing additional authority and responsibilities of the principal of a participating school in a charter school district; amending s. 1012.986, F.S.; specifying the contents of a specific professional development program for certain school principals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 954**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to involuntary examinations of minors; amending s. 381.0056, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “emergency health needs”; requiring school health services plans to include notification requirements when a student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; amending s. 394.4599, F.S.; requiring a receiving facility to provide notice of the whereabouts of an adult or emancipated minor patient held for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification; requiring documentation of contact attempts; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1002.33, F.S.; requiring public school or charter school principals or their designees to provide notice of the whereabouts of a student removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for involuntary examination; providing conditions for delay in notification; requiring district school boards and charter school governing boards to develop notification policies and procedures; reenacting ss. 154.503(2)(e), 381.0057(6), 381.0059(1)-(4), 381.00593(2), 409.91211(3)(z), 409.9122(2)(a), and 1006.062(6), to incorporate the amendments made to s. 381.0056, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 394.4625(4), 394.4655(2)(a) and (7)(d), 394.467(2) and (7)(b), 394.4685(1)(a) and (b), and 394.469(2), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 394.4599, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 1002.345(1)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 1002.33, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 956**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to freight logistics zones; creating s. 311.103, F.S.; defining the term “freight logistics zone”; authorizing a county or two or more contiguous counties to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone; requiring the adoption of a strategic plan which must include certain information; providing that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; providing evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 958**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to freight mobility and trade projects; amending s. 319.32, F.S., relating to fees collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for issuance of motor vehicle certificates of title and related services; providing for certain funds in the State Transportation Trust Fund to be set aside for specified freight mobility and trade projects; amending s. 320.08, F.S., relating to motor vehicle license taxes; providing that certain fees collected shall be set aside for specified freight mobility and trade projects; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 960**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the student from receiving remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work performed; providing examples of volunteer service work; requiring that the hours of volunteer service work performed be documented in writing and the document be signed by certain individuals; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 962**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 190.0121, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain surveillance recordings held by a community development district; providing exceptions; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 964**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida Professional Sports Team license plate for Major League Soccer teams domiciled in this state; requiring any Florida Professional Sports Team license plate created or established after a certain date to comply with specified requirements and be specifically authorized by an act of the Legislature; providing that the term “major sports events” includes, but is not limited to, championship or all-star contests of Major League Soccer for certain funding purposes; providing that certain funds be used to distribute licensing and royalty fees to participating professional sports leagues; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 966**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disposable plastic bags; creating s. 403.70325, F.S.; authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs for the regulation or ban of disposable plastic bags; providing program criteria; providing for expiration of the program; directing participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to the municipal governing body and the Department of Environmental Protection; authorizing municipalities to continue such regulation or ban after the program expires under certain conditions; republishing s. 403.7033, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 968**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employee health care plans; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; revising definitions; removing provisions requiring certain insurance carriers to provide semiannual reports to the Office of Insurance Regulation; repealing requirements that certain insurance carriers offer standard, basic, high deductible, and limited health benefit plans; making conforming changes; creating s. 627.66997, F.S.; authorizing certain small employer insurance policies to

provide stop-loss coverage; providing requirements for such policies; amending ss. 627.642, 627.6475, and 627.657, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 627.6571, 627.6675, 641.31074, and 641.3922, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 970**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screening; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising the requirement relating to background screening of instructional personnel in virtual instruction programs; amending s. 1012.315, F.S.; providing additional offenses that determine ineligibility for educator certification or employment in a position that requires direct contact with students; amending s. 1012.32, F.S.; revising requirements for the retention, search, and reporting of fingerprints of school personnel; providing for Department of Law Enforcement participation in the national retained print arrest notification program; providing for fees; amending s. 1012.465, F.S.; providing background screening requirements for certain school district employees, contractual personnel, and instructional personnel in virtual instruction programs; requiring a fingerprint-based criminal history background screening; providing requirements for submission, retention, search, and reporting of fingerprints; providing for fees; amending s. 1012.467, F.S.; requiring the fingerprints of certain noninstructional contractors to be enrolled in the national retained print arrest notification program; requiring arrest fingerprints to be searched against state and federal retained fingerprints; providing for fees to be established by rule; revising provisions relating to sharing criminal history information; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising provisions relating to background rescreening for educator certification; amending s. 1012.796; authorizing complaints to be filed against persons employed by virtual instruction providers; amending s. 1012.797, F.S.; revising provisions relating to notification to education providers of charges against school district employees; reenacting ss. 1001.42(7), 1002.33(12)(g), 1002.36(7)(g), 1002.421(4)(a), 1012.32(1) and (2), 1012.56(10)(a) and (c), and 1012.795(1)(n), F.S., relating to district school board powers and duties, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, the accountability of private schools participating in state school choice scholarship programs, qualifications of personnel, educator certification requirements, and Education Practices Commission authority to discipline, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 1012.315, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 972**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to value adjustment boards; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 193.122, F.S.; establishing deadlines for value adjustment boards to complete final tax roll certifications; amending s. 194.011, F.S.; specifying procedures for filing petitions to the value adjustment board; amending s. 194.014, F.S.; revising the interest rate upon which unpaid and overpaid ad valorem taxes accrue; amending s. 194.015, F.S.; authorizing the district school board and district county commission to audit certain expenses of the value adjustment board; amending s. 194.032, F.S.; requiring a property appraiser to notify a petitioner when property record cards are available online; requiring a petitioner to show good cause to reschedule a hearing related to an assessment; requiring county commissioners to address issues concerning assessment rolls by a time certain; amending s. 194.034, F.S.; revising the entities that may represent a taxpayer before the value adjustment board; creating s. 194.038, F.S.; requiring counties, under certain circumstances, to notify the Department of Revenue of petitions contesting tax assessments; requiring the department to conduct reviews of value adjustment board proceedings under certain circumstances; providing review procedures; requiring the department to publish review results; requiring notification to the Legislature of publication of review data and findings; requiring the department to find a value adjustment board to be in violation of the law if certain criteria are met; authorizing a property appraiser to file suit under certain circumstances; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 195.002,

F.S.; providing that the department has administrative review powers over value adjustment boards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 974**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to grounds for discipline of health care professionals; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; providing that certain acts committed by a licensee are grounds for discipline; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 976**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle liability insurance; amending s. 324.021, F.S.; revising proof of financial responsibility for damages arising out of the use of certain motor vehicles; providing insurance coverage requirements for certain lessors of a motor vehicle; deleting a requirement that the lessor of a motor vehicle is deemed the owner of the vehicle for the purpose of determining liability under certain conditions; revising liability of the lessee or operator of the motor vehicle; revising applicability; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 978**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to general tort liability; amending s. 768.73, F.S.; providing for applicability of the punitive damages limitation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 980**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to defense contracting; creating s. 288.1046, F.S.; establishing the Defense Works in Florida Incentive; providing definitions; authorizing a Florida prime contractor to apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity to certify that it may reduce its computation of adjusted federal income by a specified amount; providing application requirements and procedures; providing caps for the aggregate amount of qualified subcontract awards that may be certified per calendar year; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “adjusted federal income” to provide for a reduction in taxable income equal to a specified amount of qualified subcontract awards certified by the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Thompson and Smith—

**SB 982**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Civil Rights Act; amending s. 509.092, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in public lodging and food service establishments; amending s. 760.01, F.S.; revising the general purpose of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; amending s. 760.05, F.S.; revising the function of the Florida Commission on Human Relations; amending s. 760.07, F.S.; providing civil and administrative remedies for discrimination on the basis of pregnancy; amending s. 760.08, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy in places of public accommodation; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of pregnancy; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy by labor organizations, joint labor-management committees, and employment agencies; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy

in occupational licensing, certification, and membership organizations; providing an exception to unlawful employment practices based on pregnancy; reenacting s. 760.11(1), F.S., relating to administrative and civil remedies for violations of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 760.10(5), F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 984**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an exemption from legislative lobbying requirements; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “expenditure”; specifying that the term does not include use of a public facility or public property that is made available by a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 986**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxis; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; authorizing certain counties to establish maximum rates that a permitholder may charge a taxi driver to operate a taxi under the permit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 988**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anatomical gifts; amending s. 765.514, F.S.; authorizing a person to make an anatomical gift of all or part of his or her body by registering with the First Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry; amending s. 765.521, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a driver license, driver license renewal, or identification card to provide a statement of whether he or she agrees to have his or her name included in the First Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop and issue a brochure explaining such registry; requiring the department to establish the registry and maintain a physical or electronic record of such registry; authorizing a person to revise or withdraw consent to be listed in such registry; authorizing the department to establish additional methods by which a person may have his or her name included in such registry; amending s. 765.51551, F.S.; authorizing specified representatives to ask the department whether a potential organ donor’s name is included in the First Person Consent organ and tissue donor registry and authorizing the department to provide such information; reenacting ss. 381.0041(2)(c), 765.511(8), 765.512(1)(a), and 765.521(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 765.514, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 765.515(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to 765.521, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 990**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulatory minimum prices; creating s. 501.002, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term “regulatory minimum price”; providing that the establishment of regulatory minimum prices for lawful goods or services, or the creation of service classifications that would apply differently to certain individuals and businesses, is an unfair or deceptive regulatory act under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to identify instances of regulatory minimum prices and notify the agency or entity that is non-compliant; clarifying that this act does not apply to minimum wages and

regulatory fees of a governmental entity; providing relief for persons who are adversely affected by certain regulatory actions; requiring courts to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and damages; providing a limitation on damages; requiring interest on the sums awarded to accrue at the legal rate from the date of filing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 992**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to solar energy; reviving, readopting, and amending s. 377.806, F.S., relating to the Solar Energy System Incentives Program; authorizing rebates for a portion of the purchase price of solar energy systems during a specified period; revising eligibility requirements; requiring applications for rebates to include proofs of purchase; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to give priority to residents who have installed a solar energy system upon a structure that qualifies as low-income housing; defining the term “low-income housing”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 994**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to use of force; amending s. 776.013, F.S.; specifying that a person who is in his or her dwelling, residence, or vehicle does not have a duty to retreat, regardless of whether he or she is attacked, and has the right to stand his or her ground; reenacting s. 776.032(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 776.013, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 996**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to home medical equipment; amending s. 400.93, F.S.; exempting allopathic, osteopathic, and chiropractic physicians who sell or rent electrostimulation medical equipment and supplies to their patients in the course of their practice from licensure as home medical equipment providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 998**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; creating s. 562.63, F.S.; defining the term “powdered alcohol”; prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, purchase, use, offer for use, or possession of powdered alcohol; providing penalties; providing an exemption for the use of powdered alcohol by specified entities for research purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 1000**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to slungshot; amending s. 790.001, F.S.; revising the definition of “concealed weapon” to delete its inclusion of a slungshot; amending s. 790.09, F.S.; deleting provisions prohibiting the manufacture or sale of any instrument or weapon usually known as slungshot; amending s. 790.18, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting a dealer in arms from selling or transferring a slungshot to a minor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 1002**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; amending s. 106.0701, F.S.; removing the requirement that certain officers and candidates soliciting contributions on behalf of s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4) organizations create a website disclosing certain information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SR 1004**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 1006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the depopulation of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 627.3511, F.S.; requiring the corporation to provide specified notice to a policyholder and to receive specified written consent from such policyholder before the removal of the policyholder's residential property insurance policy from the corporation by an insurer; prohibiting an insurer that removes a policy from the corporation from annually increasing the rate for the renewal of a replacement policy by more than a specified amount for a specified number of terms; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 627.351 and 627.3517, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 1008**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the seclusion and restraint on students with disabilities in public schools; amending s. 1003.573, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring that manual physical restraint be used only in an emergency when there is an imminent risk of serious injury or death to a student or others; providing restrictions on the use of manual physical restraint; prohibiting the use of manual physical restraint by school personnel who are not certified to use district-approved methods for applying restraint techniques; prohibiting specified techniques; requiring that each school medically evaluate a student after the student is manually physically restrained; prohibiting school personnel from placing a student in seclusion; providing requirements for the use of time-out; requiring that a school district report its training and certification procedures to the Department of Education; requiring that school personnel be trained and certified in the use of manual physical restraint; requiring that a school review a student's functional behavior assessment and positive behavioral intervention plan under certain circumstances; requiring that parents be notified of a school district's policies regarding the use of manual physical restraint; requiring that each school send a redacted copy of any incident report or other documentation to Disability Rights Florida; requiring that the department make available on its website data of incidents of manual physical restraint by a specified date; requiring that each school district develop policies and procedures addressing the allowable use of manual physical restraint, personnel authorized to use such restraint, training procedures, analysis of data trends, and the reduction of the use of manual physical restraint; requiring that any revisions to a school district's policies and procedures be filed with the bureau chief of the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Rules.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1010**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to false personation; amending s. 843.08, F.S.; revising the list of officials who are prohibited from being falsely personated; revising terminology; amending s. 843.085, F.S.; prohibiting the sale or transfer of specified badges bearing in any manner or combination the words "fire department" and the ownership or operation of vehicles marked or identified by the words "fire department"; requiring specified intent for certain offenses; providing an exception; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 1012**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer loans; amending s. 516.031, F.S.; providing terms for certain consumer loans made by licensees; specifying authorized amounts of certain fees and charges; authorizing a borrower to rescind an installment loan within a specified period; requiring the licensee to refund or credit the borrower certain charges under specified conditions; amending s. 516.07, F.S.; prohibiting a licensee from making payments to a person as a reward for referring loan applications to the licensee under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1014**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to shootings involving law enforcement officers; requiring each judicial circuit to create a local advisory panel; requiring the advisory panel to take specified actions; providing for advisory panel membership and terms; requiring the advisory panel to vote on whether to indict a law enforcement officer; requiring a state attorney to consider the decision of the advisory panel; requiring a state attorney to indict a law enforcement officer in certain circumstances; providing an expiration date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1016**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to care for retired law enforcement dogs; creating s. 943.69, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; providing legislative findings; creating the Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the department to contract with a corporation not for profit to administer and manage the program; providing requirements for the corporation not for profit; providing requirements for the disbursement of funds for the veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs; placing an annual cap on the amount of funds available for the care of an eligible retired law enforcement dog; prohibiting a former handler or adopter from receiving reimbursement if funds are depleted for the year such reimbursement is sought; providing for the deposit of program funds; providing for the reversion of funds to the department under certain circumstances; authorizing the carryforward of unexpended appropriations for use in the program up to certain limits; authorizing the department to adopt rules and forms; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1018**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; providing that the annual budget of a multicondominium association may provide for an item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds a specified amount if approved by the board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1020**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student transportation funding; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; revising the membership of students that a school district reports for transportation funding purposes; revising the school transportation allocation formula used by each school district; revising the types of students eligible for transportation funds used for transportation to and from school in private passenger cars and boats; reenacting s. 1011.622, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 1011.68, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 1022**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wireless communications devices; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while dialing, or talking or listening on, a wireless communications device for the purpose of interpersonal communication or while using a wireless communications device to view or post an electronic message or initiate a command to the Internet; revising the exceptions; defining the term “hands-free electronic device”; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an educational awareness campaign that informs the motoring public about the Florida Ban on Handheld Wireless Communications While Driving Law; requiring the Department of Transportation to notify the motoring public about the Florida Ban on Handheld Wireless Communications While Driving Law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1024**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Central Florida Expressway Authority; amending s. 348.753, F.S.; requiring the chairs of the boards of specified county commissions each to appoint one member from their respective counties who is a commission member or chair or a county mayor to serve on the governing body of the authority; specifying that the terms of members appointed by the Governor end on a specified date; removing the requirement that the authority elect one of its members as secretary; repealing s. 348.754(1)(c), F.S., relating to a requirement that the authority obtain prior approval of the Department of Transportation before extending or making additions or improvements to the expressway system in Lake County; amending s. 348.757, F.S.; removing the requirement that title in fee simple absolute to the former Orlando-Orange County Expressway System be transferred to the state upon the completion of the faithful performance and termination of a specified lease-purchase agreement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1026**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unclaimed property; amending s. 717.1243, F.S.; revising the aggregate value that constitutes a small estate account; amending s. 717.135, F.S.; revising requirements for a power of attorney used in the recovery of unclaimed property; eliminating a maximum fee provision for such recovery; repealing s. 717.1381, F.S., relating to unclaimed property powers of attorney and purchase agreements deemed void; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1028**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property assessment; amending s. 195.022, F.S.; revising provisions relating to specified photographs and maps prescribed and furnished by the Department of Revenue to property appraisers to ensure property is properly listed on the tax rolls; requiring the department to pay for such photographs and maps; deleting provisions that required property appraisers in counties with a specified population to pay for the photographs and maps; deleting provisions that authorized the department to charge certain fees and required the deposit of those fees in the Certification Program Trust Fund; amending s. 195.087, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 1030**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Community Creative Grant Program; creating s. 288.066, F.S.; creating the Community Creative Grant Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing a purpose; defining terms; requiring the department to administer moneys appropriated by the Legislature for specified grants to projects; requiring that projects be vital and necessary to local economic development efforts and that other state economic incentives be unavailable; requiring the department to establish an application cycle at the beginning of each state fiscal year; requiring local governments applying for project funding to submit grant applications during a specified period; requiring the department to determine the grant awards within a specified time frame; prohibiting a grant award for a project from exceeding a specified portion of the total moneys appropriated in a fiscal year by the Legislature; authorizing a local government to apply to the department for grants to attract, facilitate, undertake, or encourage a project; limiting a local government to only one grant per project in an application cycle; providing that a project receiving a grant in one application cycle may be awarded another grant in a subsequent application cycle; providing that a project may be awarded grant moneys under a specified provision for a maximum specified period; requiring the application by the local government for grant moneys to contain specified information; requiring a project proposed by a local government to meet certain qualifications to qualify for a grant; requiring the department to consider the specified needs of a local government for grant assistance when evaluating grant requests; requiring the department to rank each application received during the application cycle according to certain criteria; requiring the ranking system to include a procedure to reduce or eliminate any specified bias that puts small communities at a disadvantage in competing for funds; prohibiting grant moneys from being used for a business or sports team that is relocating from one community to another community in this state; prohibiting grant funds from being used by the receiving local government to fulfill requirements to match funds pursuant to other state or federal incentive programs; requiring a grant allocation to be executed in a contract between the department and the local government; requiring the contract to specify the terms and conditions of the agreement; providing that grant allocations that are revoked or voluntarily surrendered are immediately available for reallocation; requiring recipients of grant allocations to promptly report certain information to the department; requiring the governing body of a local government sponsoring a project that receives a grant to submit to the department a written report with specified information; requiring a specified annual report to include an analysis of the Community Creative Grant Program; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to conduct studies to evaluate the effectiveness of and return on investment for the Community Creative Grant Program; requiring the offices to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing for repeal of this act; amending s. 20.60, F.S.; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senators Richter and Diaz de la Portilla—

**SB 1032**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to point-of-sale terminals; amending s. 24.103, F.S.; defining the term “point-of-sale terminal”; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create a program that authorizes certain persons to purchase a ticket or game at a point-of-sale terminal; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 24.112, F.S.; authorizing the department, a retailer operating from one or more locations, or a vendor approved by the department to use a point-of-sale terminal to sell a lottery ticket or game; requiring a point-of-sale terminal to perform certain functions; specifying that the point-of-sale terminal may not reveal winning numbers; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from including video depictions of slot machine or casino game themes or titles for game play; prohibiting a point-of-sale terminal from being used to redeem a winning ticket; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1034**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential construction; amending s. 553.37, F.S.; directing the Florida Building Commission to adopt a requirement within the Florida Building Code that, on or after a specified date, all newly constructed residential buildings have a solar thermal compatible system; defining the term “solar thermal compatible system”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 1036**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising the contents of the annual report submitted by the sponsor of a charter school; requiring a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; requiring that at least one member of the governing board be the parent of a student enrolled in the school; specifying circumstances under which a student is considered to have voluntarily withdrawn from a charter school; providing an exception; requiring the transfer of funds if a student voluntarily withdraws from a charter school; prescribing procedures for the withdrawal of a student from a charter school if the withdrawal is initiated by the school; providing for the transfer of funds; prohibiting a student from being dismissed or requested to withdraw from a charter school under certain circumstances; requiring a charter school to post a performance bond; specifying requirements for such bond; revising references to standard charter contracts; prohibiting specified conflicts of interest on the part of governing board members of a charter school or specified contracts; providing an exception; authorizing specified persons to file a complaint with the Department of Education under certain circumstances; establishing investigatory procedures for such complaints; creating s. 1002.346, F.S.; establishing procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools; providing for oversight of a charter school by the district school board; amending s. 1002.451, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to performance contracts for innovation schools of technology; requiring a district school board to notify the State Board of Education of the establishment of an innovation school of technology; providing requirements for such notification; deleting provisions limiting the number of innovation schools of technology a district school board may operate; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 1038**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; creating s. 1002.322, F.S.; providing a short title and purpose of the act; providing legislative findings; creating s. 1002.323, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 1002.324, F.S.; specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education with respect to the issuance of statements of need; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; requiring the state board to allow stakeholder participation in rule development; creating s. 1002.325, F.S.; requiring an applicant to file a letter of intent with the department before applying for a statement of need; prescribing required content for a letter of intent; requiring the department to publish notice of filing of letters of intent in the Florida Administrative Register; specifying the content of a statement of need application; requiring the state board to adopt a certain rule; establishing procedures governing the submission and review of applications; authorizing the department to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed project under certain circumstances; authorizing an applicant to submit a response to a written statement of opposition; specifying evaluation criteria for applications; authorizing the department to assess fees on applications; creating s. 1002.326, F.S.; establishing procedures for the department to issue or deny statements of need; requiring publication of the department’s report and notice of intent; authorizing specified parties to file a request for an administrative hearing; requiring the department to issue a final order within a certain timeframe of an administrative law judge’s recommended order; authorizing a party to an administrative hearing to seek judicial review; authorizing the reviewing court to award attorney fees and court costs under certain circumstances; creating s. 1002.327, F.S.; specifying applicability of the statement of need review process; authorizing expedited review and exemption from review under certain circumstances; creating s. 1002.328, F.S.; authorizing the department to conditionally issue a statement of need; authorizing a statement holder to apply to the department for a modification of conditions; requiring the state board to specify factors constituting good cause for modification by rule; authorizing the department to assess a fine against a noncompliant statement holder; requiring fine proceeds to be deposited into the State School Trust Fund; specifying the length of validity for a statement of need; requiring the department to monitor the progress of a statement holder; requiring the department to extend the length of validity for a statement of need under certain circumstances; creating s. 1002.3281, F.S.; prohibiting a person from undertaking a project subject to review without holding a statement of need; providing a penalty; creating s. 1002.3282, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of a statement of need; providing a penalty; creating s. 1002.329, F.S.; authorizing the department to seek injunctive relief; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1040**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an infectious disease elimination pilot program; creating the “Miami-Dade Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA)”; amending s. 381.0038, F.S.; authorizing the University of Miami and its affiliates to establish a sterile needle and syringe exchange pilot program in Miami-Dade County; establishing pilot program criteria; providing that the distribution of needles and syringes under the pilot program is not a violation of the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act or any other law; providing conditions under which a pilot program staff member or participant may be prosecuted; prohibiting the collection of participant identifying information; providing for the pilot program to be funded through private grants and donations; providing for expiration of the pilot program; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report and recommendations regarding the pilot program to the Legislature; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1042**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Sun Sea Smiles license plate; providing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1044**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the industrial machinery and equipment sales tax exemption; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; removing the scheduled repeal of the sales and use tax exemption for industrial machinery and equipment purchased by certain manufacturing businesses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 1046**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the entertainment industry; amending s. 288.1201, F.S.; revising the sources of moneys to be credited to the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund to include repayments to the entertainment industry quick action fund created by the act; creating the Entertainment Industry Quick Action Account within the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to adopt specified rules; amending s. 288.125, F.S.; revising the applicability of the term “entertainment industry”; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 288.1251, F.S.; renaming the Office of Film and Entertainment within the Department of Economic Opportunity as the Division of Film and Entertainment within Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring the division to serve as a liaison between the entertainment industry and other agencies, commissions, and organizations; requiring the Governor to appoint the film and entertainment commissioner; revising the requirements of the division’s strategic plan; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 288.1252, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council; revising council membership; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 288.1253, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.1254, F.S.; redefining terms; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity, rather than the Office of Film and Entertainment, to be responsible for applications for the entertainment industry program; revising provisions relating to the application process, tax credit eligibility, transfer of tax credits, election and distribution of tax credits, allocation of tax credits, forfeiture of tax credits, and annual report; extending the repeal date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; specifying a date on which the applications on file with the department and not yet certified are deemed denied; creating s. 288.1256, F.S.; creating the entertainment industry quick action fund within the department; defining terms; authorizing a production company to apply for funds from the entertainment industry quick action fund in certain circumstances; requiring the department and the division to jointly review and evaluate applications to determine the eligibility of each project; requiring the department to select projects that maximize the return to the state; requiring certain criteria to be considered by the department and the division; requiring a production company to have financing for a project before it applies for quick action funds; requiring the department to prescribe a form for an application with specified information; requiring that the department make a recommendation to the Governor to approve or deny an award within a specified timeframe after the completion of the review and evaluation; providing that an award of funds may not constitute more than a specified percentage of qualified expenditures in this state and prohibiting the use of such funds to pay wages to non-residents; requiring a production to start within a specified period after it is approved by the Governor; requiring that the recommendation include performance conditions that the project must meet to obtain funds; requiring the department and the production company to enter into a specified agreement after approval by the Governor; requiring that the

agreement be finalized and signed by an authorized officer of the production company within a specified period after approval by the Governor; prohibiting an approved production company from simultaneously receiving specified benefits for the same production; requiring that the department validate contractor performance and report such validation in the annual report; prohibiting the department from approving awards in excess of the amount appropriated for a fiscal year; requiring the department to maintain a schedule of funds; requiring that all funds received from the required repayment be deposited into the Entertainment Industry Quick Action Account within the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; providing that a production company that submits fraudulent information is liable for reimbursement of specified costs; providing a penalty; prohibiting the department from waiving any provision or providing an extension of time to meet specified requirements; providing an expiration date; amending s. 288.1258, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; prohibiting an approved production company from simultaneously receiving benefits under specified provisions for the same production; requiring the department to develop a standardized application form in cooperation with the division and other agencies; requiring the qualified production company to submit aggregate data on specified topics; authorizing a qualified production company to renew its certificate of exemption for a specified period; amending s. 288.92, F.S.; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to have a division relating to film and entertainment; amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 212.08(5)(q), F.S., relating to sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions; reenacting s. 220.1899(3), F.S., relating to entertainment industry tax credit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1048**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle manufacturer licenses; amending s. 320.64, F.S.; providing that a motor vehicle dealer who received approval of a facility from an applicant or licensee within a specified timeframe is deemed to be in full compliance with facility-related requirements; revising provisions relating to when an applicant or licensee has undertaken or engaged in an audit of service-related payments or incentive payments; limiting the timeframe for the performance of such audits; defining the term “incentive”; providing that an applicant or licensee may only deny or charge back that portion of a service-related claim or incentive claim which the applicant or licensee has proven to be false or fraudulent or for which the dealer failed to substantially comply with certain procedures; prohibiting an applicant or licensee from taking adverse action against a motor vehicle dealer because a motor vehicle sold, leased, or delivered to a customer was resold or exported within a specified period after delivery to the customer, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; prohibiting an applicant or licensee from failing to make any payment due a motor vehicle dealer that substantially complies with the terms of a certain contract between the two parties regarding reimbursement for temporary replacement vehicles under certain circumstances; prohibiting the applicant or licensee from requiring or coercing a motor vehicle dealer to purchase goods or services from a vendor under certain circumstances; defining the term “goods”; prohibiting the applicant or licensee from failing to provide written notice to a motor vehicle dealer of the motor vehicle dealer’s rights relating to the purchase of goods or services from a vendor; prohibiting the applicant or licensee from failing to provide a motor vehicle dealer a written statement disclosing the identity of a vendor under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; prohibiting the applicant or licensee from failing to provide a motor vehicle dealer the right to purchase signs or other image elements from a vendor selected by the motor vehicle dealer under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; prohibiting an applicant or licensee from requiring a motor vehicle dealer to participate in or affiliate with a dealer advertising or marketing entity; providing that an applicant or licensee may not take or threaten to take any adverse action against a motor vehicle dealer who refuses to join or participate in such entity; defining the term “adverse action”; providing that an applicant or licensee may not require a dealer to participate in, and may not preclude only some of its motor vehicle dealers in a designated market area from establishing, a voluntary motor vehicle dealer advertising or marketing



entity; prohibiting the applicant or licensee from failing to act in good faith or deal fairly with a motor vehicle dealer regarding the terms or provisions of any agreement; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or a court to consider certain factors in determining whether an applicant or licensee has failed to act in good faith or deal fairly with a motor vehicle dealer regarding the terms or provisions of any agreement; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 320.641, F.S.; providing that any motor vehicle dealer may file a petition or complaint with the department or a court for a determination as to whether specified notices of intent are unfair or prohibited, under certain circumstances; specifying the circumstances under which a complainant motor vehicle dealer substantially prevails in a certain cause of action; amending s. 320.642, F.S.; providing that a franchised motor vehicle dealer with standing to protest the proposed addition or relocation of a motor vehicle dealer may file a protest with the department or a court; directing the department not to issue a license for the proposed additional or relocated motor vehicle dealer until a certain final decision not subject to further appeal is rendered; amending s. 320.643, F.S.; providing that a motor vehicle dealer whose proposed sale is rejected may file with a court a certain complaint; providing that any person whose proposed sale of stock is rejected may file with a court a certain complaint; creating s. 320.69913, F.S.; providing alternative civil causes of action and procedures for a motor vehicle dealer directly and adversely affected by the action or conduct of an applicant or licensee which is alleged to be in violation of any provision of ss. 320.60-320.70, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Rules.

By Senator Montford—

**SB 1050**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 288.1175, F.S.; removing provisions requiring the department to give certain priority consideration when evaluating applications for funding of agriculture education and promotion facilities; amending s. 482.1562, F.S.; clarifying the date by which an application for recertification of a limited certification for urban landscape commercial fertilizer application is required; removing provisions imposing late renewal charges; providing a grace period for such recertification; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; defining terms relating to the Florida Food Safety Act; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising powers and duties of the department to include sponsoring events; authorizing the department to secure letters of patent, copyrights, and trademarks on work products and to engage in acts accordingly; amending s. 570.30, F.S.; removing electronic data processing and management information systems support for the department as a power and duty of the Division of Administration; amending s. 570.441, F.S.; authorizing the use of funds in the Pest Control Trust Fund for activities of the Division of Agricultural Environmental Services; amending s. 570.50, F.S.; revising powers and duties of the Division of Food Safety to include analyzing milk, milk products, and frozen desserts offered for sale in the state; amending s. 570.53, F.S.; revising duties of the Division of Marketing and Development to remove enforcement of provisions relating to dealers in agricultural products; amending s. 570.544, F.S.; revising duties of the director of the Division of Consumer Services to include enforcement of provisions relating to dealers in agricultural products and grain dealers; creating s. 570.68, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to create an Office of Agriculture Technology Services; providing duties of the office; amending s. 570.681, F.S.; clarifying legislative findings with regard to the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park; amending s. 570.685, F.S.; authorizing rather than requiring the department to provide administrative and staff support services, meeting space, and record storage for the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park Authority; amending s. 571.24, F.S.; clarifying the intent of the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign as a marketing program; removing an obsolete provision relating to the designation of a division employee as a member of the Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council; amending s. 571.27, F.S.; removing obsolete provisions relating to the authority of the department to adopt rules for entering into contracts with advertising agencies for services that are directly related to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign; amending s. 571.28, F.S.; revising provisions specifying membership criteria of the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council; amending s. 581.181, F.S.; providing applicability of

provisions requiring treatment or destruction of infested or infected plants and plant products; repealing s. 589.26, F.S., relating to the authority of the Florida Forest Service to dedicate and reserve state park lands for public use; amending s. 595.402, F.S.; defining terms relating to the school food and nutrition service program; amending s. 595.404, F.S.; revising duties of the department with regard to the school food and nutrition service program; directing the department to collect and publish data on food purchased by sponsors through the Florida Farm to School Program and other school food and nutrition service programs; amending s. 595.405, F.S.; clarifying requirements for the School Nutrition Program; providing for breakfast meals to be available to all students in schools that serve any combination of grades kindergarten through 5; amending s. 595.406, F.S.; renaming the “Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program” as the “Florida Farm to School Program”; authorizing the department to establish by rule a recognition program for certain sponsors; amending s. 595.407, F.S.; revising provisions of the children’s summer nutrition program to include certain schools that serve any combination of grades kindergarten through 5; revising provisions relating to the duration of the program; authorizing school districts to exclude holidays and weekends; amending s. 595.408, F.S.; conforming references to changes made by the act; amending s. 595.501, F.S.; requiring entities to complete corrective action plans required by the department or a federal agency to be in compliance with school food and nutrition service programs; amending s. 595.601, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 604.20, F.S.; removing a provision requiring an applicant for license as a dealer in agricultural products to submit a letter acknowledging assignment of a certificate of deposit from the issuing institution; amending s. 604.33, F.S.; removing provisions requiring grain dealers to submit monthly reports; authorizing rather than requiring the department to make at least one spot check annually of each grain dealer; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1052**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Right to Try Act; providing a short title; creating s. 385.213, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to make such drug, product, or device available to certain eligible patients with a terminal illness without charge or for a specified cost; authorizing the manufacturer to require eligible patients to participate in certain data collection; specifying that an insurer, a health plan, or a government health care program is not required to provide coverage for the cost of such drug, product, or device; authorizing such entities to provide coverage under specified circumstances; specifying that such entities are not required to cover care or treatment needed as the result of the use of such drug, product, or device except under certain circumstances; specifying that the Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice are not required to provide coverage for such drugs, products, or devices for individuals in the departments’ custody; prohibiting a state regulatory board or agency from taking action against the licenses of certain health care providers or against the licenses or Medicare certifications of certain health care institutions for specified actions with respect to an eligible patient’s access to, treatment with, or use of investigational drugs, biological products, or devices; specifying when an investigational drug, biological product, or device may continue to be offered by the manufacturer if the drug, product, or device is found to be ineffective under certain circumstances; requiring certain information relating to clinical trials to be provided to a patient taking an investigational drug, biological product, or device outside of the clinical trial; providing that the section does not create a private cause of action against certain manufacturers, entities, and individuals for any harm to an eligible patient which results from the use of an investigational drug, biological product, or device under certain circumstances; providing a criminal penalty for an official, employee, or agent of the state who blocks or attempts to block the access of an eligible patient to certain investigational drugs, biological products, or devices; creating s. 408.064, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish and maintain a database that allows a state resident to electronically submit a plan that indicates his or her directives for compassionate and palliative care; requiring the database to serve as a clearinghouse of plan information that is accessible by certain health care providers; authorizing the agency to subscribe to or participate in a national or private clearinghouse in lieu of establishing and maintaining

an independent clearinghouse; requiring the agency to publish and disseminate certain information and provide certain training relating to the clearinghouse; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1054**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.055, F.S.; authorizing local agency employers to reassess designation of positions for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class; providing for removal of certain positions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SJR 1056**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to delete a provision authorizing laws that regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Smith—

**SB 1058**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to canvassing of absentee ballots; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; extending the time for canvassing and processing absentee ballots to 28 days before an election; amending ss. 101.65 and 101.6923, F.S.; revising absentee ballot instructions for absent electors and certain first-time voters, respectively, to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1060**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to maximum reimbursement allowances; amending s. 120.541, F.S.; providing that a specified restriction does not apply to the adoption of maximum reimbursement allowances approved by the three-member panel; reenacting s. 440.13(12), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 120.541, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1062**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an electric power rate study; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to determine the average rates, charges, and expenses of providing electricity; specifying requirements for the study; directing the Office of the Public Counsel and the Florida Public Service Commission to provide assistance in obtaining the required information as requested; requiring the report to be provided to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 1064**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the assignment of post-loss insurance policy benefits; amending s. 627.422, F.S.; providing that the post-loss benefits under a policy may be assignable or not as-

signable as provided by the terms of the policy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1066**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential properties; amending ss. 718.116 and 720.3085, F.S.; revising the limitations on the liability of a first mortgagee or its successor or assignee who acquires title to a unit or parcel by foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure; requiring a first mortgagee or its successor or assignee to be liable for all assessments and related costs and fees which accrue from the date of the judgment of foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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**SR 1068**—Not introduced.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1070**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lotteries; amending s. 24.115, F.S.; requiring the Department of the Lottery to place lottery prizes in an escrow account for 1 year under certain circumstances; requiring the appropriate state agency and the judicial branch to notify the department of specified criminal convictions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1072**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to registration of agriculture transport vehicles; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; providing a fee for registration of modified agriculture vehicles; providing a definition; amending s. 322.53, F.S.; exempting drivers of modified agriculture vehicles from the requirement to possess a valid commercial driver license; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1074**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a graduation transition program; creating s. 1003.565, F.S.; defining a term; creating the ESOL Graduation Transition Program within the Department of Education; providing for eligibility and requirements for the program; requiring an eligible student to continue taking certain classes while enrolled in the program; directing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Gibson—

**SB 1076**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative ratification; amending s. 120.541, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to submit for legislative ratification a state implementation plan relating to standards of performance for existing sources of air pollutants; exempting rules implementing the plan from legislative ratification under certain conditions; providing circumstances under which the state implementation plan is exempt from legislative ratification; providing directives to the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to submitting the state implementation plan to

the United States Environmental Protection Agency; providing that, if the plan is not ratified within a specified period, that rules implementing the plan are subject to ratification before the respective provisions of the plan take effect; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1078**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lewd and lascivious behavior; repealing s. 798.02, F.S., relating to a prohibition on lewd and lascivious behavior, including a prohibition on lewd and lascivious association and cohabitation together by a man and woman who are not married to each other; amending ss. 39.0139, 39.509, and 435.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1080**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clerks of the circuit court; amending s. 28.241, F.S.; redirecting revenues from the filing fee for pleadings in specified civil actions in circuit court from the General Revenue Fund into the fine and forfeiture fund; amending s. 28.35, F.S.; revising the list of court-related functions that clerks may fund from filing fees, service charges, costs, and fines; amending s. 28.37, F.S.; removing an obsolete date; reducing the amount of the transfer of excess funds from the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund if certain deficits are estimated; restricting excess fund transfers to costs submitted for the previous county fiscal year; amending ss. 40.24 and 40.26, F.S.; transferring responsibility for payment of jury-related costs from the clerk to the state; amending s. 40.29, F.S.; requiring the clerk to forward quarterly estimates on jury-related costs to the Justice Administrative Commission; amending s. 40.31, F.S.; authorizing the Justice Administrative Commission to issue a certificate to the clerk if apportioned funds are insufficient to cover jury-related costs; amending s. 40.32, F.S.; removing a provision regarding funding of jury-related costs to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 40.33, F.S.; authorizing the clerk to request the Justice Administrative Commission for additional funds to pay due-process costs in the event of a deficiency; amending s. 40.34, F.S.; requiring the clerk to provide for triplicate payroll for the payment of jurors; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; redirecting a portion of the revenue from the civil penalty for certain traffic infractions from the General Revenue Fund to the fine and forfeiture fund; removing an obsolete date; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; revising the distribution and payment of civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to ch. 318, F.S.; amending s. 775.083, F.S.; redirecting revenue from fines when adjudication is withheld from the General Revenue Fund to the fine and forfeiture fund; providing for retroactive application; specifying the authorized budget for the clerks of the circuit court for the 2015-2016 county fiscal year; requiring clerks to submit jury-related cost estimates to the Justice Administrative Commission for the 2014-2015 county fiscal year; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 1082**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.265, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring the court to order the delivery of a child to a jail or other facility intended or used to detain adults; amending s. 985.556, F.S.; deleting a provision that transfers and certifies a child's criminal case for trial as an adult if a parent or guardian demands his or her child to be tried as an adult; authorizing a state attorney to request, and the court to grant, a transfer and certify a child 16 years of age or older who commits specified crimes for prosecution as an adult, rather than providing for involuntary discretionary waiver or involuntary mandatory waiver for a child 14 years of age or older; revising the requirements for a waiver hearing and the procedures to be followed; prohibiting the transfer of a child to adult

court under certain circumstances; authorizing, rather than requiring, the court to transfer and certify to the adult circuit court all felony cases pertaining to a child under certain circumstances; deleting a provision requiring that, under certain circumstances, a child be handled in every respect as an adult for any subsequent violation of law; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to collect specified information; requiring the department to annually provide a report to the Legislature analyzing the collected data; repealing s. 985.557, F.S., relating to direct filing of an information; amending s. 985.56, F.S.; providing that only a child who is 16 years of age or older, rather than a child of any age, may be indicted, tried, and handled in every respect as an adult, under certain circumstances; deleting certain crimes for which a child is required to be sentenced and handled as an adult; removing a provision requiring that a child who has been indicted as an adult be treated as an adult for subsequent violations of law; authorizing, rather than requiring, a court to transfer and certify to the adult circuit court all related felony cases; amending s. 985.565, F.S.; providing that a court may impose juvenile sanctions or adult sanctions; revising the criteria a court must consider in making that determination; requiring an adult court to include specific findings and reasons for its decision in its order; providing that the order is reviewable on appeal; adding further evidence that a court must consider; providing for parties to examine the reports; authorizing and revising how a court sentences children who have been transferred for criminal prosecution and found to have committed a violation of state law; requiring a court to specify the reasons for issuing a sentence to a child; deleting provisions authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to issue juvenile sanctions; deleting provisions authorizing adult sanctions upon failure of juvenile sanctions; authorizing a court to issue certain juvenile sanctions; amending s. 985.57, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, a child to be transferred from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Juvenile Justice under certain circumstances; amending s. 985.03, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 985.04 and 985.15, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patent infringement; creating part VII of ch. 501, F.S., entitled the "Patent Troll Prevention Act"; creating s. 501.991, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 501.992, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 501.993, F.S.; prohibiting bad faith assertions of patent infringement from being made; providing factors that a court may consider when determining whether an allegation was or was not made in bad faith; creating s. 501.994, F.S.; authorizing a court to require a patent infringement plaintiff to post a bond under certain circumstances; limiting the bond amount; authorizing the court to waive the bond requirement in certain circumstances; creating s. 501.995, F.S.; authorizing private rights of action for violations of this part; authorizing the court to award certain relief to prevailing plaintiffs; creating s. 501.996, F.S.; requiring a bad faith assertion of patent infringement to be treated as an unfair or deceptive trade practice; creating s. 501.997, F.S.; providing an exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 1086**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property tax exemptions; amending s. 193.1555, F.S.; prohibiting consideration during a specified period of the increased value from additions or improvements made to certain business property when assessing property taxes; amending s. 196.183, F.S.; providing an exemption from property taxation for machinery and equipment purchased by certain businesses for a specified period following purchase; providing for assessment of such machinery and equipment upon expiration of the exemption; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1088**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil remedies against insurers; amending s. 624.155, F.S.; requiring an insured, a claimant, or a person acting on behalf of an insured's or a claimant's behalf, to provide an insurer with written notice of loss as a condition precedent to bringing a statutory or common law action for a third-party bad faith action for failure to settle an insurance claim; providing that an insurer is not liable for such claim if certain conditions are met; reenacting s. 766.1185(3), F.S., relating to bad faith actions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 624.155, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1090**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic incentives for small technology companies; amending s. 288.9931, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.9932, F.S.; defining the term “small technology company”; amending s. 288.9935, F.S.; authorizing the provision of loans to small technology companies through the Microfinance Guarantee Program; defining the term “applicant”; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1092**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mandatory minimum sentencing; providing a short title; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; authorizing a judge to impose a sentence of less than the mandatory minimum sentence under certain circumstances; requiring the judge to state in writing the reasons for departing from or adhering to the mandatory minimum sentence; providing factors that the judge must consider in deciding whether to depart from the mandatory minimum sentence; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1094**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the peril of flood; amending s. 163.3178, F.S.; specifying components that must be contained in the coastal management element required for a local government comprehensive plan; creating s. 195.088, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a licensed surveyor and mapper to complete an elevation certificate in accordance with a checklist developed by the Division of Emergency Management and to submit a copy of the elevation certificate to a specified property appraiser within a certain time after its completion; authorizing the redaction of certain personal information from the copy; requiring each property appraiser to submit the copies of elevation certificates to the division on a schedule established by the division; amending s. 627.715, F.S.; revising the required coverage for customized flood insurance; specifying how such coverage may differ from standard and preferred flood insurance; deleting a provision that prohibits supplemental flood insurance from including excess coverage over any other insurance covering the peril of flood; revising the information that must be prominently noted on a certain page of a flood insurance policy; requiring an agent to offer a flood insurance quote when quoting an insurance policy that will cover a residential structure located within a specified area; requiring the agent to maintain a record of an insured's declination of flood insurance coverage for a specified period of time; revising the notice that must be provided to and acknowledged by an applicant for flood coverage from an authorized or surplus lines insurer if the applicant's property is receiving flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program; allowing an authorized insurer to request a certification from the Office of Insurance Regulation which indicates that a policy, contract, or endorsement issued by the insurer provides coverage for the peril of flood which equals or exceeds the flood

coverage offered by the National Flood Insurance Program; authorizing such insurer or its agent to reference or include the certification in specified advertising, communications, and documentation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1096**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 443.101, F.S.; clarifying application of a provision relating to disqualification for benefits; providing that certain victims of domestic violence may not be disqualified for benefits for voluntarily leaving work; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1098**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; adding certain substances to the Schedule I list of controlled substances; reenacting ss. 39.01(30)(a) and (g), 316.193(5), 322.2616(2)(c), 327.35(5), 440.102(11)(b), 458.3265(1)(e), 459.0137(1)(e), 782.04(1)(a) and (4), 893.0356(2)(a) and (5), 893.05(1), 893.12(2)(b),(c), and (d), 893.13(1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h), (2)(a), (4)(b), (5)(b), and (7)(a), 893.135(1)(k) and (l), and 921.0022(3)(b), (c), and (e), F.S., relating to the definitions used in ch. 39, F.S., driving under the influence, suspension of driver licenses, boating under the influence, drug-free workplace programs, pain-management clinics, murder, controlled substance analogs, practitioners and persons administering controlled substances in their absence, contraband seizure and forfeiture, controlled substance offenses, offenses involving trafficking in controlled substances, and the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.03, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1100**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of deadly force; amending s. 776.013, F.S.; limiting the application of the stand your ground law to instances in which the attacker commits an overt act that leads the person who is attacked to believe that it is necessary to meet force with force; removing references to threatened use of force; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 776.032, F.S.; removing references to threatened use of force; providing that immunity from civil and criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply if the person injures a child or bystander who is not affiliated with the overt act; amending ss. 776.012 and 776.031, F.S.; removing references to threatened use of force; amending s. 790.15, F.S.; deleting an obsolete cross-reference; defining the term “dwelling” as it relates to discharging a firearm on residential property; reenacting s. 790.25(5), F.S., relating to lawful ownership, possession, and use of a firearm, to incorporate amendments made to s. 776.012, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1102**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utility projects; providing a short title; providing definitions; authorizing certain local government entities to finance the costs of a utility project by issuing utility cost containment bonds upon application by a local agency; specifying application requirements; requiring a successor entity of a local agency to assume and perform the obligations of the local agency with respect to the financing of a utility project; providing procedures for local agencies to use when applying to finance a utility project using

utility cost containment bonds; authorizing an authority to issue utility cost containment bonds for specified purposes related to utility projects; authorizing an authority to form alternate entities to finance utility projects; requiring the governing body of the authority to adopt a financing resolution and impose a utility project charge on customers of a publicly owned utility as a condition of utility project financing; specifying required and optional provisions of the financing resolution; specifying powers of the authority; requiring the local agency or its publicly owned utility to assist the authority in the establishment or adjustment of the utility project charge; requiring that customers of the public utility specified in the financing resolution pay the utility project charge; providing for adjustment of the utility project charge; establishing ownership of the revenues of the utility project charge; requiring the local agency or its publicly owned utility to collect the utility project charge; conditioning a customer's receipt of public utility services on payment of the utility project charge; authorizing a local agency or its publicly owned utility to use available remedies to enforce collection of the utility project charge; providing that the pledge of the utility project charge to secure payment of bonds issued to finance the utility project is irrevocable and cannot be reduced or impaired except under certain conditions; providing that a utility project charge constitutes utility project property; providing that utility project property is subject to a lien to secure payment of costs relating to utility cost containment bonds; establishing payment priorities for the use of revenues of the utility project property; providing for the issuance and validation of utility cost containment bonds; securing the payment of utility cost containment bonds and related costs; providing that utility cost containment bonds do not obligate the state or any political subdivision and are not backed by their full faith and credit and taxing power; requiring that certain disclosures be printed on utility cost containment bonds; providing that financing costs related to utility cost containment bonds are an obligation of the authority only; providing limitations on the state's ability to alter financing costs or utility project property under certain circumstances; prohibiting an authority with outstanding payment obligations on utility cost containment bonds from becoming a debtor under certain federal or state laws; providing for construction; ending public entities with certain powers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1104**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student discipline; creating s. 1006.01, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising the duties of the district school boards relating to student discipline and school safety; requiring school districts to adopt standards for intervention, rather than a code of student conduct, which standards include specified requirements; requiring a school district to meaningfully involve the community in creating and applying certain policies; requiring a school district to fund and support the implementation of school-based restorative justice practices; requiring a school district to hire staff members to improve school climate and safety; requiring a school district to annually survey parents, students, and teachers regarding school safety and discipline issues; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; revising the qualifications of a school resource officer and a school safety officer; authorizing a school resource officer and a school safety officer to arrest a student only for certain violations of law; requiring a school resource officer and a school safety officer to immediately notify the principal or the principal's designee if the officer arrests a student in a school-related incident; prohibiting an officer from arresting or referring a student to the criminal justice system or juvenile justice system for petty acts of misconduct; providing an exception; requiring written documentation of an arrest or referral to the criminal justice system or juvenile justice system; requiring a law enforcement agency that serves a school district to enter into cooperative agreements with the district school board, ensure the training of school resource officers and school safety officers as specified, and develop guidelines for the selection of such officers; amending s. 1006.13, F.S.; requiring each district school board to adopt a policy on referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system, rather than a policy of zero-tolerance for crime and victimization; revising and providing requirements for a policy on referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system; providing that a school's authority and discretion to use other disciplinary consequences and interventions is not limited by the act; conforming terminology; requiring each district school board, in collabora-

tion with students, educators, parents, and stakeholders, to enter into cooperative agreements with a county sheriff's office and a local police department for specified purposes; revising the requirements for these agreements; requiring each school district to annually review the cost, effectiveness, and necessity of its school safety programs and to submit findings to the Department of Education; requiring a school district to arrange and pay for transportation for a student in certain circumstances; requiring, rather than encouraging, a school district to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to a law enforcement agency unless the use of such alternatives poses a threat to school safety; requiring each school district to submit to the department its policies and agreements by a specified date each year; requiring the department to develop by a specified date a model policy for referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system; requiring the Commissioner of Education to report by a specified date each year to the Governor and the Legislature on the implementation of policies on referrals to the criminal justice system or the juvenile justice system; amending ss. 1002.20, 1002.23, 1002.33, 1003.02, 1003.32, 1003.53, 1003.57, 1006.09, 1006.10, 1006.147, 1006.15, and 1012.98, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1106**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; amending s. 796.07, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for soliciting another to commit prostitution and similar offenses; requiring persons convicted of such offenses to perform community service and pay for and attend an education program; requiring the court to impose minimum mandatory terms of incarceration for persons convicted two or more times of soliciting another to commit prostitution and similar offenses; providing for impoundment of a vehicle used in soliciting another to commit prostitution and similar offenses; providing an opportunity for owners to prevent the impoundment or immobilization in certain circumstances; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; providing that a circuit court in the circuit in which the petitioner was arrested may expunge the criminal history record of a victim of human trafficking; requiring a judge to allow an advocate to be present with a human trafficking victim in an expunction hearing in certain circumstances; amending ss. 456.074, 480.041, and 480.043, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1108**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; revising an exemption from public records requirements for certain criminal intelligence and investigative information to exempt information that reveals the identity of a victim of certain human trafficking offenses; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for investigative information relating to criminal history records of human trafficking victims that have been ordered expunged; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1110**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 409.1678, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information held by an agency about the location of safe houses, safe foster homes, and other residential facilities serving victims of sexual exploitation; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; amending s. 787.06, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information held by an agency about the location of residential facilities serving adult victims of human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity; providing for future

legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1112**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexting; amending s. 847.0141, F.S.; removing the court's discretion to impose a specified penalty for a first violation of sexting; requiring a minor cited for a first violation to sign and accept a citation to appear before juvenile court or, in lieu of appearing in court, to complete community service work, pay a civil penalty, or participate in a cyber-safety program within a certain period of time, if such program is locally available; requiring the citation to be in a form prescribed by the issuing law enforcement agency; requiring such citation to include certain information; authorizing a court to order certain penalties under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to order specified additional penalties in certain circumstances; prohibiting the court from imposing incarceration; specifying that all court records and any information obtained or produced are confidential; providing retroactive application of confidentiality provisions for certain violations; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring that a specified percentage of civil penalties received by a juvenile court be remitted by the clerk of court to the county commission to provide cyber-safety training for minors; requiring that the remaining percentage remain with the clerk of the court to cover administrative costs; amending s. 985.0301, F.S.; creating exclusive original jurisdiction in the circuit court when a child is alleged to have committed a noncriminal violation that is assigned to juvenile court; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1114**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to membership associations that receive public funds; creating s. 617.221, F.S.; requiring a membership association that receives more than a specified percentage of its budget from public funds to file a report with the Legislature; requiring that such report provide specified information; prohibiting a membership association whose membership dues are paid for by public funds from expending such funds on litigation against the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1116**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project; requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; requiring the office to oversee implementation of the pilot project; defining the term “emergent literacy”; providing eligibility requirements for participation; requiring background screening for child care personnel; requiring emergent literacy training for instructors; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction; requiring annual submission of an accountability report; requiring the office to allocate funds for the pilot project; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1118**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy; amending s. 366.91, F.S.; authorizing an owner of a commercial or industrial business or a contracted third party to install, maintain, and operate a renewable energy source device on or about the structure within which the business operates or on a property owned or leased by

the business; authorizing the owner or contracted third party to sell electricity generated from the device to certain businesses regardless of whether the device is located in a utility's service territory; providing applicability; authorizing utilities to recover the full actual cost of providing services to an energy-producing business or its customers, under certain circumstances; authorizing a utility to install, maintain, and operate certain renewable energy source devices; exempting from regulation the sales of electricity produced by the devices; authorizing utilities to recover costs under certain circumstances; authorizing customers to challenge such cost recovery and receive refunds following a successful challenge; clarifying the eligibility requirements of certain energy rebate or incentive programs established by law; authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 1120**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to illegal ivory articles and rhinoceros horns; creating s. 379.2376, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, and distribution of ivory articles and rhinoceros horns; providing exceptions and penalties; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to adopt rules, post information on its website, and submit a report to the Legislature; amending s. 379.4015, F.S.; specifying applicability of penalty provisions relating to the illegal manufacture, sale, purchase, or distribution of ivory articles and rhinoceros horns; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1122**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to persons who are deaf; creating s. 320.0849, F.S.; authorizing a deaf individual to make a written request to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for an identification card and placard to indicate that the individual is deaf; requiring the department to issue such a card and placard under certain circumstances; requiring the department to design and develop such cards and placards; requiring the department to develop and adopt rules; amending s. 901.245, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer to seek an interpreter before arresting a deaf person for an alleged criminal violation; providing an exception in the case of an emergency; prohibiting a family member from being considered a qualified interpreter under certain circumstances; creating s. 943.0322, F.S.; establishing a database of persons who are deaf; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to use the database before detaining or arresting certain individuals; requiring the department to create a form for the submission of information for the database; creating s. 943.1723, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to provide basic skills training for law enforcement officers to interact with the deaf; requiring a law enforcement agency to have at least one on-call officer who is trained in or knows American Sign Language or to contract on an on-call basis with a professional interpreter agency; defining the term “law enforcement agency”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1124**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to liquid nitrogen; creating ss. 509.055 and 562.457, F.S.; defining terms; requiring public service establishments and certain establishments licensed under the Beverage Law, respectively, to advise and train their employees in the use of liquid nitrogen; setting minimum standards for liquid nitrogen training; requiring such establishments to provide notice to their guests regarding the danger of liquid nitrogen; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 1126**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to continuing care communities; amending s. 651.055, F.S.; revising requirements for continuing care contracts; amending s. 651.028, F.S.; revising authority of the Office of Insurance Regulation to waive requirements for accredited facilities; amending s. 651.071, F.S.; providing that continuing care and continuing care at-home contracts are preferred claims in the event of bankruptcy proceedings against a provider; revising subordination of claims; amending s. 651.105, F.S.; revising notice requirements; revising duties of the office; requiring an agent of a provider to provide a copy of an examination report and corrective action plan under certain conditions; amending s. 651.081, F.S.; requiring a residents' council to provide a forum for certain purposes; requiring a residents' council to adopt its own bylaws and governance documents; amending s. 651.085, F.S.; revising provisions relating to quarterly meetings between residents and the governing body of the provider; revising powers of the residents' council; amending s. 651.091, F.S.; revising continuing care facility reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1128**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the capital investment tax credit; amending s. 220.191, F.S.; redefining and defining terms; revising the annual tax credit that may be granted for a qualifying project that has a date of certification on or after a specified date; decreasing the minimum amount of a cumulative capital investment that results in a qualifying project being ineligible for the tax credit; conforming cross-references; requiring the certification of a business as eligible to receive the tax credit, which is executed by the Department of Economic Opportunity, to be in writing and to include specified information; limiting the total amount of tax credits which may be granted annually to a specified amount; specifying procedures, requirements, and limitations for the tracking by the department of the total amount of tax credits granted annually; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt certain rules with respect to a qualifying project with a date of certification before a specified date; reenacting s. 288.1089(2)(d), F.S., relating to the Innovation Incentive Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 220.191, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1130**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to windstorm premium discounts; amending s. 627.711, F.S.; providing that an insurer issuing a policy to a new policyholder may accept as valid only specified uniform mitigation verification inspection forms; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1132**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transmission of pornography; amending s. 847.0137, F.S.; providing that each act of sending or delivering pornography is a separate offense; reenacting ss. 775.0847(2) and 856.022(1), F.S., relating to reclassification of certain offenses and loitering or prowling by certain offenders, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s. 847.0137, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 1134**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to blanket health insurance; amending s. 627.659, F.S.; expanding the types of individuals and entities which are eligible for blanket health insurance coverage; authorizing the Commissioner of the Office of Insurance Regulation to designate other risks or classes of risk which are eligible for blanket health insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hukill—

**SB 1136**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to title insurance; amending s. 631.401, F.S.; revising procedures and requirements relating to the recovery of assessments from title insurers through surcharges assessed on policies; revising provisions relating to surcharges collected in excess of the assessments paid by title insurers; revising requirements for the payment of excess surcharges to the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to adopt rules for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1138**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unclaimed property; creating s. 717.1382, F.S.; providing for escheatment to the state of unclaimed United States savings bonds; providing for judicial determination of escheatment; providing procedures for challenging escheatment; providing for deposit of the proceeds of escheatment; creating s. 717.1383, F.S.; providing that a person claiming a United States savings bond may file a claim with the Department of Financial Services; providing limitations on such claim; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 1140**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; providing that the initial award and renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begins upon the completion of the religious or service obligation; requiring verification from the entity for which the student completed such obligation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Gaetz—

**SJR 1142**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII and the creation of Section 34 of Article XII of the State Constitution to allow the Legislature by general law to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead real property if the just value of the property declines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1144**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to services for veterans and their families; creating s. 394.9087, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish the Florida Veterans' Care Co-

ordination Program; providing goals of the program; requiring the designation of implementation teams; providing a list of required services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1146**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agency relationships with governmental health care contractors; amending s. 766.1115, F.S.; redefining terms; deleting an obsolete date; extending sovereign immunity to employees or agents of a health care provider that executes a contract with a governmental contractor; authorizing such health care provider to collect from a patient, or the parent or guardian of a patient, a nominal fee for administrative costs under certain circumstances; limiting the nominal fee; clarifying that a receipt of specified notice must be acknowledged by a patient or the patient's representative at the initial visit; requiring the posting of notice that a specified health care provider is an agent of a governmental contractor; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; redefining the term "officer, employee, or agent" to include employees or agents of a health care provider; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1148**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firesafety; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; defining terms; exempting nonresidential farm buildings, rather than specified structures located on agricultural property, from the Florida Fire Prevention Code under specified circumstances; requiring the State Fire Marshal to conduct a study addressing certain secondary uses of nonresidential farm buildings; requiring the State Fire Marshal to convene a workgroup by a specified date to assist with the study; requiring the State Fire Marshal to initiate rulemaking by a specified date if the study determines that certain life safety or fire prevention standards are required; revising the maximum measurements of a tent that is exempt from the Florida Fire Prevention Code; amending s. 633.208, F.S.; authorizing a local fire official to consider a specified publication when identifying an alternative to a firesafety code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 1150**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bail bonds; amending s. 648.285, F.S.; revising the requirements for a person to own, control, or otherwise have a pecuniary interest in a bail bond agency; amending s. 648.34, F.S.; revising the eligibility requirements for bail bond agent applicants; amending s. 648.387, F.S.; providing requirements for primary bail bond agents; amending s. 648.44, F.S.; adding prohibitions to the way a bail bond agent or temporary bail bond agent solicits business; requiring a bail bond agent or agency Internet solicitation to include a physical address; requiring a fine and temporary license suspension for specified violations; requiring a fine and revocation of certain licenses for a second violation; providing requirements for relicensing; amending s. 903.045, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 903.22, F.S.; providing circumstances under which, while on bond with the surety, a breach of the bail bond conditions occurs; amending s. 903.26, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a court must discharge a bond forfeiture; amending s. 903.28, F.S.; deleting a condition for the remission of bond forfeiture; reenacting s. 648.285(2), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 648.387, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 648.45(4), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 648.44, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 903.36(4), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 903.045, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SM 1152**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to review the eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of Defense Excess Property Program, also known as the "1033 program," and to adopt reforms that preclude participation in the program by law enforcement agencies that have cases pending before the United States Department of Justice involving racial profiling or police brutality.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public depositories; amending s. 280.02, F.S.; revising terms applicable to the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act to add credit unions to the list of entities that may qualify as a "qualified public depository"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 280.03, 280.052, 280.053, 280.055, 280.07, 280.085, 280.10, and 280.13, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 280.17, F.S.; revising the evidence of insurance required to be submitted by a public depositor to the Chief Financial Officer; reenacting s. 17.57(7)(a), F.S., relating to certain state funds deposited by the Chief Financial Officer, s. 24.114(1), F.S., relating to certain moneys received by lottery retailers, s. 125.901(3)(e), F.S., relating to moneys received by an independent special district providing funding for children's services, s. 136.01, F.S., relating to county depositories, s. 159.608(11), F.S., relating to surplus funds of a housing finance authority, s. 175.301, F.S., relating to funds of a firefighters' pension trust fund, s. 175.401(8), F.S., relating to funds of certain locally funded health insurance subsidy programs, s. 185.30, F.S., relating to funds of a municipal police officers' retirement trust fund, s. 185.50(8), F.S., relating to funds of a health insurance subsidy fund, s. 190.007(3), F.S., relating to funds deposited by the board of supervisors of a community development district, s. 191.006(16), F.S., relating to funds deposited by an independent special fire control district, s. 215.34(2), F.S., relating to noncollectible items received by certain government entities, s. 218.415(16)(c), (17), and (23)(a), F.S., relating to certain deposits made pursuant to local government investment policies, s. 255.502(4)(h), F.S., relating to authorized investments made on behalf of the Department of Management Services by the State Board of Administration or the Chief Financial Officer, s. 331.309(1) and (2), F.S., relating to funds deposited by Space Florida, s. 373.553(2), F.S., relating to funds deposited by the governing board of a water management district, s. 631.221, F.S., relating to certain funds collected by the Department of Financial Services, and s. 723.06115(3)(c), F.S., relating to certain funds transferred to the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation, to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 280.02, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 1156**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; creating s. 1009.641, F.S.; creating the STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; providing for the administration and funding of the program; providing for student eligibility and the use of funds; providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1158**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limitation of actions; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; reducing the period during which an action



must be brought for a latent defect in the design, planning, or construction of an improvement to real property; providing for applicability; reenacting s. 627.441(2), F.S., relating to commercial general liability policy coverage to contractors for completed operations, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 95.11, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 1160**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighter and municipal police pensions; amending ss. 175.351 and 185.35, F.S.; providing that placement of premium tax income into a separate supplemental plan is subject to approval by a municipality or special fire control district; authorizing the use of premium tax revenues to provide benefits through a defined benefit or defined contribution retirement plan; specifying the applicability of part II of ch. 447, F.S.; declaring an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1162**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver licenses; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; decreasing the fee for the renewal or extension of a Class E driver license or a license restricted to motorcycle use; decreasing the replacement fee for a driver license; revising the allocation of such fee; providing that any veteran honorably discharged from the Armed Forces who has served at least 1 day during a wartime period and who is qualified to obtain a driver license under this chapter is exempt from all fees required by this section; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1164**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunction of criminal history records; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; providing that an individual who has been adjudicated guilty of driving under the influence but who otherwise meets the requirements for expunction of criminal history records may petition to expunge a criminal history record for a subsequent offense unless expunction is specifically prohibited for such violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1166**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; creating s. 92.562, F.S.; defining terms; providing for confidentiality under the Florida Evidence Code of communications between a human trafficking victim advocate and a victim; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1168**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to applicants to be a contractor; amending s. 489.115, F.S.; authorizing the Construction Industry Licensing Board to deny licensure to an applicant who has been convicted of specified felonies based upon the severity of the crime, the relationship of the crime to contracting, or the potential for public harm; prohibiting the board from denying licensure to an applicant based upon a conviction of a felony of the third degree, a misdemeanor, a civil penalty, or based solely upon the applicant's failure to provide proof of restoration of civil rights; amending ss. 489.511 and 489.513, F.S.; prohib-

iting the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board from making a determination that an individual applying for certification is ineligible based upon a conviction of a felony of the third degree, a misdemeanor, or a civil penalty; amending s. 489.553, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Health from considering a conviction of a felony of the third degree, a misdemeanor, or a civil penalty in its consideration of good moral character; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1170**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to problem-solving courts; amending s. 910.035, F.S.; defining the term “problem-solving court”; authorizing a person eligible for participation in a problem-solving court to transfer his or her case to another county's problem-solving court under certain circumstances; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums; amending s. 718.117, F.S.; providing and revising procedures and requirements for termination of a condominium property; providing requirements for the rejection of a plan of termination; providing a definition; providing applicability; providing requirements relating to partial termination of a condominium property; revising requirements relating to the right to contest a plan of termination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1174**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trespass on airport property; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; providing a criminal penalty for trespass on the operational area of an airport with intent to commit specified acts; defining the term “operational area of an airport”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1176**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recreational marijuana; amending s. 20.165, F.S.; renaming the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 561.025, F.S.; renaming the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund; specifying distribution of funds; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating ch. 566, F.S., relating to recreational marijuana; providing definitions relating to an excise tax on recreational marijuana; imposing an excise tax on recreational marijuana; providing for inflation adjustments to the tax rate; providing for collection of the tax; providing for distribution of tax revenues; requiring an annual report concerning tax revenues; providing definitions relating to regulation of recreational marijuana; prohibiting the use of false identification by persons under 21 years of age for specified activities relating to recreational marijuana; providing non-criminal penalties; providing for alternative sentencing; exempting certain activities involving marijuana from use and possession offenses; authorizing persons age 21 and over to engage in certain activities involving personal use of marijuana in limited amounts; providing limits on where persons may engage in specified activities; providing for licensure of marijuana establishments that may engage in the manufacture, possession, or purchase of marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana accessories or sell marijuana, marijuana products, or marijuana accessories to a consumer; specifying duties of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages, Marijuana, and Tobacco; providing for enforcement

of regulatory provisions; authorizing agreements with other entities for certain enforcement activities; requiring an annual report; providing for licensing of marijuana establishments; providing for license fees; providing for a licenses process; providing limits on the number of retail marijuana stores in localities based on population; providing standards for prospective licensees; providing restrictions on the location of marijuana establishments; prohibiting certain activities by marijuana establishments; providing procedures when a marijuana establishment's license expires; authorizing localities to prohibit one or more types of marijuana establishments through local ordinance; authorizing localities to specify an entity within the locality to be responsible for processing applications for a license to operate a marijuana establishment; providing for submission of applications to localities if the division has not issued establishment licenses by a specified date; specifying duties of the Attorney General concerning federal subpoenas; providing an exemption from specified provisions for marijuana research; specifying that the chapter does not apply to employer drug policies or operating under the influence laws; specifying that the chapter does not allow persons under 21 years of age to engage in activities permitted therein; providing that the rights of property owners are not affected; authorizing rulemaking; specifying that conduct allowed by the chapter may not be considered the basis for the finding of a lack of good moral character as that term is used in law; providing for emergency rulemaking; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; providing that marijuana establishments that sell food containing marijuana are considered food service establishments for the purposes of specified regulations; creating s. 500.105, F.S.; specifying that food products containing marijuana that are prepared in permitted food establishments and sold by licensed retail marijuana stores are not considered adulterated; amending s. 562.13, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful for marijuana establishments to employ persons under 18 years of age; amending s. 569.0073, F.S.; exempting licensed marijuana establishments from specified provisions regulating the sale of pipes and smoking devices; amending ss. 893.13 and 893.135, F.S.; providing that conduct authorized under ch. 566, F.S., is not prohibited by specified controlled substance prohibitions; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 1178**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drone surveillance; providing a short title; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference for purposes of a short title; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to develop guidelines for the use of drones by state or local law enforcement agencies; requiring such law enforcement agencies to annually report to the department, and requiring the department to annually report to the Governor and Legislature, regarding drone usage; creating s. 934.55, F.S.; providing definitions; specifying situations in which it is lawful to capture an image with a drone; prohibiting the capture of an image of an individual or privately owned real property using a drone in certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting possession, disclosure, display, distribution, or use of such illegally captured images; providing criminal penalties; providing defenses to prosecution; prohibiting the use or discovery of such images in legal proceedings; providing exceptions; providing for civil actions for damages relating to violations; providing for court costs and attorney fees; specifying a limitations period for such actions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the practice of pharmacy; amending s. 465.003, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 465.0276, F.S.; providing that the Florida Pharmacy Act does not prohibit the dispensing of a compounded drug by a veterinarian; amending ss. 409.9201, 458.331, 459.015, 465.014, 465.015, 465.0156, 465.016, 465.0197, 465.022, 465.023, 465.1901, 499.003, and 893.02; conforming cross references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to terroristic threats; creating s. 775.32, F.S.; defining terms; providing that a person commits the crime of terroristic threats if he or she communicates, directly or indirectly, a threat to do specified acts; providing criminal penalties; requiring a person convicted of terroristic threats to, in addition to other restitution ordered, pay restitution in an amount equal to the cost of evacuation; providing that a judgment or order of restitution does not preclude relief recovery in a civil action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1184**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; providing that an employer may pay up to a certain amount directly toward the venue expenses associated with the funeral and burial services of a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer killed in the line of duty; amending s. 316.228, F.S.; requiring a vehicle with a load that extends beyond its sides or a certain amount beyond its rear to display red flags not less than 18 inches square under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a special license plate to the owner of a motor vehicle manufactured in the model year 1945 or earlier for such motor vehicle, subject to certain requirements; requiring the department to issue a special license plate to the owner of a motor vehicle manufactured in the model year after 1945 and of the age of 30 years or more after the model year for such motor vehicle, subject to certain requirements; amending s. 324.242, F.S.; requiring the department to release the policy number of a policy covering a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident to certain persons upon receipt of a request and proof of a crash report created pursuant to the laws of another state; requiring the department to provide personal injury protection and property damage liability insurance policy numbers to department-approved third parties that provide data collection services to certain insurers; requiring an insurer's representative, a contracted third party, or an attorney for a person involved in an accident to provide the department with documentation confirming proof of representation prior to the release of certain policy numbers; authorizing the department to disclose certain confidential and exempt information to another governmental entity under certain circumstances; defining the term "governmental entity"; reenacting s. 319.23(3)(c), F.S., relating to application for, and issuance of, certificate of title, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 320.086, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 320.08(2)(a) and (3)(e), F.S., relating to license taxes, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 320.086, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1186**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 260.0144, F.S.; providing that certain commercial sponsorship may be displayed on state greenway and trail facilities not included within the Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; deleting provisions relating to the authorization of sponsored state greenways and trails at specified facilities or property; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 316.303, F.S.; providing exceptions to the prohibition of certain television-type receiving equipment and certain electronic displays in vehicles; amending s. 335.065, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to certain commercial sponsorship displays on multiuse trails and related facilities; deleting provisions relating to funding a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails; creating s. 335.21, F.S.; requiring the governing body of any independent special district created to regulate the operation of public vehicles on public highways to consist of a certain number of members; providing appointment requirements for such members; amending s. 338.231, F.S.; deleting pro-

visions relating to using the revenues from the turnpike system to pay the principal and interest of a specified series of bonds and certain expenses of the Sawgrass Expressway; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; requiring certain long-range transportation plans to include assessment of capital investment and other measures necessary to make the most efficient use of existing transportation facilities to improve safety; requiring the assessments to include consideration of infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle technology; amending s. 339.64, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to coordinate with certain partners and industry representatives to consider infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle technology in Strategic Intermodal System facilities; requiring the Strategic Intermodal System Plan to include a needs assessment regarding such infrastructure and technological improvements; creating s. 339.81, F.S.; creating the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; specifying the composition, purpose, and requirements of the network; authorizing the department certain powers related to planning, development, operation, and maintenance of the network; creating s. 339.82, F.S.; requiring the department to develop a Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Plan; creating s. 339.83, F.S.; creating a trail sponsorship program, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; repealing s. 341.0532, F.S., relating to statewide transportation corridors; creating s. 341.1025, F.S.; authorizing a public transit provider to enter into agreements with a transportation network company for the provision of certain transit services; defining the term "transportation network company"; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 345.0001, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 345.0002, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 345.0003, F.S.; authorizing certain counties to form the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Finance Authority to construct, maintain, or operate transportation projects in a given region of the state; specifying procedural requirements; creating s. 345.0004, F.S.; specifying the powers and duties of the authority, subject to certain restrictions; requiring that the authority comply with certain reporting and documentation requirements; creating s. 345.0005, F.S.; authorizing the issuing of bonds on behalf of the authority under the State Bond Act and by the authority itself; specifying requirements and restrictions for such bonds under certain circumstances; creating s. 345.0006, F.S.; providing rights and remedies of bondholders; creating s. 345.0007, F.S.; designating the Department of Transportation as the agent of the authority for specified purposes; authorizing the administration and management of projects by the department; limiting the powers of the department as an agent; establishing the fiscal responsibilities of the authority; creating s. 345.0008, F.S.; authorizing the department to provide for or commit its resources for the authority project or system, if approved by the Legislature, subject to legislative budget request procedures and prohibitions and appropriation procedures; authorizing the payment of expenses incurred by the department on behalf of the authority; requiring the department to receive a share of the revenue from the authority; providing calculations for disbursement of revenues; creating s. 345.0009, F.S.; authorizing the authority to acquire private or public property and property rights for a project or plan; establishing the rights and liabilities and remedial actions relating to property acquired for a transportation project or corridor; creating s. 345.001, F.S.; authorizing contracts between governmental entities and the authority; creating s. 345.0011, F.S.; pledging that the state will not limit or alter the vested rights of the authority or the department with regard to any issued bonds or other rights relating to the bonds if they affect the rights of bondholders; creating s. 345.0012, F.S.; exempting the authority from certain taxes and assessments; providing exceptions; creating s. 345.0013, F.S.; providing that bonds or obligations issued under this chapter are legal investments for specified entities; creating s. 345.0014, F.S.; providing applicability; directing the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, in cooperation with the Center for Urban Transportation Research, to develop and implement a pilot program with at least one community transportation coordinator relating to the use of a transportation network company as a transportation operator; defining the term "transportation network company"; specifying requirements and restrictions of the pilot program; requiring the commission to present a report to the chairs of the appropriate Senate and House committees by a certain date; providing legislative findings and intent relating to transportation funding; directing the Center for Urban Transportation Research to establish a study on implementing a system in this state which charges drivers based on their vehicle miles traveled as an alternative to the present fuel tax structure to fund transportation projects; specifying requirements of the study; directing the Center for Urban Transportation Research to conduct a 6-month pilot project to

study the feasibility and economic impact of implementing a system that charges drivers based on their vehicle miles traveled; specifying requirements for the pilot project; requiring that a report on the findings of the pilot project be made to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council by a specified date; requiring that the report include legislative recommendations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1188**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; specifying the penalty for a person who violates a certain controlled substance law in a dwelling; amending s. 893.135, F.S.; establishing the felony of "trafficking in synthetic drugs" and specifying a penalty; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 893.13(9), 893.135(1), and 921.0022(3)(e), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.13, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 373.6055(3)(c), 381.986(7)(a) and (b), 397.451(6), 414.095(1), 772.12(2), 775.087(2)(a) and (3)(a), 782.04(1)(a), (3)(a), and (4)(a), 810.02(3), 893.03(3)(c), 893.13(8)(d), 893.135(1) and (2), 903.133, 907.041(4)(c), 921.0024(1)(b), 943.0585, and 943.059, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 893.135, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 812.014(2)(c), to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 893.13 and 893.135, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 1190**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurer solvency; amending s. 624.407, F.S.; revising the amount of surplus which must be possessed by insurers applying for an original certificate of authority; defining the term "health benefit plan"; amending s. 624.408, F.S.; revising the amount of surplus which must be possessed by insurers in order to retain a certificate of authority; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to reduce certain surplus requirements under specified circumstances; defining the term "health benefit plan"; amending s. 624.4085, F.S.; revising the term "life and health insurer" to include specified health maintenance and prepaid limited health service organizations; amending s. 636.043, F.S.; revising the due date and required content for the mandatory annual report of a prepaid limited health service organization to the office; revising the time periods to be covered by such organization's required quarterly reports to the office; amending s. 641.19, F.S.; defining the term "management services organization"; amending s. 641.201, F.S.; providing that a health maintenance organization is considered an insurer for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to insolvent insurers, requirements for the directors of domestic insurers, the payment of dividends and distributions of other property by domestic stock insurers, penalties for domestic and mutual stock insurers that illegally pay dividends, and certain restrictions on premiums written; providing that health maintenance organizations are considered life and health insurers for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to insurer surplus requirements; amending s. 641.225, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 641.26, F.S.; revising the due date and required content for the mandatory annual report and audited financial statement of a health maintenance organization which must be submitted to the office; amending s. 641.27, F.S.; revising the payment requirements applicable to health maintenance organizations for the examination expenses incurred by the office; amending s. 641.35, F.S.; excluding receivables from a management services organization from being included in the assets of a health maintenance organization for purposes of determining the organization's financial condition; repealing s. 641.365, F.S., relating to the payment of dividends and distributions of other property by health maintenance organizations; amending ss. 817.234 and 817.50, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1192**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to penalties for driving under the influence; amending s. 316.193, F.S.; providing that a court may order a transdermal monitor device or treatment program, or both, in lieu of an ignition interlock device for violations of driving under the influence under certain circumstances; requiring the offender to assume reasonable costs for such transdermal monitoring under certain circumstances; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Joyner—

**SB 1194**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to overseas absentee ballots; amending s. 101.697, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to develop instructions and procedures for the electronic submission of voted absentee ballots from overseas voters; requiring the department, in consultation with supervisors of elections, to develop security measures; prescribing requirements for such security measures; requiring the department to perform an annual security assessment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 1196**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sellers of travel; amending s. 559.927, F.S.; removing references to the terms “tourist-related services” and “tour-guide services” from definitions relating to sellers of travel; amending s. 559.935, F.S.; providing that the regulation of sellers of travel by the state does not apply to persons engaged solely in the sale of tour-guide services; amending ss. 559.9285, 559.9335, and 559.937, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1198**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 766.412, F.S.; creating the Patient Compensation System Trust Fund within the State Treasury; providing the purpose of the trust fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation for personal injury or wrongful death arising from a medical injury; amending s. 456.013, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health or certain boards thereof to require the completion of a course relating to prevention and communication of medical errors as part of the licensure and renewal process; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 766.401, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 766.402, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 766.403, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; specifying that certain provisions are an exclusive remedy for personal injury or wrongful death; providing for early offer of settlement; prohibiting use of the procedures under this act if a claim has already been settled; prohibiting compensation from being awarded if the application is filed by certain persons; creating s. 766.404, F.S.; creating the Patient Compensation System; providing for a Patient Compensation Board; providing for membership, meetings,

and certain compensation; providing for specific staff, offices, committees, and panels and the powers and duties thereof; prohibiting certain conflicts of interest; authorizing the board to make rules; creating s. 766.405, F.S.; providing a process for filing applications for compensation under the system; providing for notice to the applicant; providing an application filing period; creating s. 766.406, F.S.; requiring individuals with relevant clinical expertise to determine whether the facts stated in the application, prima facie, rise to a claim for medical injury; requiring the Office of Medical Review to immediately notify, by registered or certified mail, specified parties under certain circumstances; requiring the notification to inform the provider that he or she may support the application to expedite the processing of the application; providing a timeframe by which a participating provider may support an application; requiring the Office of Medical Review to send a rejection letter in certain circumstances to the applicant by registered or certified mail to inform the applicant of his or her right to appeal; authorizing the applicant to appeal the office’s determination; requiring specified individuals to review an application that is supported by a participating provider within a specified timeframe; requiring the Office of Medical Review to determine whether the application is valid; requiring the Office of Medical Review to notify the applicant of a rejection of the application if it finds the application is not valid; requiring the Office of Medical Review to immediately notify relevant law enforcement authorities in the case of fraud; requiring the office to complete a thorough investigation of the application within a specified time period in certain circumstances; requiring the investigation to be conducted in a specified form; requiring the chief medical officer to allow the applicant and participating provider to access records, statements, and other information in the course of its investigation within a specified timeframe; requiring a chief medical officer to convene an independent medical review panel to make a determination within a specified timeframe; requiring that all information, including information that was previously redacted, be given to the independent medical review panel, and requiring the panel to make a written determination within a specified period; requiring the panel to dismiss an application under certain circumstances; requiring a panel to report that the application supports a claim for medical injury if it determines by the preponderance of the evidence that certain criteria are met; requiring the Office of Medical Review to immediately notify the participating provider by registered or certified mail of the right to appeal the determination of the panel; providing that a participating provider has a specified timeframe within which to appeal the determination of the panel; requiring the Office of Compensation to make a written determination of an award of compensation in certain circumstances; requiring the Office of Compensation to notify the applicant and participating provider by registered or certified mail of the amount of compensation with an explanation of the appeals process; providing that the applicant has a specified time to appeal the award; requiring compensation for an application to be offset by any past and future collateral source payments; requiring the insurer to remit the compensation award to the Patient Compensation System, which must immediately provide such compensation to the applicant; requiring the payment of specified interest on unpaid awards after a certain date; providing that the findings under this act do not constitute a finding of medical malpractice for purposes of s. 26, Art. X of the State Constitution; requiring the Patient Compensation System to provide the department with electronic access to specified applications if the Patient Compensation Trust Fund determines that the provider presents an imminent risk of harm to the public; requiring the department to review specified applications; creating s. 766.407, F.S.; providing for review of awards by an administrative law judge; providing that a determination by an administrative law judge is conclusive and binding and that a written decision must be provided to the applicant and the participating provider; authorizing an applicant to appeal the award or denial of compensation to the district court of appeal; requiring appeals to be filed under specified rules of procedure; authorizing an administrative law judge to grant an extension upon a written petition by the applicant or the participating provider; creating s. 766.408, F.S.; requiring annual contributions from specified providers to cover administrative expenses; providing maximum contribution rates; specifying payment dates; providing for disciplinary proceedings for failure to pay; providing for the deposit of funds; authorizing providers to opt out of participation; providing requirements for such an election; creating s. 766.409, F.S.; requiring each participating provider to provide notice to patients of the provider’s participation in the Patient Compensation System; creating s. 766.411, F.S.; requiring an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Rules.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration; amending s. 98.255, F.S.; designating a specified period each year during which supervisors of elections are authorized to provide certain students with the opportunity to register to vote at school and with instruction on the elections process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education Pre-K - 12; and Rules.

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By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1204**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to minority impact statements; creating s. 11.63, F.S.; requiring that bills that create a new criminal offense, modify an existing criminal offense, or modify the penalty for an existing criminal offense be referred, upon filing and before consideration, by the Office of Legislative Services to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research for preparation of a minority impact statement; authorizing the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to request the assistance of an executive agency in preparing the statement; requiring the executive agency to provide such assistance upon request; specifying requirements for the statement; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to issue a finding as to whether the bill has a disparate impact on members of racial minority groups; requiring that the bill sponsor take certain action if the Office of Economic and Demographic Research finds a disparate impact on racial minority groups; requiring that, if a statement is required of the sponsor, it be included as an appendix to the minority impact statement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments against subdivision property; amending s. 193.0235, F.S.; providing for the assessment of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments against certain common elements of a subdivision; prohibiting such common elements from being prorated by the property appraiser and included in the assessment of the lots within the subdivision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1208**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dietetics and nutrition; amending s. 468.502, F.S.; revising the purpose and intent of the Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Act; amending s. 468.503, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 468.504, F.S.; prohibiting the unlicensed practice of medical nutrition therapy; amending s. 468.505, F.S.; conforming provisions; authorizing certain certified individuals to use specified titles and designations; amending s. 468.506, F.S.; renaming the Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council as the Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Board; revising provisions regarding membership of the board; requiring certain board members to apply for licensure within a specified time period; amending s. 468.509, F.S.; requiring the board to waive the examination requirement for specified applicants; conforming provisions; amending s. 468.511, F.S.; making editorial changes; amending s. 468.513, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by endorsement; conforming provisions; amending s. 468.516, F.S.; providing that a licensed dietitian or nutritionist treating a patient who is under the active care of a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor is not precluded from ordering a therapeutic diet; amending ss. 468.514, 468.515, and 468.518, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 1210**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to attorney fees in certain lawsuits decided against insurers; amending s. 627.428, F.S.; providing that the statutory requirements for attorney fee awards for certain judgments or decrees against insurers do not apply if the suit is brought by or on behalf of a third party to the insurance policy or contract or if the proceeds of a judgment or decree are awarded to such third party; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 624.123(4), 624.488(4), 627.062(3)(b), 627.351(6)(s), 627.401(3), (4), and (5), 627.7074(15)(b), 627.727(8), 627.736(8), 627.756(1), 628.6016(4), 631.70, 631.926, and 632.638(11), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.428, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 1212**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contracts for goods and services; creating s. 672.3021, F.S.; prohibiting contracts for the sale or lease of consumer goods or services from waiving the right of the consumer to make certain statements; providing civil penalties; providing construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1214**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; amending s. 220.191, F.S.; revising the term “cumulative capital investment”; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to provide a detailed analysis of the retention of Major League Baseball spring training baseball franchises; amending s. 288.005, F.S.; revising the term “economic benefits”; amending s. 288.061, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to prescribe a specified application form; requiring the incentive application to include specified information; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to include guidelines for the appropriate application of the department’s internal model in the establishment of the methodology and model it will use to calculate economic benefits; requiring that if the Office of Economic and Demographic Research develops an amended definition of the term “economic benefits,” it must reflect a specified requirement; prohibiting the department from attributing to the business any capital investment made by a business using state funds; requiring the department’s evaluation of the application to include specified information; requiring the department to recommend to the Governor approval or disapproval of a project that will receive funds from specified programs; requiring the department, in recommending a project, to include justification for the project and proposed performance conditions that the project must meet to obtain incentive funds; authorizing the Governor to approve a project without consulting the Legislature if the requested funding is less than a specified amount; requiring the Governor to provide a written description and evaluation of the project to specified persons during a specified timeframe; requiring the recommendation to include proposed payment and performance conditions that the project must meet in order to obtain incentive funds and to avoid sanctions; requiring the Governor to instruct the department to immediately suspend an action or proposed action until the Legislative Budget Commission or the Legislature makes a determination on the project in certain circumstances; requiring a project that requires funding that falls into a specified range to be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission before final approval by the Governor; requiring a project that requires at least a specified amount of funds and that provides a waiver of program requirements to be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission before final approval by the Governor; requiring the department to issue a letter certifying the applicant as qualified for an award upon approval; specifying the funding sources authorized within the definition of the term “project”; requiring the department and the applicant to enter into an agreement or

contract upon certification; requiring any agreement or contract that requires capital investment to be made by the business to also require that such investment remain in the state for the duration of the agreement or contract; prohibiting an agreement or contract from having a term of longer than 10 years; authorizing the department to enter into a successive agreement or contract for a specified project under certain circumstances; providing that the restriction on duration of the agreement or contract does not apply in certain circumstances; requiring the agreement or contract to require that the applicant use the workforce information systems in certain circumstances; requiring the department to provide notice, with a written description and evaluation, to the Legislature of any proposed amendment to an agreement or contract; requiring the department to provide notice of the proposed change to specified persons in order to provide an opportunity for review; providing that a proposed amendment to an agreement or contract which reduces projected economic benefits calculated at the time the agreement or contract was executed by a specified amount or more or that results in an economic benefit ratio below a specified level is subject to specified notice and objection procedures; requiring the Governor to instruct the department to immediately suspend an action or proposed action until the Legislative Budget Commission or Legislature makes a determination on the project in certain circumstances; amending s. 288.1045, F.S.; revising the term "average wage in the area"; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; increasing the number of days the department may extend the filing date; extending the future expiration of an applicant for a tax refund; amending s. 288.106, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the definition of the term "local financial support exemption option" to remove a limit on the allowable percentage of total tax refunds; increasing the number of days the department may extend the filing date; revising the limitations on the average private sector wage paid by the business; amending s. 288.107, F.S.; revising the term "eligible business"; defining the term "fixed capital investment"; amending s. 288.1088, F.S.; revising the requirements for projects eligible for receipt of funds from the Quick Action Closing Fund; conforming a provision to a change made by the act; requiring a specified request to be transmitted in writing to the department with an explanation of the specific justification for the request; requiring a decision to be stated in writing with an explanation of the reason for approving the request if the department approves the request; prohibiting the department from waiving more than a specified amount of criteria; revising the information that the department must include in an evaluation of an individual proposal for high-impact business facilities; prohibiting the payment of moneys from the fund to a business until the scheduled goals have been achieved; revising the information that must be included in a contract that sets forth the conditions for payments of moneys from the fund; amending s. 288.1089, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.905, F.S.; providing that the president appointed by the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., is subject to confirmation by the Senate; prohibiting a former president from receiving compensation for personally representing a specified entity before the legislative or executive branch of state government; providing applicability; amending s. 288.9937, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to analyze and evaluate certain programs for a specified period; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to determine the economic benefits of certain programs; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to identify inefficiencies in certain programs and to recommend changes to such programs; revising the date by which each office must submit a report to certain persons; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1216**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to connected-city corridors; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; requiring plan amendments that qualify as connected-city corridor amendments to be reviewed by the local government; creating s. 163.3255, F.S.; providing legislative intent; authorizing local governments to adopt connected-city corridor plan amendments; providing requirements for such plan amendments; providing incentives and benefits for such corridors; authorizing affected persons to file a petition with the Division of Administrative Hearings for review of such plan amendments; amending s. 190.005, F.S.; re-

quiring community development districts located within a connected-city corridor plan amendment to be established pursuant to a county ordinance; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; providing a statutory exemption from the development of regional impact review process for any development within the geographic boundaries of a connected-city corridor plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 1218**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a community schools initiative; requiring the Department of Education to implement the Reigniting Education Achievement with Coordinated Help (REACH) Program as a public-private partnership in the lowest-performing public schools; authorizing funding; specifying services to be offered with the goal of improving student academic achievement; providing requirements for implementation of the program; requiring the department to submit a report to the Legislature at the conclusion of the program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules to administer this program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Grimsley—

**SB 1220**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Cattle Market Development Act; amending s. 570.83, F.S.; renaming the Beef Market Development Act as the Cattle Market Development Act; renaming the Florida Beef Council, Inc., as the Florida Cattle Enhancement Board, Inc.; conforming intent and definitions; removing a provision that deems a cow and nursing calf sold together as one unit; authorizing the Cattle Enhancement Board to impose additional assessments; revising the powers and duties of the board; providing for the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint a voting member rather than an ex officio, non-voting member to the governing board of the Cattle Enhancement Board; providing for staggered terms of governing board members; providing for initial and subsequent appointment of governing board members; authorizing the commissioner to initiate a referendum on assessments with certain notice; directing the commissioner to designate a specified number of days for a referendum to take place; limiting referenda on per-head-of-cattle assessments to once every 3 years; removing provisions requiring the board to maintain frequent communication with officers and industry representatives at the state and national levels; removing provisions authorizing the board to sue and be sued without individual liability of the members, to maintain a financial reserve for emergency use, to appoint advisory groups, to accept grants, donations, contributions, or gifts from any source, and to pay other organizations for work or services; specifying a date by which collection agents must collect and forward assessments to the board; removing provisions entitling collection agents to deduct a fee from the amount of assessments collected; removing a future repeal; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 1222**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services; amending s. 626.015, F.S.; revising the definition of "general lines agent," to remove a restriction with respect to agents transacting health insurance; limiting the types of health insurance agents; amending s. 626.0428, F.S.; revising licensure requirements of certain agents in charge of an agency's place of business; amending s. 626.221, F.S.; revising examination requirements for applicants for a license as a general lines agent, personal lines agent, or all-lines adjuster; amending s. 626.241, F.S.; revising the scope of license examinations for agents and adjusters; amending s. 626.2817, F.S.; revising requirements of certain prelicensure education courses for insurance agents and other licensees; amending s. 626.311, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.732, F.S.; revising requirements relating to knowledge, experience, and in-

struction for applicants for a license as a general lines or personal lines agent; amending s. 626.7351, F.S.; revising qualifications for a customer representative's license; amending s. 626.748, F.S.; requiring agents to maintain certain records for a specified time period after policy expiration; amending ss. 626.7851 and 626.8311, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the knowledge, experience, or instruction for life agents and health agents, respectively; creating s. 626.8661, F.S.; providing knowledge, experience, and instruction requirements for an all-lines adjuster; amending s. 626.9541, F.S.; providing that certain provisions relating to illegal dealings in premiums are applicable notwithstanding any other provision of law; amending s. 627.4553, F.S.; requiring an insurance agent to provide and retain certain information upon surrender of an annuity or life insurance policy under certain circumstances; amending s. 631.341, F.S.; authorizing certain notices of insolvency to be delivered to policyholders by certain methods; amending s. 648.355, F.S.; revising instructional requirements relating to the issuance of a temporary limited license as a limited surety agent; amending s. 648.386, F.S.; revising curricula requirements for approval and certification as a limited surety agent and professional bail bond agent pre-licensing school; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Joyner—

**SB 1224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care representatives; amending s. 743.0645, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 765.101, F.S.; defining terms for purposes of provisions relating to health care advanced directives; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 765.102, F.S.; revising legislative intent to include reference to surrogate authority that is not dependent on a determination of incapacity; amending s. 765.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 765.105, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an exception for a patient who has designated a surrogate to make health care decisions and receive health information without a determination of incapacity being required; amending ss. 765.1103 and 765.1105, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 765.202, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the designation of health care surrogates; amending s. 765.203, F.S.; revising the suggested form for designation of a health care surrogate; creating s. 765.2035, F.S.; providing for the designation of health care surrogates for minors; providing for designation of an alternate surrogate; providing for decisionmaking if neither the designated surrogate nor the designated alternate surrogate is willing, able, or reasonably available to make health care decisions for the minor on behalf of the minor's principal; authorizing designation of a separate surrogate to consent to mental health treatment for a minor; providing that the health care surrogate authorized to make health care decisions for a minor is also the minor's principal's choice to make decisions regarding mental health treatment for the minor unless provided otherwise; providing that a written designation of a health care surrogate establishes a rebuttable presumption of clear and convincing evidence of the minor's principal's designation of the surrogate; creating s. 765.2038, F.S.; providing a suggested form for the designation of a health care surrogate for a minor; amending s. 765.204, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing for notification of incapacity of a principal; amending s. 765.205, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an additional requirement when a patient has designated a surrogate to make health care decisions and receive health information, or both, without a determination of incapacity being required; amending ss. 765.302, 765.303, 765.304, 765.306, 765.404, and 765.516, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 1226**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianship; providing directives to the Division of Law Revision and Information; amending s. 744.1012, F.S.; revising legislative intent; renumbering s. 744.201, F.S.; renumbering and amending s. 744.202, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; renumbering s. 744.2025, F.S.; renumbering and

amending s. 744.7021, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of the executive director for the Office of Public and Professional Guardians; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; renumbering and amending s. 744.1083, F.S.; removing a provision authorizing the executive director to suspend or revoke the registration of a guardian who commits certain violations; removing the requirement of written notification to the chief judge of the judicial circuit upon the executive director's denial, suspension, or revocation of a registration; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; renumbering and amending s. 744.1085, F.S.; removing an obsolete provision; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 744.2004, F.S.; requiring the Office of Public and Professional Guardians to adopt rules; requiring the office, under certain circumstances, to make a specified recommendation to a court of competent jurisdiction; renumbering and amending s. 744.344, F.S.; requiring that a professional guardian appointed by a court to represent an allegedly incapacitated person be selected from a registry of professional guardians; requiring the chief judge of a circuit court to compile a list of professional guardians by county and provide the list to the clerk of court in each county; providing requirements for inclusion in the registry; providing procedures for a court to appoint a professional guardian; providing an exception; requiring the clerk of the court to maintain the registry and provide the court with the name of a professional guardian for appointment; renumbering and amending s. 744.703, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; renumbering ss. 744.704 and 744.705, F.S.; renumbering and amending ss. 744.706 and 744.707, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; renumbering s. 744.709, F.S.; renumbering and amending s. 744.708, 744.7081, and 744.7082, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; renumbering and amending s. 744.712, F.S.; providing legislative intent; conforming provisions; renumbering and amending ss. 744.713, 744.714, and 744.715, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 744.701, F.S.; relating to a short title; repealing s. 744.702, F.S.; relating to legislative intent; repealing s. 744.7101, F.S.; relating to a short title; repealing s. 744.711, F.S.; relating to legislative findings and intent; amending ss. 400.148, 744.3135, and 744.331, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 20.415, 415.1102, and 744.524, F.S.; conforming cross-references; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Evers—

**SM 1228**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to direct the United States Environmental Protection Agency to revise the proposed regulations that address carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Rules.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 1230**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on commercial real property; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing certain exemptions from the tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property; providing for the future repeal of s. 212.031, F.S., relating to the imposition of a tax on the rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial real property; amending ss. 212.0598, 212.0602, 288.1258, 338.234, and 341.840, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1232**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building codes; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "plumbing contractor"; amending s. 514.031, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to conduct inspections of certain public pools with operating permits to ensure continued compliance with specified criteria; author-



izing the department to adopt rules; specifying the department's jurisdiction for purposes of inspecting certain public pools; specifying duties of local enforcement agencies regarding modifications and repairs made to certain public pools as a result of the department's inspections; requiring the department to ensure certain rules enforced by local enforcement agencies comply with the Florida Building Code; amending s. 514.05, F.S.; specifying that the department may close certain public pools or deny, suspend, or revoke operating permits for such pools if the Florida Building Code is violated; specifying that the department may assess an administrative fine for operating permits for certain public pools if the Florida Building Code is violated; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; requiring the permitted installation or replacement of a hot water heater to include a water-level detection device; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; requiring local enforcing agencies to permit and inspect modifications and repairs made to certain public pools and public bathing places as a result of the department's inspections; amending s. 553.841, F.S.; removing provisions related to the development of advanced courses with respect to the Florida Building Code Compliance and Mitigation Program and the accreditation of courses related to the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.842, F.S.; providing that Underwriters Laboratories, LLC, is an approved evaluation entity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senators Abruzzo and Margolis—

**SB 1234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to companion animals; providing a short title; defining terms; directing animal shelters to take certain measures relating to the holding, care, treatment, and euthanasia of animals; providing exceptions; authorizing actions for declaratory or injunctive relief; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1236**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Paddle Florida license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1238**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Florida Bay Forever license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Richter—

**SB 1240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to damages recoverable for cost of medical or health care services; creating s. 768.755, F.S.; providing for the calculation of an award of damages for certain medical or health care services paid or owed by a claimant or a governmental or commercial insurance payor, subject to certain restrictions; specifying evidence that a party may introduce for certain medical or health care services provided to a claimant for which an outstanding balance is claimed to be due to a provider; providing that individual contracts between providers and licensed commercial insurers or licensed health maintenance organizations are not subject to discovery or disclosure and

are not admissible into evidence in certain actions; providing that the amount of a lien or subrogation claim asserted by Medicaid, Medicare, or a payor regulated under the Florida Insurance Code for certain past medical expenses, in addition to the amount of copayments or deductibles payable by the claimant, is the maximum amount recoverable and admissible into evidence under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

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By Senator Hays—

**SB 1242**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interstate compacts; creating s. 11.95, F.S.; adopting and entering the state into an interstate Compact for a Balanced Budget; exempting the compact from the Article V Constitutional Convention Act; providing the policy, purpose, and intent of the compact; defining terms; providing for proposal by the compact's member states of an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring the Federal Government to maintain a balanced budget with certain exceptions; requiring member states to strictly comply with the terms of the compact; describing circumstances under which the compact becomes contractually binding on a member state; establishing a Compact Commission and specifying the commission's membership and duties; providing for appointment of a Compact Administrator and specifying the administrator's duties; providing for funding of the Compact Commission and Compact Administrator; providing for the member states to apply to the United States Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution to propose the balanced budget amendment; requiring cooperation among the commission, the member states, and the Compact Administrator; providing for the appointment, terms, duties, and authority of convention delegates; requiring an oath to be taken by delegates; specifying rules to govern procedures at the convention; specifying actions that are considered ultra vires; providing that the balanced budget amendment is not considered ratified until ratified by a specified number of states; providing for construction and enforcement of the compact; providing an effective date for the compact; authorizing severability of the compact under certain circumstances; providing for termination of the compact under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1244**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to constrained agricultural parcels; amending s. 163.3164, F.S.; defining the term "constrained agricultural parcel"; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; authorizing specified landowners to apply for an amendment to a local government comprehensive plan; requiring the local government and the owner of land to agree in writing to a schedule and to negotiate a consensus on the consistency of uses, densities, and intensities within a specified period of time; establishing a presumption that the amendment is not an urban sprawl under certain conditions; requiring that the amendment be transmitted by the local government to the state land planning agency for review; transferring the amendment to the state land planning agency under certain circumstances; limiting the authority of the local government to establish specified prohibitions on the constrained agricultural parcel under certain circumstances; exempting specified property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Agriculture; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Detert—

**SB 1246**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individuals with disabilities; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity, in consultation with other organizations, to create the Florida Unique Abilities Partner program; defining the term "individuals who have a disability"; establishing criteria for a business entity to be designated as a Florida Unique Abilities Partner; requiring a business entity to certify that it continues to meet the established criteria for designation each



year; requiring the department to remove the designation if a business entity does not submit yearly certification of continued eligibility; authorizing a business entity to discontinue its use of the designation; requiring the department, in consultation with the disability community, to develop a logo for business entities designated as Florida Unique Abilities Program Partners; requiring the department to adopt guidelines and requirements for use of the logo; authorizing the department to allow a designated business entity to display a logo; prohibiting the use of a logo if a business entity does not have a current designation; requiring the department to maintain a website with specified information; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to provide a link on their websites to the department's website for the Florida Unique Abilities Partner program; requiring the department to partner with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation to create a marketing campaign with specified goals; requiring the department to identify employment opportunities posted by employers that receive the Florida Unique Abilities Partner designation on the workforce information system; requiring the department to provide a specified report to the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1248**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family law; amending s. 61.071, F.S.; prohibiting a court from using certain presumptive alimony guidelines in calculating alimony pendente lite; amending s. 61.08, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a court to make specified initial written findings in a dissolution of marriage proceeding where a party has requested alimony; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; providing for determination of presumptive alimony amount range and duration range; providing presumptions concerning alimony awards depending on the duration of marriages; providing for imputation of income in certain circumstances; providing for awards of nominal alimony in certain circumstances; providing for taxability and deductibility of alimony awards; prohibiting a combined award of alimony and child support from constituting more than a specified percentage of a payor's net income; providing for termination and payment of awards; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; creating a presumption that approximately equal time-sharing by both parents is in the best interests of the child; revising a finite list of factors that a court must evaluate when determining whether the presumption of approximately equal time-sharing is overcome; requiring a court order to be supported by written findings of fact under certain circumstances; amending s. 61.14, F.S.; providing that a party may pursue an immediate modification of alimony in certain circumstances; revising factors to be considered in determining whether an existing award of alimony should be reduced or terminated because of an alleged supportive relationship; providing for burden of proof for claims concerning the existence of supportive relationships; providing for the effective date of a reduction or termination of an alimony award; providing that the remarriage of an alimony obligor is not a substantial change in circumstance; providing that the financial information of a spouse of a party paying or receiving alimony is inadmissible and undiscoverable; providing an exception; providing for modification or termination of an award based on a party's retirement; providing a presumption upon a finding of a substantial change in circumstance; specifying factors to be considered in determining whether to modify or terminate an award based on a substantial change in circumstance; providing for a temporary suspension of an obligor's payment of alimony while his or her petition for modification or termination is pending; providing for an effective date of a modification or termination of an award; providing for an award of attorney fees and costs for unreasonably pursuing or defending a modification of an award; amending s. 61.30, F.S.; providing that whenever a combined alimony and child support award constitutes more than a specified percentage of a payor's net income, the child support award be adjusted to reduce the combined total; creating s. 61.192, F.S.; providing for motions to advance the trial of certain actions if a specified period has passed since the initial service on the respondent; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 1250**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.727, F.S.; authorizing insurers to electronically provide a form to reject, or select lower coverage amounts of, uninsured motorist vehicle coverage to an insurance applicant; authorizing the applicant to sign the form electronically; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; revising the period during which the applicable fee schedule or payment limitation under Medicare applies with respect to certain personal injury protection insurance coverage; deleting an obsolete date; amending s. 627.744, F.S.; revising the exemption from the preinsurance inspection requirements for private passenger motor vehicles to include certain leased vehicles; revising the list of documents that an insurer may require for purposes of the exemption; prohibiting the physical damage coverage on a motor vehicle from being suspended during the term of a policy due to the insurer's option not to require certain documents; authorizing a payment of a claim to be conditioned if the insurer requires a document under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Transportation; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; amending s. 1001.03, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting the State Board of Education from approving Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program proposals during a certain timeframe; amending s. 1004.015, F.S.; adding the Chancellor of Career and Adult Education to the membership of the Higher Education Coordinating Council; amending s. 1004.92, F.S.; revising accountability measures for the Department of Education regarding career education to include program standards that reflect the quality components of the career and technical education programs; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1007.33, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College to establish additional baccalaureate degree programs under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1254**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to noncriminal traffic infractions; creating s. 316.0275, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for certain noncriminal traffic infractions that cause serious bodily injury or death to a person; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1256**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educational achievement gain-time; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; increasing the amount of incentive gain-time an inmate must be awarded for certain educational achievements; requiring that such an inmate must still serve a specified percentage of his or her term of imprisonment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1258**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the protection of licensed health care workers; creating s. 448.115, F.S.; defining terms;

prohibiting an employer from taking disciplinary action against a licensed health care worker in the employment of the employer under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 1260**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida Centers for Independent Living; amending s. 413.402, F.S.; requiring that a specified agreement be maintained; renaming the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services Program as the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services and Employment Assistance Program; expanding the scope of, and support and services provided by, the program; defining a term; revising eligibility requirements; requiring the association, in consultation with the advisory committee, to adopt and revise certain policies and procedures; replacing an existing oversight group with an advisory committee; requiring that a member of the advisory committee be appointed by the association chair; requiring the association to provide administrative support to facilitate the activities of the advisory committee; amending s. 413.208, F.S.; providing that certain volunteers for centers for independent living do not have to undergo background screening; providing an exception to the volunteer screening exemption for volunteers who have a disqualifying offense recorded in the clearinghouse established pursuant to s. 435.12, F.S.; amending s. 320.08068, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1262**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1003.576, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to have an operating electronic IEP system in place for statewide use; amending s. 1005.22, F.S.; requiring the Commission for Independent Education to report certain data to the department annually by a certain date regarding institutions licensed by the commission; amending s. 1012.796, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to issue a letter of guidance in response to a complaint against a teacher or administrator in lieu of a probable cause determination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1264**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to digital classrooms; creating s. 282.0052, F.S.; establishing requirements for digital classrooms technology infrastructure planning by the Agency for State Technology or a contracted organization; requiring the agency or contracted organization to annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; prescribing report requirements; requiring the agency to annually update the Commissioner of Education on the status of technology infrastructure; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; requiring the Office of Technology and Information Services of the Department of Education to consult with the Agency for State Technology in developing the 5-year strategic plan for Florida digital classrooms; removing an obsolete date; revising requirements for the 5-year strategic plan; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the date by which district school boards must annually submit a digital classrooms plan to the Department of Education; requiring a charter school to submit the school's digital classrooms plan to the applicable school district; specifying required format for the plan; specifying conditions for a school district to maintain eligibility for Florida digital classrooms allocation funds; requiring the Commissioner of Education to implement an online portal for electronic submission of digital classrooms plans by a specified date; requiring a charter school to annually report to the department regarding the use of specified funds; revising requirements for the commissioner's annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the digital classrooms plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1266**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle liability insurance; amending s. 324.011, F.S.; revising legislative intent with respect to financial responsibility for the damages caused by the operation of a motor vehicle; amending ss. 324.021 and 324.022, F.S.; increasing financial responsibility limits with respect to bodily injury or death; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 324.0221, F.S.; requiring insurers to submit information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and to notify insureds about bodily injury insurance rather than personal injury protection coverage; amending s. 324.031, F.S.; increasing the financial responsibility limits for motor vehicle liability; amending s. 324.071, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 324.161, F.S.; increasing the amount required for a surety bond or deposit; amending s. 324.171, F.S.; revising the required threshold limit for self-insurers; repealing s. 627.730, F.S.; providing a citation to the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; repealing s. 627.731, F.S., relating to the purpose of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; repealing s. 627.7311, F.S., relating to the effect of law on personal injury protection policies; amending s. 627.732, F.S.; deleting definitions relating to the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; amending s. 627.733, F.S.; deleting security requirements with respect to no-fault coverage to substitute security requirements under ch. 324, F.S.; amending s. 627.734, F.S.; conforming cross-references; renumbering and amending s. 627.7401, F.S.; applying notice requirements to bodily injury and property damage liability security instead of personal injury protection; creating s. 627.7355, F.S.; requiring all claims relating to personal injury to be brought in a single action; repealing s. 627.736, F.S., relating to personal injury protection benefits; repealing s. 627.737, F.S., relating to exemption from tort liability for persons maintaining personal injury protection coverage; repealing s. 627.739, F.S., relating to personal injury protection deductibles; repealing s. 627.7403, F.S., relating to the mandatory joinder of derivative claims; repealing s. 627.7405, F.S., relating to the insurers' right of reimbursement; repealing s. 627.7407, F.S., relating to the application of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; repealing ss. 15 and 16 of chapter 2012-197, Laws of Florida, requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to contract for a study and perform a data call relating to changes made to the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law in 2012; amending ss. 318.18, 320.02, 320.0609, 320.27, 320.771, 322.251, 400.9905, 400.991, 400.9935, 409.901, 409.910, 456.057, 456.072, 626.9541, 626.989, 626.9895, 627.06501, 627.0652, 627.0653, 627.4132, 627.6482, 627.7263, 627.727, 627.7275, 627.728, 627.7295, 627.8405, 627.915, 628.909, 705.184, 713.78, and 817.234, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act by removing references to personal injury protection and the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; making technical changes; conforming cross-references; providing for the termination of personal injury protection policies and the requirement for maintaining minimum security requirements that allow a person to respond to property damage and bodily injury by a certain date; requiring the insurer to notify the insured about such changes by a certain date; providing for applicability of suspensions for failure to maintain security; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1268**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 324.242, F.S.; providing a public records exemption for certain information regarding bodily injury liability insurance policies; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1270**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses; providing a short title; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; revising time limitations for the criminal prosecution of specified sexual battery offenses if the victim is 16 years of age or older; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1272**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S., providing a public records exemption for information furnished to a state, county, or municipal government agency for use in an emergency information gathering system; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1274**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 1004.097, F.S.; creating a public records exemption for data, records, or information developed, collected, or received by or on behalf of faculty, staff, or students of a state university or Florida College System institution for the development and publication of academic research; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1276**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expressway authorities; amending s. 348.0003, F.S.; revising qualifications for membership on the governing body of certain expressway authorities; providing for termination from an authority's governing body upon a finding of a violation of specified ethical conduct provisions or failure to comply with a notice of failure to comply with financial disclosure requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1278**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to railroad walkways; creating s. 351.39, F.S.; requiring railroad companies to provide walkways adjacent to certain sections of tracks by a specified date; specifying requirements for the walkways; authorizing the Department of Transportation to grant waivers under certain circumstances; requiring a party alleging a violation to make a reasonable, good faith attempt at addressing the alleged violation with the railroad company; authorizing the department to impose a fine; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Legg and Soto—

**SB 1280**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency air medical service; creating s. 401.2515, F.S.; defining terms; imposing a fee on certain motor vehicle moving violations and local ordinances; requiring municipalities and counties to transfer moneys collected to the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund; creating a separate account

within the trust fund; providing for the administration and use of the funds; requiring the Department of Health to seek to obtain federal matching funds; amending s. 20.435, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

**SR 1282**—Not introduced.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1284**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 120.53, F.S.; revising requirements governing the maintenance, indexing, and listing of agency final orders; requiring an agency to upload specified agency final orders to the electronic database of the Division of Administrative Hearings; prescribing database requirements; specifying types of agency final orders that must be uploaded to the database; requiring an agency to maintain a list of agency final orders not required to be uploaded; reducing the length of time within which an agency or the division must upload or list an agency final order; providing that the agency must maintain a subject-matter index for final orders rendered before a certain date and identify the location of the index on its website; removing the requirement that the Department of State adopt certain rules governing indexing; deleting requirements governing an agency's indexing and listing of final orders; amending ss. 119.021, 120.533, and 213.22, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1286**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic monitoring devices; creating s. 843.23, F.S.; providing a definition; prohibiting the removal, destruction, or circumvention of the operation of an electronic monitoring device being used by a person for specified purposes; prohibiting requesting or soliciting a person to perform such an act; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Braynon—

**SJR 1288**—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 22 of Article III and the amendment of Section 10 of Article IV of the State Constitution to authorize the proposal and enactment of legislation by initiative and to provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions proposing legislation.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 1290**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dental licensing; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; exempting certain internationally trained dentists from the requirement that an applicant for licensure be a graduate of an accredited dental college or school or submit proof of having completed 2 consecutive academic years at an accredited dental school before being entitled to take the dental examination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Rules.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 1292**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property insurance; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; providing that an insurer's projected payout shall be treated as the insurer's coverage amount under certain circumstances; amending s. 626.854, F.S.; revising applicability of provisions relating to claims based on a state of emergency; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; revising the factors considered by the Office of Insurance Regulation when reviewing rate filings; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; providing that an insurer is not prohibited from using specified averages for rate filings; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; deleting certain residential property insurance filing requirements; revising private market reinsurance criteria; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; exempting certain personal lines residential structures and single condominium units from annual rate increases; amending s. 627.3518, F.S.; limiting eligibility for coverage by the corporation for personal lines risk; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1294**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cannabis; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; removing cannabis from the schedule of controlled substances; amending ss. 456.0635, 772.12, 856.015, 893.02, 893.055, 893.0551, 893.13, 893.135, 893.1351, 893.145, 893.147, 893.15, 921.0022, 944.47, 948.20, 951.22, 985.711, and 1003.57, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 1296**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military and veterans affairs; creating the Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the Department of State; specifying membership of the task force; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; prescribing duties of the task force; requiring submission of a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the task force; providing for staffing; providing legislative findings regarding continuing education for veterans of the United States Armed Forces; providing legislative intent for the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System to work collaboratively to establish degree programs at state universities and Florida College System institutions, train faculty, coordinate campus disability services, facilitate statewide meetings for personnel, and provide sufficient courses and priority registration to veterans; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring the application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include a voluntary checkoff permitting certain veterans to request written information for federal, state, and local veteran services programs; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to report specified information to the department; directing the department to assist veterans with preparing certain claims and securing certain services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Ethics and Elections; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1298**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance for short-term rental and transportation network companies; creating s. 627.716, F.S.; defining terms; establishing insurance requirements for short-term rental network companies during certain timeframes; requiring a short-term rental network company to make certain written disclosures to participating lessors; requiring an insurer to defend and indemnify an insured in this state; prohibiting the personal insurance policy of a participating lessor of a short-term rental property from providing specified coverage during certain timeframes except under specified circumstances; requiring a short-term rental network company and its insurer to cooperate with certain claims investigations; providing that the section does not limit the liability of a short-term rental network

company under specified circumstances; creating s. 627.748, F.S.; defining terms; establishing insurance requirements for transportation network companies and participating drivers during certain timeframes; requiring a transportation network company to make certain written disclosures to participating drivers; requiring an insurer to defend and indemnify an insured in this state; prohibiting the personal motor vehicle insurance policy of a participating driver from providing specified coverage during certain timeframes except under specified circumstances; requiring a transportation network company and its insurer to cooperate with certain claims investigations; requiring participating drivers to carry proof of insurance coverage; providing for application of certain coverage requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1300**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of deadly force; creating s. 943.0322, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish a database on the use of deadly force; requiring the database to include specified information; requiring the department to create a form for reporting information for inclusion in the database; requiring the department to maintain the data collected for a certain amount of time; requiring law enforcement officers employed by the department and local law enforcement agencies and correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections to complete the form after an event in which deadly force was used by that officer; requiring the form to be submitted to the department within a specified amount of time; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1302**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contaminated sites; amending s. 376.301, F.S.; defining the terms “background concentration” and “long-term natural attenuation”; amending s. 376.30701, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to include protocols for the use of long-term natural attenuation where site conditions warrant; requiring specified interactive effects of contaminants to be considered as cleanup criteria; revising how cleanup target levels are applied where surface waters are exposed to contaminated groundwater; authorizing the use of relevant data and information when assessing cleanup target levels; providing that institutional controls are not required under certain circumstances if using alternative cleanup target levels; amending s. 287.0595, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1304**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inspectors general; amending s. 14.32, F.S.; authorizing the Chief Inspector General or his or her designee to issue and enforce subpoenas under certain circumstances; amending s. 20.055, F.S.; providing additional hiring requirements, employment qualifications, and terms of employment for agency inspectors general and staff; specifying additional records and personnel that must be accessible to agency inspectors general during an audit or investigation; authorizing agency inspectors general and designated staff to administer oaths; requiring all personnel to comply with requests of agency inspectors general under penalty of loss of employment; specifying that disclosure of certain information to agency inspectors general does not constitute a waiver of attorney-client privilege; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1306**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance fraud; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising requirements for a health care clinic to receive certain insurance reimbursement; repealing s. 400.993, F.S., relating to the operation or reporting of unlicensed health care clinics; amending s. 400.9935, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of a health care clinic; revising and providing penalties for making unlawful charges, operating or failing to report an unlicensed clinic, filing false or misleading information related to a clinic license application, and other violations of such responsibilities; revising and providing penalties for violations of certificate of exemption requirements; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt rules; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; requiring certain clinics to have a certificate of exemption to receive reimbursement under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law under specified circumstances; amending s. 626.9891, F.S.; defining terms; requiring insurers to establish insurance fraud special investigative units; providing requirements for such units; revising insurance fraud detection requirements for insurers; providing penalties for failure to comply with such requirements; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to adopt rules; amending ss. 627.351 and 641.3915, F.S.; requiring Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and health maintenance organizations, respectively, to comply with certain insurance fraud detection provisions; amending s. 626.9894, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 626.9895, F.S., relating to the establishment of a motor vehicle insurance fraud direct-support organization; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions of the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 1308**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homeowners' associations; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; requiring the community association manager or management firm, or the association itself, to provide a specified initial report to the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation by a specified date and to provide the report annually thereafter; requiring the department to establish and implement a registration system through an Internet website which meets specified reporting requirements; revising the date by which the department is required to prepare an initial report and to present it to the Governor and the Legislature; extending the expiration date of a provision; amending s. 720.307, F.S.; revising the events in which members other than the developer become entitled to elect at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the homeowners' association; amending s. 720.311, F.S.; providing that election disputes and recall disputes are eligible for presuit mediation; authorizing the department to arbitrate certain disputes related to homeowners' associations; authorizing a mediator or arbitrator to conduct mediation or arbitration if he or she has been certified as a county court civil mediator or arbitrator, pursuant to the requirements of the Florida Supreme Court; creating s. 720.317, F.S.; requiring the department to provide training and educational programs for homeowners' association members, directors, and officers; providing that the training may, at the department's discretion, include certain methods; authorizing the department to review and approve training and educational programs for members, directors, and officers; requiring the department to maintain a current list of approved programs and providers and to make the list available to homeowners' associations in a reasonable and cost-effective manner; requiring homeowners' associations to pay a specified fee per lot each year to cover the cost of the training and educational programs; creating s. 720.318, F.S.; authorizing the department to enforce and ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter and rules relating to specified topics; providing that the department has jurisdiction to investigate complaints relating to homeowners' associations; amending s. 720.401, F.S.; requiring a seller of a parcel for which membership in a homeowners' association is a condition of ownership to provide a prospective buyer with specified association documents; requiring a seller to provide a prospective buyer with such documents within a specified timeframe; authorizing a prospective buyer to terminate their contract for purchase within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clemens—

**SB 1310**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to music therapists; amending s. 20.43, F.S.; establishing the music therapist profession within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance; creating part XVII of ch. 468, F.S., entitled "Music Therapists"; creating s. 468.851, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 468.852, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 468.853, F.S.; creating the Music Therapy Advisory Committee; providing for membership and terms of members; creating s. 468.854, F.S.; establishing requirements for licensure as a music therapist; creating s. 468.855, F.S.; providing application requirements; exempting certain applicants from the examination requirement; requiring certain fees to be deposited into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund; creating s. 468.856, F.S.; establishing a licensure renewal process; creating s. 468.857, F.S.; providing for disciplinary grounds and actions; authorizing investigations by the division for allegations of misconduct; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1312**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to strategic lawsuits against public participation; amending s. 768.295, F.S.; removing a short title; providing that legislative intent includes the protection of specified forms of free speech; defining the phrase "free speech in connection with public issues"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1314**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic noticing of trust accounts; amending s. 736.0109, F.S.; authorizing a sender to post a document to an electronic account or website upon the authorization of a recipient; providing for effective authorization for such posting; requiring a sender to provide a separate notice once a document is electronically posted; specifying when a document sent electronically is deemed received by the recipient; requiring a sender to provide notice of the beginning of a limitations period and authority of a recipient to revoke authorization for electronic posting; providing a form that may be used to effectuate such notice; requiring documents posted to an electronic website to remain accessible to the recipient for a specified period; establishing burdens of proof for purposes of determining whether proper notifications were provided; specifying that electronic messages are deemed received when sent; specifying situations under which electronic messages are not deemed received; specifying that service of documents in a judicial proceeding are governed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1316**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history records of minors; amending s. 943.0515, F.S.; decreasing the time that the Criminal Justice Information Program is required to retain the criminal history record of a minor; requiring that records maintained by certain entities be immediately expunged under specific circumstances; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the Department of Law Enforcement must expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of a minor who has successfully completed a prearrest or post-arrest diversion program; deleting a provision authorizing the department to charge a processing fee; amending s. 985.04, F.S.; providing that all juvenile proceedings are confidential; providing an exception; adding persons and entities that are required to keep certain information confidential; deleting provisions that require entering into agreements between certain persons and entities with the purpose of sharing certain

information; requiring that all records of juvenile delinquency proceedings be sealed and kept confidential from the public; revising the circumstances under which certain information about a child offender is not confidential or exempt from public records requests; authorizing confidential records to be released to a party under certain circumstances; deleting a provision requiring notification to the superintendent of schools that a child is alleged to have committed a delinquent act in certain circumstances; authorizing a court to disclose juvenile case files under certain circumstances; deleting a provision that requires a state attorney to notify the superintendent of the child's school of certain information under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make an order specifying the information to be disclosed if the court determines that all or part of the juvenile case file may be disclosed; deleting a provision requiring the superintendent to notify other school personnel in certain circumstances; authorizing a court to issue protective orders to accompany authorized disclosure or discovery of, or access to, a juvenile case file; deleting a provision requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to disclose to the school superintendent specified information under certain circumstances; deleting provisions providing for the preservation for a certain time of certain documents and information; deleting provisions limiting the inspection by the public of certain records; deleting a provision limiting how certain information may be used; amending ss. 985.045, 985.11, 1006.08, and 1012.797, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 985.125(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0582, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1318**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state minimum wage; amending s. 448.110, F.S.; prohibiting an employer or any other party from knowingly procuring labor from any person with an intent to defraud or deceive such person; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1320**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an occupational certificate of completion; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing a student who is eligible to receive a certificate of completion to remain in high school for an additional year to earn a standard diploma or an occupational certificate of completion; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1322**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the death penalty; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; deleting provisions providing for the death penalty for capital felonies; deleting provisions relating to the effect of a declaration by a court of last resort that the death penalty in a capital felony is unconstitutional; amending ss. 27.51 and 27.511, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to representation in death penalty cases; repealing ss. 27.7001, 27.7002, 27.701, 27.702, 27.703, 27.704, 27.7045, 27.705, 27.706, 27.707, 27.708, 27.7081, 27.7091, 27.710, 27.711, and 27.715, F.S., relating to capital collateral representation and constitutionally deficient representation, respectively; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption relating to capital collateral proceedings; amending s. 282.201, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending ss. 775.15 and 790.161, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the effect of a declaration by a court of last resort declaring that the death penalty in a capital felony is unconstitutional; repealing s. 913.13, F.S., relating to jurors in capital cases; repealing s. 921.137, F.S., relating to prohibiting the imposition of the death sentence upon a defendant with mental retardation; repealing s. 921.141, F.S., relating to determination of whether to impose a sentence of death or life imprisonment for a capital felony; repealing s. 921.142, F.S., relating to

determination of whether to impose a sentence of death or life imprisonment for a capital drug trafficking felony; amending ss. 775.021, 782.04, 794.011, and 893.135, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 922.052, 922.06, 922.07, 922.08, 922.095, 922.10, 922.105, 922.108, 922.11, 922.111, 922.12, 922.14, 922.15, 924.055, 924.056, and 924.057, F.S., relating to issuance of warrant of execution, stay of execution of death sentence, proceedings when person under sentence of death appears to be insane, proceedings when person under sentence of death appears to be pregnant, grounds for death warrant, execution of death sentence, prohibition against reduction of death sentence as a result of determination that a method of execution is unconstitutional, sentencing orders in capital cases, regulation of execution, transfer to state prison for safekeeping before death warrant issued, return of warrant of execution issued by Governor, sentence of death unexecuted for unjustifiable reasons, return of warrant of execution issued by Supreme Court, legislative intent concerning appeals and postconviction proceedings in death penalty cases, commencement of capital postconviction actions for which sentence of death is imposed on or after January 14, 2000, and limitation on postconviction cases in which the death sentence was imposed before January 14, 2000, respectively; amending s. 925.11, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to preservation of DNA evidence in death penalty cases; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption for the identity of executioners; amending ss. 316.3026, 373.409, 373.430, 376.302, 394.912, 403.161, 448.09, 504.013, 648.571, 775.261, 782.065, 787.06, 794.0115, 800.04, 907.041, 921.1401, 921.1402, 944.17, 944.275, 944.608, 944.609, 944.705, and 948.012, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1324**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing exemptions from public records requirements for certain information related to active or former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel and specified agency personnel, current and former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, and assistant statewide prosecutors, and their parents, siblings, or cohabitants; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1326**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation network companies; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 316.680, F.S.; providing transportation network company (TNC) and TNC driver insurance requirements; creating s. 316.682, F.S.; providing TNC driver requirements; creating s. 316.684, F.S.; prohibiting a TNC from owning, controlling, operating, or managing the vehicles used by TNC drivers; providing that a TNC's insurer shall require, at a minimum, any motor vehicle that a TNC driver will use to meet certain safety and emissions requirements; requiring a TNC driver to exclusively accept rides booked through the TNC's digital network or software application service; prohibiting a TNC driver from soliciting or accepting street hails; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1328**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to income inequality impact statements; creating s. 11.52, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to prepare an income inequality impact statement for proposed legislation upon the request of a member of the Legislature; specifying requirements for the impact statement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1330**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to academic standards; suspending the statewide assessment program, the school grading system, and the personnel evaluation system for a specified period; requiring a review of the statewide assessment program; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Thompson—

**SCR 1332**—A concurrent resolution acknowledging the grave injustice perpetrated against Charles Greenlee, Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd, and Ernest Thomas, who came to be known as the “Groveland Four,” exonerating the four men, offering a formal and heartfelt apology to these victims of racial hatred and to their families; and urging the Governor and Cabinet to pardon Walter Irvin and Charles Greenlee.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1334**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile expunction; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; allowing minors who have certain felony arrests to have the Department of Law Enforcement expunge their nonjudicial arrest record upon successful completion of a prearrest or postarrest diversion program; reenacting s. 985.125(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0582, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1336**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a charter school applicant to provide verified evidence of a surety bond or secured escrow account in a certain amount within a specified timeframe; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 1338**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to behavioral health services; providing a short title; creating the Behavioral Health Task Force within the Department of Children and Families; specifying membership of the task force; providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; prescribing duties of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for staff support; creating s. 394.47892, F.S.; authorizing counties to fund treatment-based mental health court programs; providing legislative intent; providing that pretrial program participation is voluntary; specifying criteria that a court must consider before sentencing a person to a postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health court program; requiring a judge presiding over a postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health court program to hear a violation of probation or community control under certain circumstances; providing that treatment-based mental health court programs may include specified programs; requiring a judicial circuit with a treatment-based mental health court program to establish a coordinator position, subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature; requiring circuit courts to report specified data to the Office of the State Courts Administrator; creating the Florida Association of Mental Health Court Pro-

fessionals; specifying membership and duties of the association; providing county funding requirements for treatment-based mental health court programs; authorizing the chief judge of a judicial circuit to appoint an advisory committee for the treatment-based mental health court program; specifying membership of the committee; amending s. 394.656, F.S.; revising the duties of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee; requiring the Department of Children and Families to appoint a grant selection committee; authorizing a designated not-for-profit community provider to apply for certain grants; providing an appropriation for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program; creating s. 394.9086, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to designate qualifying organizations as community behavioral health centers; providing minimum criteria for designation as a community behavioral health center; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 394.9087, F.S.; establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Loan Forgiveness Program within the department; providing eligibility requirements; specifying limitations and requirements with respect to loan repayment; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing appropriations for the Behavioral Health Workforce Loan Forgiveness Program; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement a prospective payment methodology for reimbursement rates at community behavioral health centers; directing the agency to require managed care plans and fee-for-service providers to implement certain measures with respect to the delivery of behavioral health services; requiring the agency to submit a federal waiver or state Medicaid plan amendment for provision of health homes; specifying conditions for a health home program; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; revising contract requirements for managed care plans under contract with the agency; requiring each managed care plan to report annual spending on community behavioral health services; requiring a managed care plan to spend a threshold amount on direct community behavioral health services; requiring a managed care plan to reimburse the agency if community behavioral health services spending does not reach the threshold amount; amending ss. 29.004, 39.001, 39.507, 39.521, 409.975, and 921.0026, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 948.01 and 948.06, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to probation and community control to reflect the postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health court program; requiring the agency to complete a study regarding targeted case management services; specifying requirements for the study; requiring the agency to submit a report regarding the study to the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the agency to submit a planning grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1340**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health and substance abuse; amending s. 394.4598, F.S.; authorizing a family member of a patient or an interested party to petition a court for the appointment of a guardian advocate; requiring a court to give preference to certain specified surrogates if such surrogate has already been designated by the patient; creating s. 397.803, F.S.; establishing the Substance Abuse Assistance Pilot Program within the Department of Children and Families; requiring the department to determine a target number of participants within available funds; providing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the program to develop safe and cost efficient treatment alternatives and provide comprehensive case management services for eligible substance abuse impaired adults; authorizing participation in the program as an alternative to criminal imprisonment; requiring that each pilot program submit specified data to the department on a monthly basis; providing eligibility criteria; requiring that maximum enrollment be determined on the basis of available funding; requiring the department to contract with specified entities to serve as program managers; specifying the functions of the program manager; requiring the department to establish certain criteria and qualifications for the project manager; requiring a pilot program site to only have one network in the region; providing requirements for provider networks; specifying services that must be provided by a provider network; specifying that the primary payor for services provided through the program is the participant's private pay or Medicaid insurance coverage; allowing

eligible participants to share in the cost of provided services based on ability to pay; requiring the department to provide an annual report to the Governor and Legislature evaluating the impact of the program; requiring such report to include specified information; transferring and renumbering s. 765.401, F.S.; transferring and renumbering s. 765.404, F.S.; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 765.4015, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 765.402, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating s. 765.403, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 765.405, F.S.; authorizing an adult with capacity to execute a mental health or substance abuse treatment advance directive; providing a presumption of validity if certain requirements are met; providing for execution of the mental health or substance abuse treatment advanced directive; creating s. 765.406, F.S.; establishing requirements for a valid mental health or substance abuse treatment advance directive; providing that a mental health or substance abuse treatment directive is valid upon execution even if a part of the mental health or substance abuse treatment directive takes effect at a later date; allowing a mental health or substance abuse treatment directive to be revoked, in whole or in part, or to expire under its own terms; specifying that a mental health or substance abuse treatment advance directive does not or may not serve specified purposes; creating s. 765.407, F.S.; providing circumstances under which a mental health or substance abuse treatment advance directive may be revoked; providing circumstances under which a principal may waive specific directive provisions without revoking the directive; creating s. 765.408, F.S.; providing legislative findings and legislative intent for self-binding arrangements; providing requirements for creating such arrangements; creating s. 765.409, F.S.; specifying the conditions under which a principal may be admitted for inpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment; providing that creation of an irrevocable directive of consent to inpatient treatment creates a rebuttable presumption of incapacity; authorizing a principal to be admitted to, or remain in, inpatient treatment for up to 14 days; requiring express consent in a directive for the administration of psychotropic medication; requiring conditions for administering such medication; prohibiting a principal from authorizing psychosurgery or electroconvulsive therapy in a directive; authorizing a principal to seek specified injunctive relief; creating s. 765.410, F.S.; prohibiting criminal prosecution of a health care facility, provider, or surrogate who acts pursuant to a mental health or substance abuse treatment decision; creating s. 765.411, F.S.; providing for recognition of a mental health and substance abuse treatment advanced directive executed in another state if it complies with the laws of this state; amending ss. 395.0197, 395.1051, 456.0575, 765.101, and 765.104, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 394.459(3)(b), 394.4598(6) and (7), 394.4655(6)(d) and (7)(f), 394.467(6)(d), 394.46715, and 765.202(5), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 394.4598, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1342**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nurse staffing levels; creating s. 395.01922, F.S.; providing definitions; establishing a nurse staffing committee in each hospital; providing membership and duties; requiring the hospital to post and publicize the nurse staffing plan and schedule; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 1344**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vacation rentals; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; revising the permitted scope of local laws, ordinances, and regulations with respect to vacation rentals; providing an exemption for subsequent amendments of certain provisions of existing local laws, ordinances, and regulations adopted on or before a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Thompson—

**SB 1346**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the abuse of a parent; creating s. 784.09, F.S.; defining “child” and “parent” for purposes of the crimes of abuse of a parent, aggravated abuse of a parent, exploitation of a parent’s assets, and emotional abuse of a parent; providing the elements of such crimes; providing criminal penalties; authorizing alternative sentencing under certain circumstances; requiring reporting of the abuse of a parent or exploitation of a parent’s assets to the central abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Families; providing immunity for a person who makes such a report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

**SR 1348**—Not introduced.

By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1350**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to teacher education; amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria for receipt of a minority teacher education scholarship; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.; revising funding for administration and the training program carried out by the board of directors of the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.; amending ss. 1012.55 and 1012.56, F.S.; revising criteria for eligibility and issuance of temporary certificates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

**SB 1352**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to deferred compensation; amending s. 112.215, F.S.; prohibiting contracts with investment providers and recordkeepers for state or local deferred compensation programs from exceeding a 5-year term; specifying requirements for the competitive solicitation or bidding process for investment providers and recordkeepers; defining the term “professionally qualified independent consultant”; prohibiting specified persons from participating in the selection of an investment provider or recordkeeper under certain circumstances; requiring the administrator of a local deferred compensation program to comply with certain fiduciary standards; authorizing a public body or official that establishes a local deferred compensation program to organize an oversight committee; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1354**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunction of criminal history records; creating s. 943.0595, F.S.; requiring automatic expunction of certain criminal history records upon restoration of civil rights; providing exceptions; providing procedures; providing for effect of expunction; providing for treatment of certain statutory cross-references; amending ss. 943.0582, 943.0585, and 943.059, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1356**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0595, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for criminal history records that are automatically expunged upon restoration of a person’s civil rights; providing an exception; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.



—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1358**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to spouses of military servicemembers; creating s. 115.135, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting an employing agency from compelling an employee who is the spouse of a military servicemember to work, or imposing a sanction or penalty upon such employee for failure or refusal to work, extended hours during active military service deployment of his or her spouse under specified circumstances; requiring an employing agency to grant a request from such employee for unpaid leave for certain purposes upon the active military service deployment under specified circumstances; providing a limitation on such unpaid leave; clarifying that such unpaid leave is concurrent with qualifying exigency leave granted by an employing agency; authorizing the Department of Management Services to adopt rules to administer this section; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Lee—

**SB 1360**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to election reform; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining the term “address of legal residence”; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring a voter registration application to include certain additional distinguishing information; amending s. 98.015, F.S.; providing that a list of valid addresses maintained by a supervisor of elections include certain additional distinguishing information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1362**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Legal Affairs; amending s. 16.56, F.S.; revising the list of offenses that may be investigated and prosecuted by the Office of Statewide Prosecution; creating s. 16.62, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Legal Affairs from expending more than a specified amount annually to purchase and distribute promotional materials or items that serve to advance the goodwill of this state and the department and to provide basic refreshments at specified functions, seminars, or meetings; amending s. 409.9203, F.S.; specifying the distribution of certain funds recovered in Medicaid fraud actions; amending s. 501.203, F.S.; revising the term “violation of this part”; amending s. 501.204, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 960.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “crime” for purposes of obtaining crime victim compensation from the department to include certain forcible felonies; revising provisions concerning acts involving the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft; revising the definition of the term “disabled adult”; correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 960.13, F.S.; exempting crime victim compensation awards for catastrophic injury from certain deductions; amending s. 960.195, F.S.; revising the maximum victim compensation amounts that the department may award to elderly persons or disabled adults who suffer a property loss that causes a substantial diminution in their quality of life in certain circumstances; revising the conditions under which elderly persons or disabled adults who suffer a property loss are eligible for an award; authorizing the department to deny, reduce, or withdraw a specified award upon finding that any claimant or award recipient has not duly cooperated with certain persons and entities; creating s. 960.196, F.S.; providing for relocation assistance for human trafficking victims; amending s. 960.198, F.S.; prohibiting relocation assistance for a domestic violence claim if the victim has received previous relocation assistance for a human trafficking claim; amending s. 960.199, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to relocation assistance for human trafficking victims; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1364**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential facilities; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; prohibiting the colocation of a home of six or fewer residents which otherwise meets the definition of a community residential home and a community residential home within a certain distance; requiring the measuring of certain distances between community residential homes; amending s. 429.075, F.S.; requiring the adoption, use, and maintenance of certain security measures and practices by assisted living facilities in municipalities having a population greater than 300,000; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 1366**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school student retention; defining terms; requiring the Department of Management Services to oversee a Pay-for-Success Contract Program; authorizing the department, contingent upon funding, to negotiate and enter into pay-for-success contracts with private entities to fund high-quality dropout prevention programs; specifying the duties of the department; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to provide information to the department to assist in determining performance outcome measures; specifying contract requirements; requiring an independent evaluator to determine whether the performance outcome measures in a contract have been met; requiring the private entity to annually report certain data; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to estimate a specified cost under certain circumstances; providing that a high-quality dropout prevention program is not a procurement item; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1368**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on real property rental and license fees; amending s. 212.031, F.S.; providing an exemption from the tax for certain common area maintenance charges; defining the term “common area maintenance charges”; providing that such charges do not include certain maintenance or repair costs required to be capitalized for federal tax purposes; reenacting ss. 212.0598(2) and 288.1258(2)(b) and (c) and (3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 212.031, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1370**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative apportionment and congressional redistricting; creating s. 11.31, F.S.; creating an independent commission on legislative apportionment and congressional redistricting; providing for the purpose, duties, and membership of the commission; requiring the Legislature to annually appropriate funds to the commission for employing professional staff and otherwise supporting the commission; requiring the commission’s office to be located in Orange County; requiring the commission to conduct public hearings; providing procedures for such hearings; requiring the commission to receive certain information from residents of the state through specified means; requiring the commission to transmit certain plans to the Legislature for consideration; providing that commission members and employees are subject to chs. 119 and 286, F.S., relating to public records and public meetings, respectively, and are subject to specified financial disclosure requirements; prohibiting persons not serving on or employed by the commission from influencing or attempting to influence commission members and employees other than through prescribed processes; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gaetz—

**SB 1372**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to government accountability; amending s. 11.40, F.S.; specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the Commissioner of Education may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; amending s. 11.45, F.S.; defining the terms "abuse", "fraud", and "waste"; revising the definition of "local governmental entity"; excluding water management districts from certain audit requirements; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Auditor General; amending s. 28.35, F.S.; revising reporting requirements applicable to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; amending s. 43.16, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, a criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, a capital collateral counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; amending s. 112.31455, F.S.; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or a governing body to withhold an amount of a fine owed and related administrative costs from public salary-related payments of certain individuals; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or a governing body to reduce the amount withheld if certain individuals demonstrate a hardship; transferring a provision relating to the garnishment of wages of specified individuals; creating s. 112.31456, F.S.; authorizing the Commission on Ethics to seek wage garnishment of certain individuals to satisfy unpaid fines; authorizing the commission to refer unpaid fines to a collection agency; establishing a statute of limitations with respect to the collection of an unpaid fine; amending s. 112.3261, F.S.; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act; expanding the types of governmental entities that are subject to lobbyist registration requirements; amending ss. 129.03, 129.06, 166.241, and 189.016, F.S.; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to maintain certain budget documents on the entities' websites for a specified period; amending s. 215.425, F.S.; requiring a unit of government to investigate and take necessary action to recover prohibited compensation; specifying methods of recovery and liability for unintentional and willful violations; providing a penalty; authorizing the Governor to suspend officers under specified circumstances; establishing eligibility criteria and amounts for rewards; specifying circumstances under which an employee has a cause of action under the Whistleblower's Act; establishing causes of action if a unit of government fails to recover prohibited compensation within a certain timeframe; amending s. 215.86, F.S.; revising management systems and controls to be employed by each state agency and the judicial branch; amending s. 215.97, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "audit threshold"; amending s. 215.985, F.S.; revising the requirements for a monthly financial statement provided by a water management district; amending s. 218.32, F.S.; revising the requirements of the annual financial audit report of a local governmental entity; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to request additional information from a local governmental entity; requiring a local governmental entity to respond to such requests within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of noncompliance; amending s. 218.33, F.S.; requiring local government entities to establish and maintain internal controls; amending s. 218.39, F.S.; requiring an audited entity to respond to audit recommendations under specified circumstances; amending s. 218.391, F.S.; revising the composition of an audit committee; restricting the length of a contract period; amending s. 288.92, F.S.; prohibiting specified officers and board members of Enterprise Florida, Inc., from representing a person or entity for compensation before Enterprise Florida, Inc., for a specified timeframe; amending s. 288.9604, F.S.; prohibiting a director of the board of directors of the Florida Development Finance Corporation from representing a person or entity for compensation before the corporation for a specified timeframe; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring water management districts to maintain certain budget documents on the districts' websites for a specified period; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising the responsibilities of the governing board of a charter school to include the establishment and maintenance of internal controls; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; requiring completion of an annual financial audit of the Florida Virtual School; specifying audit requirements; requiring an audit report to be submitted to the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School and the Auditor General; removing an obsolete provision; amending s. 1010.01, F.S.; requiring each school district, Florida College System institution, and state university to establish and maintain certain internal controls; amending s. 1010.30, F.S.; requiring a district school board, Florida College System board of trustees, or

university board of trustees to respond to audit recommendations under certain circumstances; amending ss. 68.082, 68.083, and 218.503, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1374**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to farm vehicles; creating s. 320.515, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the State of Georgia and the State of Alabama relative to the traveling of farm vehicles across state lines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Agriculture; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1376**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic offenses; creating s. 318.195, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period; providing that the act does not prohibit the person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Transportation; and Appropriations.

**SR 1378**—Not introduced.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1380**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Election Code; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "contribution"; amending s. 106.021, F.S.; removing an exception to contribution or expenditure restrictions that authorizes an affiliated party committee or political party to make an expenditure to jointly endorse three or more candidates; amending s. 106.07, F.S.; revising reporting requirements with respect to specifying the purpose of each expenditure; providing a penalty; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of funds or contributions between electioneering communications organizations, political committees, and political parties; prohibiting elected officers and candidates from soliciting or accepting contributions to or on behalf of a political committee or electioneering communications organization; prohibiting elected officers and candidates from controlling, coordinating, or consulting with respect to the expenditure and raising of funds of a political committee or electioneering communications organization; providing penalties; amending s. 106.15, F.S.; specifying that a candidate may not use a public servant's services during working hours in furtherance of his or her candidacy; prohibiting a person from soliciting or knowingly accepting a political contribution in a government-leased building; providing an exception; amending s. 106.24, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Elections Commission to conduct audits of reports and statements required under ch. 106, F.S.; requiring the Division of Elections to assist the commission with such audits upon request; amending s. 106.25, F.S.; revising conditions under which the commission may initiate an investigation; authorizing a filing officer to report violations of the Florida Election Code to the commission; authorizing the commission to initiate an investigation upon a supermajority vote of commission members; revising commission jurisdiction to include the nonwillful performance of an act prohibited by chs. 104 and 106, F.S.; removing final order authority for hearings referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings; amending ss. 104.2715, 106.023, 106.0703, 106.087, 106.143, and 106.265, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 106.0705(3), F.S., relating to electronic filing of campaign treasurer's reports, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 106.07,

F.S., in a reference thereto; requiring the Division of Elections to establish a website for state and local campaign filings by a specified date; specifying website requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charitable organizations and educational institutions that conduct drawings by chance; amending s. 849.0935, F.S.; defining the term “charitable organization”; providing an exemption for a charitable organization or educational institution if conducting a raffle that splits evenly the proceeds between the charitable organization or institution and the winner or if awarding a nonmonetary prize to the winner, with all proceeds accruing to the educational institution or charitable organization; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “solicitation”; providing that a charitable organization or an educational institution that conducts a specified raffle does not constitute a solicitation; amending s. 496.415, F.S.; providing that it is not unlawful for a charitable organization or an educational institution to provide a specified notification in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Education Pre-K - 12; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1384**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate reentry; defining the terms “department” and “nonviolent offender”; requiring the Department of Corrections to develop and administer a reentry program for nonviolent offenders which is intended to divert nonviolent offenders from long periods of incarceration; requiring that the program include intensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitative programming; providing for the minimum length of service in the program; providing that any portion of a sentence before placement in the program does not count as progress toward program completion; identifying permissible locations for the operation of a reentry program; specifying eligibility criteria for a nonviolent offender to be placed into the reentry program; requiring the department to screen and select eligible offenders for the program based on specified considerations; requiring the department to notify the nonviolent offender’s sentencing court to obtain approval before the nonviolent offender is placed into the reentry program; requiring the department to notify the state attorney; authorizing the state attorney to file objections to placing the offender into the reentry program within a specified period; authorizing the sentencing court to consider certain factors when deciding whether to approve an offender for enrollment in a reentry program; requiring the sentencing court to notify the department of the court’s decision to approve or disapprove the requested placement within a specified period; requiring the nonviolent offender to undergo an educational assessment and a full substance abuse assessment if admitted into the reentry program; requiring the offender to be enrolled in an adult education program in specified circumstances; requiring that assessments of vocational skills and future career education be provided to the offender; requiring that certain reevaluation be made periodically; providing that the nonviolent offender is subject to the disciplinary rules of the department; specifying the reasons for which the offender may be terminated from the reentry program; requiring that the department submit a report to the sentencing court at least 30 days before the nonviolent offender is scheduled to complete the reentry program; specifying the issues to be addressed in the report; authorizing a court to schedule a hearing to consider any modification to an imposed sentence; requiring the sentencing court to issue an order modifying the sentence imposed and placing the nonviolent offender on drug offender probation if the nonviolent offender’s performance is satisfactory; authorizing the court to revoke probation and impose the original sentence in specified circumstances; authorizing the court to require the offender to complete a postadjudicatory drug court program in specified circumstances; directing the department to implement the reentry program using available resources; authorizing the department to enter into contracts with qualified individuals, agencies, or corporations for services for the reentry program; requiring offenders to abide by department conduct rules; authorizing the department to impose administrative or protective confinement as necessary; providing that the section does not create a right to placement in

the reentry program or any right to placement or early release under supervision of any type; providing that the section does not create a cause of action related to the program; authorizing the department to establish a system of incentives within the reentry program which the department may use to promote participation in rehabilitative programs and the orderly operation of institutions and facilities; requiring the department to develop a system for tracking recidivism, including, but not limited to, rearrests and recommitment of nonviolent offenders who successfully complete the reentry program, and to report on recidivism in its annual report of the program; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature detailing the extent of implementation of the reentry program, specifying information to be provided, and outlining future goals and recommendations; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing that specified provisions are not severable; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 1386**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cigarettes of nonsettling manufacturers; creating s. 210.23, F.S.; providing a purpose; defining terms; imposing a fee on the sale, receipt, purchase, possession, consumption, handling, distribution, and use of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes that are required to have a stamp affixed or stamp insignia applied to the package of cigarettes on which tax is otherwise required to be paid; providing that the fee imposed is in addition to any other privilege, license, fee, or tax required or imposed by state law; prescribing methods to affix a stamp or stamp insignia to cigarettes; providing an exemption; requiring a settling manufacturer to certify the names of certain brand families to the Attorney General by a specified date; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to post a directory listing certain settling manufacturers on its website; requiring that cigarettes of a brand family that are not listed in the directory be presumed to be nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes; requiring each dealer, agent, distributing agent, and distributor to report certain additional information; providing penalties for a nonsettling manufacturer that fails to pay the mandated fee; providing for application; providing conditions for imposing the fee on certain subsequent participating manufacturers; providing applicability; authorizing the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1388**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to special districts; amending s. 11.40, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 189.011, F.S.; revising legislative intent with respect to the Uniform Special District Accountability Act to include independent and dependent special districts; amending s. 189.016, F.S., deleting a provision requiring a special district to transmit certain budgets to the local government instead of posting such information on the special district’s website under specific circumstances; specifying the period in which certain budget information must be posted on the special district’s website; amending s. 189.02, F.S.; specifying the Legislature’s authority to create dependent special districts by special act; creating s. 189.022, F.S.; requiring a newly created dependent special district, and authorizing an existing dependent special district, to identify the district as dependent in its charter; amending s. 189.031, F.S.; requiring a newly created independent special district, and authorizing an existing independent special district, to identify the district as independent in its charter; transferring, renumbering, and amending ss. 189.034 and 189.035, F.S., deleting provisions requiring that special districts created by special act provide specified information to the Legislative Auditing Committee or requiring that special districts created by local ordinance provide specified information to the local general-purpose government, to conform; deleting related provisions requiring the Legislative Auditing Committee to provide certain notice to the Legislature or local general-purpose government, as appropriate, when a special district fails to file certain required reports or requested information, to conform; amending s. 189.061, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 189.064, F.S.; revising the required content of the special district handbook;

creating s. 189.0653, F.S.; requiring special districts created by special act or local ordinance to provide specified information to the Legislative Auditing Committee or local general-purpose government, as appropriate; amending s. 189.067, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 189.068, F.S.; specifying that local general-purpose governments may review certain special districts; conforming cross-references; amending s. 189.069, F.S.; deleting a cross-reference, to conform; revising the list of items required to be included on the websites of special districts; reenacting ss. 165.0615(16) and 189.074(2)(e) and (3)(g), F.S., relating to municipal conversion of independent special districts upon elector-initiated and approved referendum and the voluntary merger of independent special districts, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 189.016, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Hays—

**SB 1390**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public food service establishments; amending s. 509.013, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “public food service establishment” to exclude certain events for the purposes of exemption from licensure and inspection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

**SR 1392**—Not introduced.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 1394**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ambulatory surgical centers; amending s. 395.002, F.S.; providing for patient discharge within a specified number of hours after admission to an ambulatory surgical center in conformance with federal law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1396**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment discrimination; amending s. 760.02, F.S.; including an unpaid intern within the definition of the term “employee” for purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 1398**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver licenses and identification cards; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.14, F.S.; authorizing the word “Veteran” to be exhibited on the driver license or identification card of a veteran; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 1400**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contact lens pricing practices; creating s. 501.161, F.S.; prohibiting certain acts by manufacturers of prescription contact lenses relating to the retail sale, advertising, pricing, and distribution of contact lenses; prohibiting the use of a contact lens distributor for certain purposes; providing for enforcement under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lee—

**SB 1402**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the organization of the Department of Financial Services; amending s. 20.121, F.S.; revising the divisions and functions of the department; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to establish divisions, bureaus, or offices of the department; amending s. 28.2401, F.S.; providing funding from certain probate petition service charges to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation for clerk education provided by the corporation; amending s. 28.241, F.S., relating to the deposit of certain filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings, to conform provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 28.35, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation contract with the department for certain audits; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; exempting audit and accounting positions of the department from career service requirements; amending s. 624.26, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.307, F.S.; providing powers and duties of the department’s Division of Consumer Services; authorizing the division to impose certain penalties; authorizing the department to adopt rules relating to the division; providing for construction; amending s. 624.502, F.S.; requiring that certain service of process fees be deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1404**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual assault; requiring a state university and a Florida College System institution to implement and administer various sexual assault prevention, education, and training initiatives; protecting a campus-based victim advocate from certain types of retaliation by his or her employer; requiring the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence to implement specified training programs and to monitor the campus-based victim advocacy programs’ compliance with those requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1406**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 1003.07, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Education or a district school board from entering into certain agreements that cede or limit state or district autonomy over academic content standards and corresponding assessments; requiring the department or district school board to amend or terminate certain agreements, memoranda, and contracts; suspending the statewide assessment program, the school grading system, and the personnel evaluation system for a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1408**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.227, F.S.; prohibiting permitted allocation amounts from being modified if actual water use is less than permitted water use due to documented implementation of water conservation measures; requiring the water management districts to adopt rules to promote water conservation incentives; amending s. 373.323, F.S.; clarifying that a letter from a water well contractor or a water well inspector employed by a governmental agency may serve as satisfactory proof of requisite experience for taking the water well contractor licensure examination; amending s. 373.705, F.S.; requiring water management districts to promote expanded cost share criteria for additional conservation practices; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Legg—

**SB 1410**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag; creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing the flag to be displayed at specified locations, on specified days, and in a specified manner; authorizing local governments to display the flag; authorizing each department, agency, or local government displaying the flag to establish certain regulations; authorizing the Department of Management Services to procure and distribute such flags; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1412**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inspectors general; amending s. 14.32, F.S.; requiring the Chief Inspector General to publish final investigative reports in a specified manner within a certain timeframe; amending s. 20.055, F.S.; requiring specified final investigative reports of inspectors general to be published on an agency website within a certain timeframe; defining the term “unit of local government”; requiring specified reports of local governments to be published online within a certain timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1414**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile detention costs; amending s. 985.686, F.S.; defining “actual cost”; revising the responsibilities of specified counties and the state relating to paying for juvenile detention care; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to make certain determinations and then provide usage and cost information to certain counties; deleting a provision requiring a county to make a certain payment to the department; deleting a provision requiring the Department of Revenue and a county to provide certain assistance to the Department of Juvenile Justice; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations; and Rules.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1416**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; requiring the office to conduct a study; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1418**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military veterans with mobility impairment; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for eligible Purple Heart license plate applicants to receive the appropriate special license plate with the international symbol of accessibility; waiving a specified license tax in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Sachs—

**SB 1420**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education fees; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring state universities to waive specified fees for certain graduate students; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SM 1422**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States, urging them to pass and enact new economic sanctions against Iran should that nation be found to be in violation of the Joint Plan of Action or fail to reach an acceptable agreement by the dates set forth in the November 2014 extension of the Joint Plan of Action.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1424**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; amending s. 163.3167, F.S.; requiring local governments to address the protection of private property rights in their comprehensive plans; amending s. 163.3177, F.S.; requiring comprehensive plans to include a property rights element that addresses certain objectives; requiring counties and municipalities to adopt land development regulations consistent with this element within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SM 1426**—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to restore and provide adequate funding for the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; and Rules.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1428**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage; amending s. 741.04, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a marriage license may be issued by a county court judge or clerk of the circuit court in this state only if one party to the marriage is male and the other party is female; amending s. 741.212, F.S.; deleting a provision specifying that, for the purpose of interpreting any state law or rule, the term “marriage” means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife and that the term “spouse” applies only to a member of such a union; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Rules.

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By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1430**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discounts on public park entrance fees and transportation fares; creating s. 125.029, F.S.; requiring counties to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters; requiring that individuals seeking the discount present written documentation satisfactory to the county department which evidences eligibility; defining the term “park entrance fee”; providing certain exclusions; creating s. 163.58, F.S.; requiring regional transportation authorities to provide a partial or a full discount on fares and on other

charges for certain disabled veterans; creating s. 166.0447, F.S.; requiring municipalities to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters; requiring that individuals seeking the discount present written documentation satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences eligibility; defining the term “park entrance fee”; providing certain exclusions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1432**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax-exempt cigarettes; amending s. 210.05, F.S.; authorizing agents and wholesale dealers to sell stamped and untaxed cigarettes to the Seminole Tribe of Florida or its members; authorizing agents and wholesale dealers to file a claim with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for a refund of specified taxes and surcharges; repealing s. 210.1801, F.S., relating to tax-exempt cigarettes for members of recognized Indian tribes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1434**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan; providing for the use of funds provided under the plan for the purchase of disposable diapers by parents receiving financial assistance under certain conditions and consistent with federal law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

**SB 1436**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water supply planning and oversight; creating s. 373.717, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating the Florida Statewide Water Oversight and Planning Council within the Department of Environmental Protection to guide and assist water forecasting plans for the state; providing for the membership of the council; requiring the council to carry out certain tasks; requiring the council to submit 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year water forecasting plans by specified dates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Joyner—

**SB 1438**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hepatitis C testing; creating s. 381.0044, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring specified persons to be offered hepatitis C testing; requiring the forwarding of positive test results; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules and make standard hepatitis C information sheets available to health care practitioners; providing applicability with respect to hepatitis C testing by health care practitioners; requiring the State Surgeon General to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1440**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; amending s. 381.026, F.S.; revising patient responsibilities contained in

the Florida Patient’s Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; specifying that a patient is responsible for reviewing a document, presented upon admission for treatment, indicating that the patient may be charged for out-of-network physician services; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; requiring a health care provider or facility to present patients with a document advising them that they may be charged for out-of-network physician services; creating ss. 627.64194 and 627.66915, F.S., and amending s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring individual accident or health insurance policies, group, blanket, or franchise accident or health insurance policies, and managed care plans to evaluate and review coverage for orthotics and prosthetics and orthoses and prostheses; providing requirements and limitations; specifying deductible and copayment recommendations; authorizing insurers to define certain benefits limitations; providing for nonapplication to certain policy coverages; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1442**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; creating s. 97.0111, F.S.; declaring the right to vote as a fundamental right; prohibiting the state from restricting the right to vote without a compelling interest; providing equal protection of the right to vote; authorizing the use of a violation of the act as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 1444**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer licensing; amending s. 472.015, F.S.; waiving the initial land surveying and mapping license fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 493.6105, F.S.; requiring that the initial license application for private investigative, private security, and repossession services include payment of fingerprint processing and fingerprint retention fees; amending s. 493.6106, F.S.; deleting a requirement for additional documentation establishing state residency for private investigative, private security, and repossession service licenses; amending s. 493.6108, F.S.; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to retain fingerprints submitted for private investigative, private security, and repossession service licenses, to enter such fingerprints into the statewide automated biometric identification system and the national retained print arrest notification program, and to report any arrest record information to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; directing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide information about an arrest within the state to the agency that employs the licensee; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; requiring a person holding a private investigative, private security, or repossession service license issued before a certain date to submit upon first renewal of the license a full set of fingerprints and a fingerprint processing fee to cover the cost of entering the fingerprints in the statewide automated biometric identification system; amending ss. 493.6115 and 493.6118, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 501.015, F.S.; waiving the initial health studio registration fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 501.0581, F.S.; transferring enforcement authority of the Florida Commercial Weight-Loss Practices Act from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Department of Health; amending s. 501.0583, F.S.; transferring enforcement authority of penalties for selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving weight-loss pills to persons under the age of 18 from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Department of Health; amending s. 501.605, F.S.; prohibiting the use of a mail drop as a street address for the principal location of a commercial telephone seller; amending s. 501.607, F.S.; waiving the initial salesperson license fees for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; waiving the initial registration fee for an intrastate movers license for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority own-

ership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 527.02, F.S.; waiving the original liquefied petroleum gas dealer license fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 539.001, F.S.; waiving the initial pawnbroker license fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; waiving the initial motor vehicle repair shop registration fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 559.928, F.S.; waiving the initial seller of travel registration fee for certain veterans of the United States Armed Forces, the spouses of such veterans, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse; amending s. 616.242, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision allowing fair owners to post a bond rather than carry a certificate of insurance; exempting water-related amusement rides operated by lodging and food service establishments and membership campgrounds, amusement rides at private, membership-only facilities, and nonprofit permanent facilities from certain safety standards; authorizing owners or managers of amusement rides to use alternate forms to record employee training and ride inspections; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; requiring firearm course instructors to maintain records attesting to the use of live fire with specified firearms and ammunition by students in his or her physical presence; requiring notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license or the suspension of the processing of an application for such license to be given by personal delivery, first-class mail, or e-mail; requiring concealed weapon or firearm license renewals to include an affidavit submitted under oath and under penalty of perjury; amending s. 790.0625, F.S.; authorizing certain tax collector offices, upon approval and confirmation of license issuance by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to print and deliver concealed weapon or firearm licenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 1446**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 570.077, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information received by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from another state or federal agency and which is otherwise confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of the other state or federal law; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information received or developed by the department as part of an investigation with another state or federal agency; providing applicability; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1448**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student choice; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.; authorizing a parent to enroll his or her child in and transport his or her child to any public school that has not reached capacity, including charter schools, in any school district in this state; requiring the school to accept and report the student for funding purposes; defining the term “capacity”; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; clarifying requirements for the creation of a virtual charter school; revising required contents of charter school applications; conforming provisions regarding the appeal process for denial of a high-performing charter school application; revising charter provisions relating to long-term charters and termination of a charter; revising conditions for termination of a charter; requiring a charter school’s governing board to appoint a representative to provide information and assistance to parents; requiring the governing board to hold a certain number of meets that are noticed, open, and accessible to the public per school year; revising the participants in and activities of charter school cooperatives; providing requirements for payment to charter schools; requiring the Department of Education to include a standard application form when providing information to the public on how to form, operate, and enroll in a charter

school; amending ss. 1002.331 and 1002.37, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising conditions for termination of a virtual instruction provider’s contract; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 1002.455, F.S., relating to student eligibility for K-12 virtual instruction; amending s. 1003.498, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 1003.5711, F.S.; providing that certain students who are deemed eligible for hospitalized program services are considered students with a disability; authorizing an individual education plan to be modified to accommodate the services; requiring the student to continue to receive educational instruction; requiring a school district to provide the student with a certified teacher under certain circumstances; requiring the department to transfer funds for the student; creating s. 1004.6491, F.S.; establishing the Florida Charter School Innovation Institute; specifying requirements for the institute; requiring an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring a report on the institute’s annual financial audit to the Auditor General, the Board of Governors of the State University System, and the State Board of Education; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for charter school capital outlay funding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1450**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assessments and accountability; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising the student assessment program for public schools; authorizing a school district to select certain assessments to administer instead of the statewide, standardized assessments; providing for funding of the assessments; requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop and maintain a list of assessments from which a school district may choose; providing that school districts, including instructional personnel, and students shall not be negatively impacted under certain circumstances; exempting certain students from participation in the statewide, standardized assessment program; requiring the commissioner to determine percentile rankings for the listed assessments to correspond to achievement levels; providing for the administration of paper-based assessments under certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; revising definitions relating to the school grading system to include the district-selected, national, norm-referenced assessment program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 1452**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health services in the criminal justice system; amending s. 394.47891, F.S.; expanding eligibility criteria for military veterans and servicemembers court programs; creating s. 394.47892, F.S.; authorizing the creation of treatment-based mental health court programs; amending s. 910.035, F.S.; defining the term “problem-solving court”; revising the provisions relating to drug-court programs to apply to problem-solving courts; amending s. 916.17, F.S.; authorizing a county court to order the conditional release of a defendant only for the provision of outpatient care and treatment; creating s. 916.185, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; creating the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program; requiring the Department of Children and Families to implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in three specified judicial circuits; providing eligibility for the pilot program; providing legislative intent concerning training; authorizing the department to adopt rules; directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 921.0026, F.S.; adding a postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health program and military veterans and servicemembers court program to the list of mitigating circumstances that may be considered in certain sentencing; amending ss. 948.01 and 948.06, F.S.; authorizing a court to order certain defendants to participate in a postadjudicatory mental health court program; amending s. 948.08, F.S.; expanding the definition of the term “veteran” for purposes of eligibility requirements for a pretrial intervention program; amending s. 948.16, F.S.; expanding the definition of the term “veteran” for purposes of eligibility requirements for a misdemeanor pretrial veterans’ treatment intervention program; amending s. 948.21, F.S.; authorizing a

court to impose certain conditions on certain probationers or community controllees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1454**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to audit an association's financial statements if a unit owner is not provided with a financial report after a second written request; amending s. 718.112, F.S.; requiring the division to coordinate and monitor future recall proceedings of a board if the unit owners have attempted to recall the same board member at least two times; amending s. 718.501, F.S.; requiring the division to enforce and ensure compliance with specified provisions and rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1456**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; revising the term “infrastructure” to include any expenditure for compliance with permit conditions of existing and planned infrastructure and planning studies in certain situations; amending s. 215.82, F.S.; removing a cross-reference; amending s. 311.07, F.S.; increasing the minimum amount of money per year which must be available from the State Transportation Trust Fund to fund the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; increasing the minimum amount of money per year the Department of Transportation must include in its annual legislative budget request for the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; amending s. 338.227, F.S.; providing that certain turnpike revenue bonds are not required to be validated pursuant to ch. 75, F.S., but may be validated at the option of the Division of Bond Finance; requiring that complaints related to validation, if filed, be filed in the circuit court of the county in which the seat of state government is situated; providing that the notice must be published in the county in which the complaint is filed; requiring the complaint and order of the circuit court to be served on the state attorney of the circuit in which the action is pending; amending s. 338.231, F.S.; increasing the time a prepaid toll account is inactive for it to be presumed to be unclaimed; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1458**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health early intervention; providing a short title; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners to initiate involuntary examinations under the Baker Act of persons believed to have mental illness; creating s. 394.47892, F.S.; providing legislative findings; adding curriculum requirements to the basic training programs for certain first responders; requiring the Department of Children and Families, in consultation with specified entities, to adopt standards for the training of certain first responders in mental health; providing requirements for such training; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Clemens—

**SCR 1460**—A concurrent resolution applying to Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

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By Senator Bradley—

**SB 1462**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to behavioral health services; creating s. 394.47892, F.S.; authorizing counties to fund treatment-based mental health court programs; providing legislative intent; providing that pretrial program participation is voluntary; specifying criteria that a court must consider before sentencing a person to a postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health court program; requiring a judge presiding over a postadjudicatory treatment-based mental health court program to hear a violation of probation or community control under certain circumstances; providing that treatment-based mental health court programs may include specified programs; requiring a judicial circuit with a treatment-based mental health court program to establish a coordinator position, subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature; providing county funding requirements for treatment-based mental health court programs; authorizing the chief judge of a judicial circuit to appoint an advisory committee for the treatment-based mental health court program; specifying membership of the committee; amending s. 394.656, F.S.; revising the composition and duties of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee within the Department of Children and Families; requiring the department to create a grant review and selection committee; prescribing duties of the committee; authorizing a designated not-for-profit community provider to apply for certain grants; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; requiring managing entities to establish a process for enrolling priority substance abuse and mental health populations into substance abuse and mental health services; requiring the department to establish enrollment criteria; defining the term “public receiving facility”; requiring the department to establish specified standards and protocols with respect to the administration of the crisis stabilization services utilization database; directing managing entities to require public receiving facilities to submit utilization data on a periodic basis; providing requirements for the data; requiring managing entities to periodically submit aggregate data to the department; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the department to annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; prescribing report requirements; specifying that implementation of the database is contingent upon an appropriation; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a federal waiver or Medicaid state plan amendment for the provision of health homes; specifying conditions for the health home program; amending ss. 29.004, 39.001, 39.507, and 39.521, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the agency to submit a planning grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1464**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public facilities; providing a purpose and legislative findings; creating s. 398.01, F.S.; defining terms; providing penalties for specified crimes; providing for a private cause of action for damages, costs, and fees; providing for liability for an owner of public accommodations under certain circumstances for damages, costs, and fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1466**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with disabilities; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that parents of students



with learning disabilities are entitled to the same notice and due process as parents of students with other disabilities; providing for the development of an individual education plan team and, if appropriate, an individual education plan; amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; exempting certain students from an excess hour surcharge for college credit hours exceeding baccalaureate degree program requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Richter—

**SB 1468**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of oil and gas resources; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; applying the definitions of certain terms to additional sections of ch. 377, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; defining the term “high pressure well stimulation”; amending s. 377.22, F.S.; revising the rulemaking authority of the Department of Environmental Protection; providing that certain information may be considered proprietary business information; amending s. 377.24, F.S.; requiring that a permit be obtained before the performance of any high pressure well stimulation; specifying that a permit may authorize single or multiple activities; amending s. 377.241, F.S.; requiring the Division of Resource Management to give consideration to and be guided by certain additional criteria when issuing permits; amending s. 377.242, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue permits for the performance of high pressure well stimulation; clarifying provisions relating to division inspection; amending s. 377.2425, F.S.; requiring an applicant or operator to provide surety that performance of a high pressure well stimulation will be conducted in a safe and environmentally compatible manner; amending s. 377.37, F.S.; increasing the maximum amount for civil penalties; creating s. 377.45, F.S.; requiring the department to designate the national chemical registry as the state’s registry; requiring service providers, vendors, or well owners or operators to report certain information to the registry; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1470**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Law Enforcement Lethal Use of Force Commission; creating s. 943.69, F.S.; creating the commission; providing for membership of the commission; specifying membership requirements; providing term limits for members; authorizing per diem for members; requiring law enforcement agencies to report use-of-force incidents resulting in fatalities to the commission; providing a definition; requiring state attorneys and other prosecuting entities to notify the commission of inquiries into use-of-force fatalities and upon determining not to pursue charges; requiring the commission to review lethal use-of-force incidents; authorizing the commission to refer incidents to the Attorney General for consideration of prosecution; authorizing the commission to subpoena documents and witnesses; authorizing the Attorney General to bring criminal charges; prohibiting actions of the commission that could constitute double jeopardy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Joyner—

**SB 1472**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hepatitis C testing for veterans; creating s. 381.0048, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring hospitals and health care practitioners to offer hepatitis C testing to veterans; requiring a health care practitioner to provide health care to veterans who receive a positive test result; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules; requiring the department to make available standard hepatitis C information sheets to health care practitioners; providing a statement regarding scope of practice and legal and professional obligations of health care practitioners with respect to hepatitis C testing; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1474**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school boards; amending s. 1001.41, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt a strategic plan; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; revising standards of ethical conduct for instructional personnel and school administrators to apply to certain administrative personnel and school officers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Bean—

**SB 1476**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a mental health treatment bed registry; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish a mental health treatment bed registry website; defining the term “receiving facility”; requiring public and private mental health facilities to participate in the registry; specifying information contained in the registry; specifying entities with authorized access to the registry website; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1478**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; providing that an independent college or university that was a successor by merger to certain independent colleges or universities is eligible to receive William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant payments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stargel—

**SB 1480**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student extracurricular activities; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the principles that guide policies governing student eligibility for extracurricular activities; changing the term “extracurricular” to “extracurricular activity”; defining terms; providing that certain public or private school students are presumed to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities; defining the term “public school student”; revising the requirements for students from certain schools to be eligible for extracurricular activities; revising standards for participation; amending s. 1006.16, F.S.; requiring a district school board’s insurance for participants in extracurricular activities to cover certain students at the same rate as other district school students; amending s. 1006.19, F.S.; requiring certain nonprofit associations to provide the Auditor General with a copy of their annual financial and compliance audit within a specified timeframe; requiring the Auditor General to conduct an operational audit of such nonprofit associations; requiring such nonprofit associations to submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Education and the Legislature; specifying the requirements of the report; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; deleting the designation of the Florida High School Athletic Association as the governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public schools and instead requiring the commissioner to designate, by a certain date, a nonprofit association to be the governing body; limiting the dues, fees, or receipts collected by the nonprofit association; requiring the association to set certain eligibility requirements; specifying when a student may be declared ineligible due to a recruiting violation; providing for third-party arbitration of student eligibility disputes; revising the governance structure of the nonprofit association; revising the membership of the board of directors; limiting the nonprofit association executive director’s salary and entitlement to per diem and travel expenses; requiring an appeal of a committee’s ineligibility decision to be made within a certain

timeframe; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Bean—

**SB 1482**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Cold Case Task Force; creating the task force within the Department of Law Enforcement; specifying membership of the task force; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; prescribing duties of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the task force; providing for staffing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1484**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education student debt; amending ss. 1008.45 and 1008.46, F.S.; revising the accountability standards of Florida College System institutions and State University System institutions to include standards for student retention and placement rates; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; defining the term “student default risk index”; amending ss. 1009.89 and 1009.891, F.S.; prohibiting an institution whose student default risk index exceeds a specified percentage from receiving William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant payments and Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program payments until the student default risk index declines below a specified percentage; creating s. 1009.965, F.S.; establishing the Student Loan Debt Advisory Council; providing for the membership, organization, and duties of the advisory council; requiring the council to furnish a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; requiring the Board of Governors to consider an institution’s student default risk index in their Performance Based Funding Model; requiring that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program, and the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1486**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential master building permit programs; creating s. 553.794, F.S.; requiring local governments to create master building permit programs to assist builders who construct certain dwellings and townhomes on a repetitive basis; defining terms; providing requirements for submitting a master building permit application, a general construction plan, or a site-specific building permit application; specifying documents that must be provided with the applications and plan; requiring master building permits to be approved or denied within a time certain; providing duration of validity of approved master building permits; authorizing a builder to use a master building permit for individual dwellings or townhomes under certain conditions; limiting revisions to approved master building permits; limiting the amount a local government may charge for master building permit or site-specific building permit applications; providing for penalties under certain circumstances; authorizing local governments to adopt procedures to carry out master building permit programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Abruzzo—

**SB 1488**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to minority business status for disabled persons; amending s. 288.703, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “minority person” to include disabled persons for purposes of the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 1490**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to labor regulations; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; providing powers and duties of the executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing definitions; providing applicability; requiring certain employers to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave under certain conditions; providing employer and employee requirements; authorizing an employee to file a civil action under certain conditions; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 1492**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 100.032, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to submit an election preparation report to the Department of State within a specified time; requiring the department to post the report on its website; amending s. 101.001, F.S.; requiring a notice of intended changes to precinct boundaries and polling places to be posted on the websites of the department and supervisor of elections within a specified time; requiring a description of changes to precinct boundaries or location of polling places to be posted on a supervisor’s website within a specified time; amending s. 101.021, F.S.; authorizing an elector with no party affiliation to vote in a primary election; amending s. 102.031, F.S.; prohibiting certain private property owners from restricting access to polling places or early voting sites located on their property during certain periods; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Rules.

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By Senator Ring—

**SB 1494**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “losses” and “retention”; revising the requirements for reimbursement contracts; revising provisions relating to the times and circumstances of the publication by the State Board of Administration of certain statements and notices relating to the fund; requiring the board to negotiate a line of credit to reimburse insurers under certain circumstances; deleting a requirement that the formula for determining premiums to be paid to the fund include a cash build-up factor; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1496**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assessments and accountability; providing legislative intent; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; deleting the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and replacing them with district-selected English Language Arts and mathematics standards; requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop and maintain a proposed list of certain English Language Arts and mathematics standards; providing standards that must be included on the list; requiring each district school board to select and implement a set of

standards from among those on the list; providing for review and revision of the list; prohibiting the Department of Education or a district school board from entering into certain agreements that cede or limit state or district autonomy over academic content standards and corresponding assessments; requiring the department or district school board to amend or terminate certain agreements; limiting rulemaking; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising required public K-12 educational instruction; providing that parents must give written consent for students to participate in certain instruction; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising the student assessment program for public schools; deleting the requirement for national and international comparison of certain assessments; deleting the requirement for statewide, standardized assessments; requiring the commissioner to develop and maintain a list of assessments from which a district school board must select; requiring the commissioner to determine percentile rankings from the listed assessments to correspond to achievement levels; requiring students in certain grades to take assessments on specific subjects; providing for the scheduling, administration, analysis, and reporting of assessment results; providing that certain assessments shall be administered at the discretion of the school district; exempting certain students from participation in the assessment program; providing that student data must be aggregated, anonymized, and de-identified for certain purposes; requiring the commissioner to terminate a contract; limiting rulemaking; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; revising definitions; providing an exception for schools to assess a certain percentage of the school population; revising the criteria and calculation for school grades; revising the requirements of school and district report cards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1498**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance exchanges; providing a short title; creating s. 641.81, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish the Florida Health Access Marketplace; requiring the agency to establish the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP); providing contracting and rulemaking authority; authorizing the marketplace to contract with certain entities; defining “eligible entity”; authorizing the agency to adopt rules; providing for information sharing and confidentiality; providing for insurance coverage availability; providing for the responsibilities and duties of the marketplace; providing for health benefit plan certification; requiring the marketplace to certify certain health benefit plans; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1500**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing for the homeless; amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; requiring that the reservation of funds within each notice of fund availability to persons who are homeless and persons with special needs be at least 10 percent of the funds available at the time of the notice; amending s. 420.622, F.S.; requiring that the State Office on Homelessness coordinate among certain agencies and providers to produce a statewide consolidated inventory for the state’s entire system of homeless programs which incorporates regionally developed plans; directing the Council on Homelessness to develop a statewide Management Information System and requiring future participation of certain award or grant recipients; requiring the State Office on Homelessness to accept and administer moneys appropriated to it to provide annual Challenge Grants to certain lead agencies of homeless assistance continuums of care; removing the requirement that levels of grant awards be based upon the total population within the continuum of care catchment area and reflect the differing degrees of homelessness in the catchment planning areas; requiring certain continuum of care plans to implement a coordinated assessment or central intake system in conjunction with the statewide Management Information System to screen, assess, and refer persons seeking assistance to the appropriate service provider; providing that preference for a grant award must be given to those lead agencies that have demonstrated the

ability to leverage specified federal homeless-assistance funding with local government funding, as well as private funding, for the provision of services to homeless persons; requiring, rather than authorizing, a lead agency to provide subgrants to a local agency to implement programs or services or provide housing identified for funding; decreasing the maximum percent of funding that a lead agency may spend on administrative costs; directing the State Office on Homelessness to administer moneys appropriated to it to provide homeless housing assistance grants annually to lead agencies for specified purposes; revising preference conditions relating to grant applicants; requiring the State Office on Homelessness, in conjunction with the Council on Homelessness, to establish specific objectives by which it may evaluate the outcomes of certain lead agencies; requiring that any funding through the State Office on Homelessness be distributed to lead agencies based on their performance and achievement of specified objectives; revising the factors that may be included as criteria for evaluating the performance of lead agencies; amending s. 420.624, F.S.; revising requirements for the local homeless assistance continuum of care plan; providing that the components of a continuum of care plan should include Rapid ReHousing; requiring that specified components of a continuum of care plan be coordinated and integrated with other specified services and programs; creating s. 420.6265, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent relating to Rapid ReHousing; providing a Rapid ReHousing methodology; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.; requiring the corporation to first distribute a certain percentage of the total amount to be distributed each fiscal year from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the Department of Children and Families, subject to certain requirements; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; providing that a certain partnership process of the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program should involve lead agencies of local homeless assistance continuums of care; encouraging counties and eligible municipalities to develop a strategy within their local housing assistance plans which provides program funds for reducing homelessness; revising the criteria that apply to awards made to sponsors or persons for the purpose of providing housing; requiring that a specified report submitted by counties and municipalities include a description of efforts to reduce homelessness; creating s. 420.9089, F.S.; requiring that funds made available to the state from the National Housing Trust Fund be deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund and be used for certain purposes; directing the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to create a grant process for nonprofits to distribute such funds subject to certain requirements; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1502**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abortion; creating the “Florida for Life Act”; creating s. 390.0001, F.S.; providing legislative findings regarding abortion; amending s. 390.011, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 390.01112, F.S.; providing grounds for disciplinary action against a physician performing a termination of pregnancy during viability under certain circumstances; specifying where a termination of pregnancy during viability may be performed; prohibiting misrepresentation of the gestational age or developmental stage of a viable fetus in any medical record or failure to use the prescribed standard of care on a viable fetus by a physician; providing criminal penalties; creating s. 390.01113, F.S.; prohibiting inducing an abortion or performing, attempting to perform, or assisting in an induced abortion; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting inflicting serious bodily injury on a person in the course of performing an abortion; providing criminal penalties; providing enhanced criminal penalties if the serious bodily injury results in death; prohibiting operation of any facility, business, or service for the purpose of providing induced abortion services; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting termination of a pregnancy unless specified conditions are met; requiring that a termination of pregnancy be performed only by a physician; requiring voluntary, informed consent for a termination of pregnancy; providing an exception for medical emergencies; providing for documentation of a medical emergency; providing that violations may subject physicians to discipline under specified provisions; prohibiting fetal experimentation; providing an exception; requiring that fetal remains be disposed of according to specified standards; providing criminal penalties; excluding specified procedures from applicability of section; requiring physicians

and personnel at a medical facility to provide certain women and minors who have been treated by the facility with information regarding adoption and access to a statewide list of attorneys available to provide volunteer legal services for adoption; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health to adopt rules; amending s. 39.001, F.S.; providing legislative intent concerning adoption services for women and minors with unwanted pregnancies; requiring the Office of Adoption and Child Protection to create and manage a statewide list of attorneys providing volunteer adoption services for women and minors with unwanted pregnancies who would have selected abortion, if lawful, rather than adoption; providing that the full amount of all federal moneys received by the state as a result of efforts made by the office to provide legal and other services for adoption are deposited, directed, and budgeted for use by the office; repealing ss. 390.01114, 390.01116, 390.0112, 390.012, 390.014, 390.015, 390.018, and 390.025, F.S., relating to provisions regulating the termination of pregnancies and definitions applying thereto, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, public records exemptions for identifying information regarding minors seeking a waiver of notice requirements under such act, reporting requirements for terminated pregnancies, the licensure and operation of abortion clinics, the disposal of fetal remains, the imposition of administrative fines for violations by abortion clinics, and provisions regulating abortion referral or counseling agencies and prescribing penalties for violations by such agencies; repealing ss. 782.30, 782.32, 782.34, and 782.36, F.S., relating to the Partial-Birth Abortion Act and the short title, definitions, criminal penalties for the intentional killing of a living fetus while that fetus is partially born, and exceptions to such act; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; conforming language relating to court-appointed counsel for minors under the Parental Notice of Abortion Act to the repeal of s. 390.01114, F.S.; amending ss. 627.64995, 627.6699, 627.66996, and 641.31099, F.S.; providing restrictions on use of state and federal funds for state exchanges that provide coverage for induced abortions and terminations of pregnancies under certain conditions; amending ss. 743.065, 743.067, and 765.113, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Rules.

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By Senator Soto—

**SB 1504**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 641.815, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personally identifiable financial and personally identifiable health information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1506**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; redefining the term “retention”; revising the calculation for retention multiples; providing that the aggregate retention level may not exceed a specified amount; reducing the actual claims-paying capacity of the fund by specified amounts during a certain period until the claims-paying capacity of the fund is a specified amount; requiring certain amounts to be reserved to pay specified claims; requiring the board’s reimbursement contract with insurers to require the State Board of Administration to pay the initial amount of reimbursement within a specified amount of time after receiving the reports of reimbursable losses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Margolis—

**SB 1508**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 196.141, F.S.; authorizing property appraisers to contract for the examination and audit of homestead exemption claims; authorizing a property appraiser’s fee and specifying payment for such contracted

services; amending s. 196.161, F.S.; authorizing taxpayers who improperly receive a homestead exemption to enter into payment plans for the payment of taxes, interest, and penalties due; authorizing tax collectors to impose service charges to offset the processing costs of payment plans; specifying that certain unpaid tax liens be included in the next assessment roll; amending s. 213.30, F.S.; deleting a provision that restricted governmental entities from contracting for certain services regarding the collection of unpaid taxes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Altman—

**SB 1510**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of weapons; amending s. 790.33, F.S.; preempting the field of regulation of specified activities involving weapons to the state; preempting regulation of the use of firearms, weapons, and ammunition to the state; revising provisions relating to the policy and intent for such preemptions; revising specified prohibitions on political subdivisions relating to such regulation; revising penalties for violations of such provisions; revising provisions relating to sanctions on certain persons who violate provisions while acting in their official capacity; revising provisions relating to exceptions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Braynon—

**SB 1512**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; creating the “Florida Hospital Patient Protection Act”; creating s. 395.1014, F.S.; providing legislative findings; defining terms; requiring minimum staffing levels of direct care registered nurses in a health care facility; requiring that each health care facility implement a staffing plan; prohibiting a health care facility from imposing mandatory overtime and certain other actions; specifying the required ratios of direct care registered nurses to patients for each type of care provided; prohibiting a health care facility from using an acuity-adjustable unit to care for a patient; prohibiting a health care facility from using video cameras or monitors as substitutes for the required level of care; providing an exception during a declared state of emergency; requiring that the chief nursing officer of a health care facility prepare a written staffing plan that meets the direct care registered nurse staffing levels required by the act; requiring that a health care facility annually evaluate its actual direct care registered nurse staffing levels and update the staffing plan based on the evaluation; requiring that certain documentation be submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration and be made available for public inspection; requiring that the agency develop uniform standards for use by health care facilities in establishing nurse staffing requirements; providing requirements for the committee members who are appointed to develop the uniform standards; requiring health care facilities to annually report certain information to the agency and post a notice containing such information in each unit of the facility; prohibiting a health care facility from assigning unlicensed personnel to perform functions or tasks that are performed by a licensed or registered nurse; specifying those actions that constitute professional practice by a direct care registered nurse; requiring that patient assessment be performed only by a direct care registered nurse; authorizing a direct care registered nurse to assign certain specified activities to other licensed or unlicensed nursing staff; prohibiting a health care facility from deploying technology that limits certain care provided by a direct care registered nurse; providing that it is a duty and right of a direct care registered nurse to act as the patient’s advocate; providing certain requirements with respect to such duty; authorizing a direct care registered nurse to refuse to perform certain activities if she or he determines that it is not in the best interest of the patient; authorizing a direct care registered nurse to refuse an assignment under certain circumstances; prohibiting a health care facility from discharging, discriminating, or retaliating against a nurse based on such refusal; providing that a direct care registered nurse has a right of action against a health care facility that violates certain provisions of the act; requiring that the agency establish a toll-free telephone hotline to provide information and to receive reports of violations of the act; requiring that certain information be provided to each patient who is admitted to a health care facility; prohibiting a health care facility from interfering

with the right of nurses to organize or bargain collectively; authorizing the agency to impose fines for violations of the act; requiring that the agency post on its website information regarding health care facilities that have violated the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Flores—

**SB 1514**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses concerning racketeering and illegal debts; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; reordering and conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 895.05, F.S.; authorizing an investigative agency to institute a civil proceeding for forfeiture of personal property in a circuit court; adding the diminution in value as a reason that the investigative agency may bring an action under certain circumstances; revising when the investigative agency may bring an action under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to order the forfeiture of other property of the defendant up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture in certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring an action for a certain violation to obtain specified relief, fees, and costs for certain purposes; providing civil penalties; requiring certain fees and costs recovered by the department for certain violations to be deposited into the Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund; authorizing a party to a specific civil action brought by the department to petition the court for entry of a consent decree or for approval of a settlement agreement, which must state specified information; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 895.06, F.S.; providing that a subpoena must be confidential for a certain time; restricting to whom the subpoenaed person or entity may disclose the existence of the subpoena; requiring certain information to be included in the subpoena; authorizing the investigative agency to apply for an order extending the amount of time the subpoena remains confidential for an additional period of time, rather than having it extended for 90 days; providing that the investigative agency has the authority to stipulate to protective orders with respect to documents and information submitted in response to a subpoena; amending s. 895.09, F.S.; adding a specified way for certain funds to be expended; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 16.56 and 905.34, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 16.53(4), (5)(a), and (6), 27.345(1), and 92.142(3), F.S., relating to the Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund, the State Attorney RICO Trust Fund, and payment to witnesses, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 895.05, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1516**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the right of eminent domain for natural gas companies; providing a short title; amending s. 361.05, F.S.; providing legislative intent that if an interstate natural gas company or an entity that is subject to regulation under the federal Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 717, files condemnation proceedings in federal court to acquire property from property owners of this state, the same protections afforded to property owners under state law be applied in federal court, to the greatest extent possible; providing legislative intent that certain condemnation proceedings to acquire private property from property owners of this state be filed in state court rather than federal court under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Garcia—

**SB 1518**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public health notices regarding children's eye health; requiring the Department of Health and the Department of Children and Families to post a certain notice on their respective websites; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Soto—

**SB 1520**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing for low-income persons; amending s. 421.02, F.S.; revising the legislative declaration of necessity; amending s. 421.03, F.S.; redefining terms; defining the terms “blighted area” and “essential commercial goods and services”; amending s. 421.04, F.S.; prohibiting a housing authority from applying to the Federal Government to seize projects, units, or vouchers of another established housing authority; amending s. 421.05, F.S.; providing an exemption for authorities from s. 215.425, F.S.; amending s. 421.06, F.S.; prohibiting commissioners or employees from acquiring interests in certain commercial projects; requiring commissioners or employees to disclose interests in commercial projects under certain circumstances; amending s. 421.08, F.S.; revising the powers of an authority; requiring that revenue received by a housing authority from certain commercial projects be used for affordable housing; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 421.09, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 421.091, F.S.; requiring a full financial accounting and audit of public housing agencies to be submitted to the Federal Government pursuant to certain requirements; exempting housing authorities from specified reporting requirements; amending s. 421.21, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 421.28, F.S.; creating a “consolidated housing authority”; revising provisions relating to the creation of a consolidated housing authority; providing that no more than three housing authorities may be combined within a specified period under certain circumstances; amending s. 421.29, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the area of operation of a consolidated housing authority; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 421.30, F.S.; requiring a consolidated plan to include a provision for the distribution of appointments among certain authorities; providing appointment requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing the number of commissioners to be increased under certain circumstances; requiring commissioners to be appointed for staggered terms; providing that the terms of the initial appointees may be truncated to stagger the terms; amending s. 421.31, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the powers of a consolidated housing authority; removing definitions; deleting provisions relating to the appointment, removal, and suspension of certain commissioners; amending s. 421.32, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 421.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 421.50, F.S.; revising provisions relating to decreasing the area of operation of a consolidated authority; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 421.51, F.S.; providing that the governing body of a city or county excluded from the area of operation of a consolidated housing authority may adopt a resolution declaring that there is a need for a housing authority; amending s. 422.02, F.S.; making a finding that there is a lack of access to certain essential commercial goods and services; amending s. 422.04, F.S.; authorizing state public bodies to provide or cause to be provided commercial projects that allow access to certain essential commercial goods and services; amending s. 423.01, F.S.; making a finding that certain projects for the clearance of blighted areas and access to essential commercial goods and services are required; making a finding that facilities made available by housing authorities to provide access to essential commercial goods and services are a critical component for housing projects and constitute a public use and governmental function; making a finding that certain property used to provide access to essential commercial goods and services is exclusively for public uses and municipal purposes; amending s. 423.02, F.S.; providing that the activities or property of a person who provides essential commercial goods and services is not exempt from certain taxes and special assessments; exempting real property of a housing authority which is used to provide access to essential commercial goods and services from ad valorem taxes and special assessments; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Detert—

**SB 1522**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce training; amending s. 446.021, F.S.; redefining terms; amending s. 446.032, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity, to identify and recommend specified apprenticeship programs; requiring the department to annually submit an accountability report with specified requirements to the Governor, the Legis-

lature, and the Higher Education Coordinating Council; requiring the department to post on its Internet website specified information regarding apprenticeship programs; amending s. 446.052, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity, to identify and recommend specified pre-apprenticeship programs; requiring the department to annually submit an accountability report with specified requirements to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Higher Education Coordinating Council; requiring the department to post on its Internet website specified information regarding pre-apprenticeship programs; requiring the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity to submit an operational report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Higher Education Coordinating Council with specified information; amending s. 446.091, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Higher Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Simmons—

**SB 1524**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to English language learners; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring that a school district notify students and parents in writing of options for transferring high school credits and earning comparative, concordant, or passing scores on alternative assessments; providing transfer students with options for satisfying the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment requirement to earn a standard high school diploma; amending s. 1003.433, F.S.; providing alternatives and additional learning opportunities for transfer students who enter a Florida public school at grade 10 under certain circumstances; providing that a limited English proficient transfer student who has met certain requirements, but has not passed the grade 10 ELA assessment by grade 12, may receive a standard high school diploma if the student earns a concordant or passing score on an alternative assessment; amending s. 1003.56, F.S.; requiring a school district to notify limited English proficient students and their parents of the requirements and options for earning a standard high school diploma; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify concordant and passing scores on alternative assessments that are offered in languages other than English and demonstrate the college readiness of limited English proficient students; requiring that the State Board of Education adopt by rule alternative assessments and their respective concordant and passing scores; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Legg—

**SB 1526**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s. 468.70, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 468.701, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 468.703, F.S.; deleting the requirement for the Governor to appoint the initial members of the Board of Athletic Training; amending s. 468.705, F.S.; revising the board's authorization to adopt certain rules relating to communication between an athletic trainer and a supervising physician; amending s. 468.707, F.S.; requiring certain applicants for licensure to submit fingerprints; revising requirements for licensure; authorizing the board to require a background screening for an applicant in certain circumstances; amending s. 468.709, F.S.; deleting the requirement for the board to establish an examination fee; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for license renewal; amending s. 468.713, F.S.; revising responsibilities of athletic trainers to include requirements that a trainer must practice under the direction of a physician; amending s. 468.715, F.S.; prohibiting sexual misconduct by an athletic trainer; amending s. 468.717, F.S.; prohibiting unlicensed persons from practicing athletic training or representing themselves as athletic trainers; prohibiting an unlicensed person from using specified titles; amending s. 468.719, F.S.; revising grounds for disciplinary action; amending s. 468.723, F.S.; providing exemptions; amending s. 456.0135, F.S.; revising general background screening provisions to include athletic trainers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Evers—

**SB 1528**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Commission on Federalism; creating s. 11.9006, F.S.; creating the Commission on Federalism; providing for the membership, meetings, and staff support of the commission; authorizing members to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; providing duties of the commission; providing criteria to evaluate a federal law; specifying what sources the commission may rely on in an evaluation of a federal law; requiring the commission to submit biannual reports to the Governor and the Legislature; providing report requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1530**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to personal privacy; providing a short title; creating s. 901.40, F.S.; prohibiting use of certain radar technology by law enforcement agencies except for specified purposes; providing that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible in criminal, civil, or administrative actions; creating s. 934.70, F.S.; providing definitions; providing restrictions on government searches of portable electronic devices; requiring a warrant for all searches of such devices; prohibiting government entities from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of certain equipment used to monitor portable electronic devices; declaring existing nondisclosure agreements void; providing that such agreement is subject to public records laws; providing that evidence unlawfully collected is not admissible in criminal, civil, or administrative actions; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties for violations; authorizing a private right of action against governmental entities for violations; requiring common carriers, electronic communications services, courts, and prosecutors to prepare certain reports to be delivered to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing requirements for such reports; requiring the department to prepare reports to be delivered to the Governor, the Legislature, and certain legislative entities; providing requirements for such reports; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Altman—

**SB 1532**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parental rights; amending s. 39.001, F.S.; revising legislative intent to establish the right of a parent to make decisions regarding the care, custody, and management of his or her child; requiring a specific determination to overcome that right; providing for applicability; providing that general law adopted after a specified date may supersede the right if a specified requirement is met; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1534**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the disposition of liens and forfeited property; amending s. 932.7055, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing a seizing agency to retain seized property for its use; deleting an obsolete provision; revising the distribution and the use of proceeds from the sales of forfeited property seized by a county or municipal agency; authorizing an agency or organization, other than a seizing agency, to apply for funds from specified proceeds; requiring that funding requests be made in writing and include a certification that the expenditure meets certain requirements; specifying that such requests are public records; deleting a provision relating to certain expenditure or donation of forfeiture proceeds; requiring certain proceeds to be deposited into the Crimes Compensation Trust Fund, rather than the General Revenue Fund; deleting provisions that exempt certain agencies of the state from depositing proceeds from seizures into the General Revenue Fund; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 381.0081(5)(b), 895.09(2)(c), and 932.703(6)(b), F.S., relating to the allocations of proceeds from the sales of property in a migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing, the disposition of funds obtained through forfeiture

proceedings, and the forfeiture of contraband articles, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 932.7055, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 1536**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 895.06, F.S.; providing that certain documents and information held by an investigative agency pursuant to an investigation relating to an activity prohibited under the Florida RICO Act are confidential and exempt; providing for legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing exceptions to the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Simpson—

**SB 1538**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a natural gas rebate program; creating s. 377.811, F.S.; creating the heavy transportation industry natural gas rebate program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; defining terms; prescribing powers and duties of the department with respect to the program; providing rebate eligibility requirements; providing limits on rebate awards; specifying policies and procedures for the application process; requiring the department to adopt rules by a specified date; requiring the department to publish on its website the availability of rebate funds; requiring the department to submit an annual assessment to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability by a specified date; requiring the office to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Evers—

**SB 1540**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to costs associated with the dismissal of criminal charges; creating s. 939.061, F.S.; entitling criminal defendants who successfully claim immunity under s. 776.032, F.S., to an award of specified costs and attorney fees; specifying a procedure for submitting reimbursement requests; requiring the Justice Administrative Commission to audit and approve the reimbursement request if the requested private attorney fees and costs are reasonable and supported with valid documentation; requiring reimbursements to be paid from the operating trust fund of the state attorney who prosecuted the defendant; limiting the amount of the award; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Sobel—

**SB 1542**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 655.946, F.S.; providing regulation requirements for premium for single interest insurance placed by financial institutions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Bullard—

**SB 1544**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school personnel evaluations; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; requiring a school district's in-

structional personnel and school administrator performance evaluations to include certain criteria; revising the percentage of an evaluation which is based on the performance of students; revising the method and data used and the approval process for a school district to measure student learning growth in performance evaluations; revising the rule-making authority of the State Board of Education; amending s. 1012.3401, F.S.; revising the percentage of a classroom teacher's or school administrator's performance evaluation which is based on the performance of students; authorizing additional factors to consider when measuring student learning; amending ss. 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.22, 1012.341, and 1012.56, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Flores—

**SB 1546**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; reducing the minimum SAT and ACT scores required for certain students to be eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida Medallion Scholars award; amending ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535, F.S.; increasing the minimum weighted grade point average required for certain students to be eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida Medallion Scholars award; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Dean—

**SB 1548**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vessel safety; amending s. 327.02, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 327.4107, F.S.; specifying how vessels may be anchored or moored on waters of the state; amending s. 327.73, F.S.; providing a noncriminal infraction; amending s. 327.391, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Thompson—

**SB 1550**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to imitation firearms; creating s. 559.955, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 559.956, F.S.; prohibiting a person, for commercial purposes, from knowingly selling an imitation firearm after a specified date; providing penalties for violations; providing exceptions; creating s. 559.957, F.S.; prohibiting a person on or after a specified date from knowingly altering, changing, removing, or obliterating certain features required by law for an imitation firearm; prohibiting a person on or after a specified date from knowingly adding certain features that make a firearm look more like an imitation firearm; providing penalties for violations; providing exceptions; creating s. 559.958, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly displaying or exposing an imitation firearm in a public place after a specified date; providing penalties for violations; providing exceptions; creating s. 559.959, F.S.; requiring that any imitation firearm manufactured after a certain date be accompanied by a conspicuous written advisory containing specified information as part of the packaging; authorizing the conspicuous advisory to be affixed to the imitation firearm; prohibiting a manufacturer, importer, or distributor from failing to comply with the conspicuous written advisory; providing penalties for violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Commerce and Tourism; and Fiscal Policy.

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By Senator Benacquisto—

**SB 1552**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parent and student rights; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing the right of a parent to know the average amount of money expended for the education of his or her



child; requiring the Department of Education to provide each school district with such information and requiring the school districts to provide notification to parents; authorizing the information to be published in the student handbook or a similar publication; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to controlled open enrollment; requiring each school district to instead establish a public school parental choice policy that allows students to attend any public school that has not reached capacity in their district; requiring assignments to be made on a first-come, first-served basis; defining the term "capacity" for the purposes of a district school board public school parental choice plan; authorizing a parent to enroll his or her child in any public school that has not reached capacity in the state; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a charter school with space available to be open to any student in the state; amending s. 1002.451, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; creating s. 1003.3101, F.S.; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, approve or deny a request within a certain timeframe, and post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1012.42, F.S.; authorizing a parent who receives notification that a teacher is teaching outside his or her field to request that his or her child be transferred to another classroom teacher within the school and grade in which the child is currently enrolled; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

**SB 1554**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation appoint an inspector general pursuant to s. 20.055, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the district director for the Fort Myers Urban Office of the Department of Transportation be responsible for developing the 5-year Transportation Plan and other services for specified counties; amending s. 215.82, F.S.; removing a cross-reference relating to actions to validate bonds; amending s. 260.0144, F.S.; providing that certain commercial sponsorship may be displayed on state greenway and trail facilities not included within the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; deleting provisions relating to the authorization of sponsored state greenways and trails at specified facilities or property; amending s. 311.07, F.S.; increasing the minimum amount per year that shall be made available from the State Transportation Fund to fund the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; increasing the amount per year the department shall include in its annual legislative budget request for the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; redefining the terms "crosswalk" and "sidewalk"; defining the term "port-of-entry"; amending s. 316.130, F.S.; revising traffic regulations relating to pedestrians crossing roadways; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; providing a specified penalty for commercial motor vehicles that obtain temporary registration permits entering the state at, or operating on designated routes to, a port-of-entry location; amending s. 333.01, F.S.; defining terms; redefining terms; amending s. 333.025, F.S.; revising requirements relating to securing a permit for the proposed construction or alteration of structures that would exceed specified federal obstruction standards; requiring such permits only within an airport hazard area if the proposed construction is within a set radius of a certain airport reference point; providing that existing, planned, and proposed facilities at public-use airports contained in certain plans or documents will be protected from structures that exceed federal obstruction standards; providing that a permit is not required when political subdivisions have adopted adequate airport protection zoning regulations and have established a permitting process, subject to certain requirements; providing for a review period by the department to run concurrent with such permitting process, subject to certain requirements and exemptions; specifying certain factors the department shall consider in determining whether to issue or deny a permit; directing the department to require an owner of a permitted obstruction or vegetation to install, operate, and maintain marking and lighting subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a permit from being approved solely on the basis that a proposed structure will not exceed specified federal obstruction standards; providing certain administrative review for the denial of a permit; amending s. 333.03,

F.S.; revising the requirements relating to the adoption of airport protection zoning regulations by certain political subdivisions; revising the requirements of such adopted airport protection zoning regulations; providing that the department is available to assist political subdivisions with regard to federal obstruction standards; revising requirements relating to airport land use compatibility zoning regulations that address, at a minimum, landfill locations and noise contours; requiring adoption of airport zoning regulations that restrict substantial modifications to existing incompatible uses within runway protection zones; requiring that updates and amendments to local airport zoning codes, rules, and regulations be filed with the department within a certain time after adoption; revising requirements relating to educational structures or sites; providing that a governing body operating a public-use airport may establish more restrictive airport protection zoning regulations for certain purposes; amending s. 333.04, F.S.; revising provisions relating to comprehensive plan or policy regulations, including airport protection zoning regulations under certain circumstances; amending s. 333.05, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the procedure for adoption, amendment, or deletion of airport zoning regulations; revising provisions relating to airport zoning commissions; amending s. 333.06, F.S.; revising provisions relating to airport zoning requirements, and airport master plans that are prepared by certain public-use airports; repealing s. 333.065, F.S., relating to guidelines regarding land use near airports; amending s. 333.07, F.S.; revising provisions relating to permits for use of structures or vegetation in violation of airport protection zoning regulations; specifying factors a political subdivision or its administrative agency must consider when determining whether to issue or deny a permit; deleting provisions relating to applying for a variance from zoning regulations; revising provisions relating to obstruction marking and lighting requirements when a political subdivision or its administrative agency issues a permit; repealing s. 333.08, F.S., relating to appeals in regard to airport zoning regulations; amending s. 333.09, F.S.; requiring all airport zoning regulations to provide for the administration and enforcement of such regulations by the affected political subdivisions or an administrative agency created by the subdivisions; requiring a political subdivision that must adopt airport zoning regulations to provide a permitting process subject to certain requirements and exceptions; providing for an appeals process for decisions in the administration of airport zoning regulations, subject to certain requirements; repealing s. 333.10, F.S., relating to boards of adjustment provided for by all airport zoning regulations; amending s. 333.11, F.S.; revising provisions relating to judicial review for decisions made by any governing body of a political subdivision, joint airport zoning board, or administrative agency; requiring the appellant to exhaust all its remedies through application for local government permits, exceptions, and appeals before judicial appeal is permitted; amending s. 333.12, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the acquisition of air rights; providing that a certain political subdivision may acquire air right, aviation easement, other estate, or interest in a nonconforming structure or use that presents an air hazard and cannot be removed, lowered, or otherwise terminated, subject to certain requirements; creating s. 333.135, F.S.; requiring that certain airport zoning regulations be amended to conform by a certain date; requiring certain political subdivisions to adopt airport zoning regulations for an airport hazard area by a certain date; directing the department to administer the permitting process for local governments that have not adopted airport protection zoning regulations; repealing s. 333.14, F.S., relating to a short title; amending s. 334.03, F.S.; redefining the term "511" or "511 services"; deleting the term "interactive voice response"; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; removing the provision of interactive voice response telephone systems accessible via the 511 number that may be included in traveler information systems; amending s. 334.60, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the 511 traveler information system; amending s. 335.065, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to certain commercial sponsorship displays on multiuse trails and related facilities; deleting provisions relating to funding a statewide system of interconnected multiuse trails; creating s. 335.21, F.S.; requiring the governing body of any independent special district created to regulate the operation of public vehicles on public highways to consist of a certain number of members; providing appointment requirements for such members; amending s. 338.165, F.S.; removing an option to issue certain bonds secured by toll revenues collected on the Beeline East Expressway and the Navarre Bridge; amending s. 338.227, F.S.; providing that bonds issued are not required to be validated pursuant to ch. 75, F.S., but may be validated at the option of the Division of Bond Finance; providing filing, notice, and service requirements relating to complaints for such validation; amending s. 338.231, F.S.; increasing the number of years before an inactive prepaid toll account shall be presumed unclaimed;



creating s. 339.81, F.S.; creating the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network; specifying the composition, purpose, and requirements of the network; authorizing the department certain powers related to planning, development, operation, and maintenance of the network; creating s. 339.82, F.S.; directing the department to develop a Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network Plan, subject to certain requirements; creating s. 339.83, F.S.; creating a trail sponsorship program, subject to certain requirements and restrictions; directing the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to evaluate and determine the economic benefits of the state's investment in the Department of Transportation's adopted work program for a certain timeframe, subject to certain requirements; directing the Department of Transportation and each of its district offices to provide the Office of Economic and Demographic Research full access to certain data; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to submit the analysis to the Legislature by a certain date; reenacting s. 350.81(6), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "airport layout plan," to incorporate the amendment made to s. 333.01, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

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By Senator Montford—

**SB 1556**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; deleting individual limits on the amounts of sales tax refunds authorized for the purchase of building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property located in an enterprise zone or for the purchase of business property used by businesses in an enterprise zone; providing cumulative annual limits on these sales tax refunds; deleting the scheduled expiration of these sales tax refunds and of a sales tax exemption for charges for electrical energy used by certain qualified businesses in an enterprise zone, to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 212.098, F.S., relating to the Rural Job Tax Credit Program; revising definitions; authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to make recommendations regarding industrial classifications used to determine an eligible business; providing an exception for certain employees to remain qualified employees; revising the amount of tax credits per employee that eligible businesses may receive; providing an additional tax credit per employee for an eligible business located within a rural area of opportunity; authorizing an ad valorem tax reimbursement for eligible businesses whose tax credits exceed their corporate income tax liability; authorizing sales tax refunds for eligible businesses for specified amounts of sales tax paid for electricity; providing cumulative annual limits on these sales tax refunds; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; amending s. 288.018, F.S., relating to the Regional Rural Development Grants Program; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to determine the amount of non-state resources that must be used annually for matching grants; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; revising the maximum percentage of total infrastructure project costs for which the department may award grants; revising requirements for eligible projects and uses of funds; creating a program to provide funding for speculative building construction in rural counties; limiting the amount of grants for these rural infrastructure projects; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 288.106, F.S., relating to a tax refund program for target industry businesses; revising definitions; removing a limitation on specified tax refunds; exempting qualified target industry businesses located in a rural area of opportunity from a reduction in specified tax refund amounts when local financial support is less than a specified amount; requiring regionally based economic development organizations, in consultation with the department and Enterprise Florida, Inc., to develop target industry businesses specific to the rural area of economic opportunity; authorizing businesses in a rural area of opportunity to apply for waiver of certain criteria; repealing s. 290.016, F.S., relating to the scheduled repeal of the Florida Enterprise Zone Act; amending ss. 166.231, 193.077, 193.085, 195.073, 195.099, 196.012, 205.022, 205.054, 212.02, 212.096, 220.02, 220.03, 220.13, 220.181, and 220.182, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1558**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.14, F.S.; revising the classification of a specified distributor; requiring distributors licensed to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits to all persons licensed or registered to sell such beverages; requiring a specified distributor to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits in like quantities and prices and to provide like delivery services to all persons licensed or registered to sell them; revising the classification of a specified vendor; removing a requirement that purchases of alcoholic beverages by vendors from vendors must be strictly limited to certain vendor pool buying groups; providing that a vendor may sell to any person alcoholic beverages on which excise taxes are paid without being licensed by the division as a distributor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By Senator Latvala—

**SB 1560**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial aid and assistance to a vendor of beverages; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; exempting certain financial transactions from application of certain tied house evil provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

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By the Committee on Community Affairs—

**SB 7000**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 341.3026, F.S., relating to an exemption from public record requirements for personal identifying information held by a public transit provider to facilitate the prepayment of transit fares or the acquisition of prepaid transit fare cards; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism—

**SB 7002**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renaming Workforce Florida, Inc.; renaming Workforce Florida, Inc., as CareerSource Florida, Inc.; amending ss. 11.45, 20.60, 216.136, 218.077, 288.047, 288.0656, 288.1252, 288.901, 288.903, 295.22, 320.20, 331.3051, 331.369, 403.973, 409.1451, 413.405, 413.407, 414.045, 414.105, 414.106, 414.295, 414.55, 420.622, 443.091, 443.171, 443.181, 445.003, 445.004, 445.006, 445.007, 445.0071, 445.008, 445.009, 445.011, 445.014, 445.016, 445.021, 445.022, 445.024, 445.026, 445.028, 445.030, 445.033, 445.035, 445.038, 445.045, 445.048, 445.051, 445.055, 446.41, 446.50, 1003.491, 1003.492, 1003.493, 1003.51, 1003.52, 1004.015, 1011.80, and 1011.801, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Fiscal Policy.

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By the Committee on Higher Education—

**SB 7004**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 1005.38, F.S., relating to exemptions from public records and meeting requirements for investigatory records held by and portions of meetings conducted by the Commission for Independent Education in disciplinary proceedings; saving the exemptions from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Legg—

**SB 7006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to early learning; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information to change the term “family day care home” to “family child care home,” and the term “family day care” to “family child care”; amending ss. 125.0109 and 166.0445, F.S.; including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; redefining the term “substantial compliance”; requiring the Department of Children and Families to adopt rules for compliance by certain programs regulated, but not licensed, by the department; amending s. 402.3025, F.S.; revising requirements for nonpublic schools delivering certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs and school readiness programs; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; prohibiting the transfer of ownership of such facilities to specified individuals; creating s. 402.3085, F.S.; requiring nonpublic schools or providers seeking to operate certain programs to annually obtain a certificate from the department or a local licensing agency; providing for issuance of the certificate upon examination of the applicant’s premises and records; prohibiting a provider from participating in the programs without a certificate; authorizing local licensing agencies to apply their own minimum child care standards under certain circumstances; amending s. 402.311, F.S.; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; amending s. 402.3115, F.S.; providing for abbreviated inspections of specified child care homes; requiring rulemaking; amending s. 402.313, F.S.; revising provisions for licensure, registration, and operation of family child care homes; amending s. 402.3131, F.S.; revising requirements for large family child care homes; amending s. 402.316, F.S.; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; requiring a child care facility operating as a provider of certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs or child care programs to comply with minimum standards; providing penalties for failure to disclose or for use of certain information; requiring the department to establish a fee for inspection and compliance activities; amending s. 627.70161, F.S.; revising restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; amending s. 1001.213, F.S.; providing additional duties of the Office of Early Learning; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; revising requirements for application and determination of eligibility to enroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising requirements for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private prekindergarten provider, including requirements for providers, instructors, and child care personnel; providing requirements in the case of provider violations; amending s. 1002.59, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1002.61 and 1002.63, F.S.; revising employment requirements and educational credentials of certain instructional personnel; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; revising information that must be provided to parents; amending s. 1002.75, F.S.; revising provisions included in the standard statewide VPK program provider contract; amending s. 1002.77, F.S.; revising the purpose and meetings of the Florida Early Learning Advisory Council; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising certain program definitions; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Office of Early Learning; revising provisions included in the standard statewide school readiness provider contract; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of early learning coalitions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising student eligibility and enrollment requirements for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for program providers that want to deliver the school readiness program; providing conditions for denial of initial eligibility; providing child care personnel requirements; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising the use of funds for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.91, F.S.; prohibiting an early learning coalition from contracting with specified persons; amending s. 1002.94, F.S.; revising establishment of a community child care task force by an early learning coalition; requiring the Office of Early Learning to conduct a pilot project to study the impact of assessing the early literacy skills of certain VPK program participants; requiring the office to report its findings to the Governor and Legislature by specified dates; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

**SB 7008**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 497.172, F.S., relating to an exemption from public meeting requirements for portions of meetings of the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services within the Department of Financial Services at which licensure examination questions or answers are discussed; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

**SB 7010**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunshine Act; amending s. 517.2016, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for information that would reveal examination techniques or procedures used by the Office of Financial Regulation under the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunshine Act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

**SB 7012**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 494.00125, F.S., which provides a public records exemption for credit history information and credit scores held by the Office of Financial Regulation for purposes of licensing loan originators, mortgage brokers, and mortgage lenders; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

**Senate Bills 7014-7016**—Not Used.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs—

**SB 7018**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state ombudsman program; amending s. 400.0060, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 400.0061, F.S.; revising legislative intent with respect to citizen ombudsmen; deleting references to ombudsman councils and transferring their responsibilities to representatives of the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; amending s. 400.0063, F.S.; revising duties of the office; amending s. 400.0065, F.S.; revising the purpose of the office; revising the duties and authority of the state ombudsman; requiring the state ombudsman to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, and specified agencies and entities; amending s. 400.0067, F.S.; revising duties and membership of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council; amending s. 400.0069, F.S.; requiring the state ombudsman to designate and direct program districts; requiring each district to conduct quarterly public meetings; providing duties of representatives of the office in the districts; revising the appointments of and qualifications for district ombudsmen; prohibiting certain individuals from serving as ombudsmen; amending s. 400.0070, F.S.; providing conditions under which a representative of the office could be found to have a conflict of interest; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs, in consultation with the state ombudsman, to define by rule what constitutes a conflict of interest; amending s. 400.0071, F.S.; requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to consult with the state ombudsman to adopt rules pertaining to complaint procedures; amending s. 400.0073, F.S.; providing procedures for investigation of complaints; amending s. 400.0074, F.S.; revising procedures for conducting onsite administrative assessments; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 400.0075, F.S.; revising complaint notification and resolution procedures; amending s. 400.0078, F.S.; providing for a resident or representative of a resident to receive additional information regarding resident rights; amending s. 400.0079, F.S.; providing im-

munity from liability for a representative of the office under certain circumstances; amending s. 400.0081, F.S.; requiring long-term care facilities to provide representatives of the office with access to facilities, residents, and records for certain purposes; amending s. 400.0083, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 400.0087, F.S.; providing for the office to coordinate ombudsman services with Disability Rights Florida; amending s. 400.0089, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 400.0091, F.S.; revising training requirements for representatives of the office and ombudsmen; amending ss. 20.41, 400.021, 400.022, 400.0255, 400.162, 400.19, 400.191, and 400.23, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 400.235, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the additional criteria for recognition as a Gold Seal Program facility; amending ss. 415.102, 415.1034, 415.104, 415.1055, 415.106, 415.107, 429.02, 429.19, 429.26, 429.28, 429.34, 429.35, 429.67, and 429.85, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice—

**SB 7020**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corrections; amending s. 20.315, F.S.; revising the method of appointment for the Secretary of Corrections; creating the Florida Corrections Commission within the department; providing for membership and terms of appointment for commission members; prescribing duties and responsibilities of the commission; prohibiting the commission from entering into the department's operation; establishing meeting and notice requirements; requiring the commission to appoint an executive director; authorizing reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses for commission members; prohibiting certain conflicts of interest among commission members; providing for applicability; amending s. 216.136, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference to develop projections of prison admissions and populations for elderly felony offenders; amending s. 944.151, F.S.; expanding the department's security review committee functions; ensuring physical inspections of state and private buildings and structures and prioritizing institutions for inspection that meet certain criteria; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; prohibiting an inmate from receiving incentive gain-time credits for completing the requirements for and receiving a general educational development certificate or vocational certificate if the inmate was convicted of a specified offense on or after a specified date; amending s. 944.31, F.S.; requiring that a copy of a written memorandum of understanding for notification and investigation of certain events between the Department of Corrections and the Department of Law Enforcement be provided in a timely manner to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; requiring specialized training in certain circumstances; amending s. 944.331, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide multiple private, internal avenues for the reporting by inmates of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; requiring the department, in consultation with the Correctional Medical Authority, to review inmate health care grievance procedures at each correctional institution and private correctional facility; requiring the department to review inmate grievance procedures at each correctional institution and private correctional facility; amending s. 944.35, F.S.; requiring that correctional officers have specialized training in the effective, nonforceful management of mentally ill inmates who may exhibit erratic behavior; requiring each institution to create and maintain a system to track the use of force episodes to determine if inmates need subsequent physical or mental health treatment; requiring annual reporting of use of force on the agency website; requiring that reports of physical force be signed under oath; prohibiting employees with notations regarding incidents involving the inappropriate use of force from being assigned to transitional care, crisis stabilization, or corrections mental health treatment facility housing; providing an exception; expanding applicability of a current felony offense to include certain employees of private providers and private correctional facilities; defining the term "neglect of an inmate"; providing for the determination of neglect of an inmate; creating criminal penalties for certain employees who neglect an inmate in specified circumstances; providing for anonymous reporting of inmate abuse directly to the department's Office of Inspector General; requiring that instruction on communication techniques related to crisis stabilization to avoid use of force be included in the correctional officer training program; directing the department to establish policies to protect in-

mates and employees from retaliation; requiring the department to establish policies relating to the use of chemical agents; amending s. 944.8041, F.S.; requiring the department to report health care costs for elderly inmates in its annual report; creating s. 944.805, F.S.; providing legislative intent relating to specialized programs for veterans; requiring the department to measure recidivism and report its finding in that regard; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; requiring that specified proceeds and certain funds be deposited in the State Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; providing that the State Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund is a trust held by the Department of Corrections for the benefit and welfare of certain inmates; prohibiting deposits into the trust fund from exceeding \$5 million per fiscal year; requiring that deposits in excess of that amount be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; requiring that funds of the trust fund be used exclusively for specified purposes at correctional facilities operated by the department; requiring that funds from the trust fund only be expended pursuant to legislative appropriations; requiring the department to annually compile a report, at the statewide and institutional level documenting trust fund receipts and expenditures; requiring the report be submitted by September 1 for the previous fiscal year to specified offices of the Legislature and to the Executive Office of the Governor; prohibiting the purchase of weight-training equipment; providing a contingent effective date; amending s. 945.48, F.S.; specifying correctional officer staffing requirements pertaining to inmates housed in mental health treatment facilities; amending s. 945.6031, F.S.; changing the frequency of required surveys; amending s. 945.6033, F.S.; provides for damages in inmate health care contracts; amending s. 945.6034, F.S.; requiring the department to consider the needs of inmates over 50 years of age and adopt health care standards for that population; creating s. 945.6039, F.S.; allowing an inmate's family, lawyer, and other interested parties to hire and pay for an independent medical evaluation; specifying the purpose for outside evaluations; requiring the department to provide reasonable and timely access to the inmate; amending s. 947.149, F.S.; defining the term "elderly and infirm inmate"; expanding eligibility for conditional medical release to include elderly and infirm inmates; amending ss. 921.0021, 948.10, and 951.221, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing for applicability; reenacting ss. 435.04(2)(uu) and 921.0022(3)(f), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 944.35, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 944.72(1), 945.21501(1), and 945.2151, F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 945.6035(6), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.6031, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Galvano—

**SB 7022**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individuals with disabilities; reordering and amending s. 110.107, F.S.; revising definitions and defining the term "individual who has a disability"; amending s. 110.112, F.S.; revising the state's equal employment opportunity policy to include individuals who have a disability; requiring each executive agency to annually report to the Department of Management Services regarding the agency's progress in increasing employment among certain underrepresented groups; revising the required content of the department's annual workforce report; requiring the department to develop and implement certain programs geared toward individuals who have a disability; requiring the department to develop training programs by a specified date; requiring each executive agency to develop a plan regarding the employment of individuals who have a disability by a specified date; requiring the department to report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding implementation; requiring the department to compile and post data regarding the hiring practices of executive agencies regarding the employment of individuals who have a disability; requiring the department to assist executive agencies in identifying strategies to retain employees who have a disability; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; specifying that the act does not create any enforceable right or benefit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Fiscal Policy.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

**SB 7024**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State Board of Administration; repealing s. 121.153, F.S., relating to restrictions on investments in institutions doing business in or with Northern Ireland; amending s. 218.421, F.S.; establishing conditions for the transfer of any residual balance in the Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund upon self-liquidation; specifying the method of calculating the payment amount to an entitled participant; requiring that additional income received after distribution of the residual balance be deposited in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

**SB 7026**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state group insurance program; creating s. 110.12303, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Management Services to ensure that a health maintenance organization under contract with the department provides reasonable access to certain services to persons younger than 21 years of age; specifying provisions that must be included in a contract between the department and a health maintenance organization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security—

**SB 7028**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educational opportunities for veterans; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising criteria for eligibility for out-of-state fee waivers at state universities, Florida College System institutions, and specified career centers; removing a provision regarding the applicability of waivers to required credit hours for a student's degree or certificate program; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt regulations and rules, respectively; revising a short title provision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Higher Education—

**SB 7030**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary education for students with disabilities; creating s. 1004.6501, F.S.; providing a short title; providing purposes and legislative intent; defining terms; establishing eligibility requirements for enrollment in the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program; requiring eligible institutions to make student eligibility determinations; establishing the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities; specifying the duties of the center and the center director; specifying application requirements for initial approval and renewal of approval; requiring an eligible institution with an approved program to submit an annual report to the center by a specified date; establishing a Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship for certain qualified students; specifying the requirements for a student to maintain eligibility for the scholarship; providing for the distribution of scholarship funds; requiring an eligible institution to report certain data and information to the center; requiring an eligible institution to certify and report the amount of funds disbursed and undisbursed advances to the center by a specified date; requiring the center, with the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, to identify program progress and performance indicators; requiring an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chancellor of the State University System, and the Commissioner of Education by a specified date; requiring the center, with other stakeholders, to submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives statutory or budget recommendations for the program; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the center, to adopt regulations and rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Health Policy—

**SB 7032**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 383.412, F.S.; removing the public records exemption for information held by the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee or a local committee that reveals the identity of family members or others living in the home of a child whose death occurred as a result of a verified report of abuse or neglect; exempting information held by the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee or a local committee that identifies a deceased child whose death is reported to the central abuse hotline but whose death is not the result of abuse or neglect and the identity of the surviving siblings, family members, or others living in the home of such a deceased child; authorizing release of such information to specified persons under certain circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

### FIRST READING

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senators Sobel, Gaetz, Clemens, Richter, Sachs, and Simmons—

**CS for SB 2**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to greyhound racing injuries; providing a short title; creating s. 550.2416, F.S.; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported on a form adopted by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering in the Department of Business and Professional Regulation within a certain timeframe; specifying the information that must be included in the form; requiring the division to maintain the forms as public records for a specified time; specifying disciplinary action that may be taken against a licensee of the department who fails to report an injury or who makes false statements on an injury form; exempting injuries to certain animals from reporting requirements; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Bradley, Galvano, Bean, and Gibson—

**CS for SB 22**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joseph Stewart and Audrey Stewart on behalf of their son, Aubrey Stewart, by the City of Jacksonville; providing for an appropriation to compensate Aubrey Stewart for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the City of Jacksonville; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing for repayment of Medicaid liens; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

**CS for SB 34**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Asia Rollins by the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Memorial Hospital; providing an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Ring—

**CS for SB 40**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.T.; providing an appropriation to compensate L.T. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for a waiver of specified lien interests

held by the state; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Braynon—

**CS for SB 42**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Javier Soria by Palm Beach County; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of negligence by an employee of Palm Beach County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Simpson—

**CS for SB 60**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Roy Wright and Ashley Wright by the North Brevard County Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Roy Wright and Ashley Wright, individually and as guardians of Tucker Wright, for injuries and damages sustained by Tucker Wright as a result of the negligence of Parrish Medical Center; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that certain payments and the appropriation satisfy all present and future claims related to the negligent act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Legg—

**CS for SB 68**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Carl Abbott by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Carl Abbott for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Hukill, Joyner, and Latvala—

**CS for SB 102**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to digital assets; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating s. 740.001, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 740.101, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 740.201, F.S.; authorizing a personal representative to have access to specified digital assets of a decedent under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.301, F.S.; authorizing a guardian to have access to specified digital assets of a ward under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.401, F.S.; authorizing an agent to have access to specified digital assets of a principal under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.501, F.S.; authorizing a trustee to have access to specified digital assets held in trust under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.601, F.S.; providing the rights of a fiduciary relating to digital assets; providing that specified provisions in a terms of service agreement are unenforceable or void as against the public policy of this state under certain circumstances; creating s. 740.701, F.S.; providing requirements for compliance for a custodian, a personal representative, a guardian, an agent, a trustee, or another person that is entitled to receive and collect specified digital assets; providing for damages if a demand for the trust instrument is not made in good faith by a custodian; providing applicability; creating s. 740.801, F.S.; providing immunity for a custodian and its officers, employees, and agents for any action done in good faith and in compliance with ch. 740, F.S.; creating s. 740.901, F.S.; clarifying the relationship of ch. 740, F.S., to the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; creating s. 740.911, F.S.; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senator Hukill—

**CS for SB 110**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxes; amending s. 202.12, F.S.; reducing the tax rate applied to the sale of communications services; reducing the tax rate applied to the retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services; amending s. 202.12001, F.S.; conforming rates to the reduction of the communications services tax; amending s. 202.18, F.S.; revising the allocation of tax revenue received from the communications services tax; amending s. 203.001, F.S.; conforming rates to the reduction of the communications services tax; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; revising the distributions of tax revenue re-

ceived from the sales and use tax, communications services tax, and gross receipts tax; providing applicability; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Hays—

**CS for SB 112**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to special license plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross license plates; specifying qualifications and requirements for the plates; providing that the use of proceeds from the sale of the plates will be made according to certain established guidelines; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Joyner and Dean—

**CS for SB 132**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disabled parking permits; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; authorizing certain veterans to provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles alternative documentation for renewal or replacement of a disabled parking permit; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Hays and Latvala—

**CS for SB 136**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public officers and employees; amending ss. 112.19 and 112.191, F.S.; specifying eligibility of a monthly death benefit payment to the surviving spouse, child, or joint annuitant of a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, correctional probation officer, or firefighter employed by a state agency; providing an annual appropriation; specifying applicability; authorizing political subdivisions to offer a monthly death benefit; reenacting s. 185.21, F.S., relating to municipal police pensions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 112.19, F.S.; reenacting s. 175.201, F.S., relating to firefighter pensions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 112.191, F.S.; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean—

**CS for SB 144**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former impaired practitioner consultants retained by an agency or certain current or former employees of an impaired practitioner consultant and the spouses and children of such consultants or employees, under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Ring—

**CS for SB 152**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disability awareness; amending s. 1003.4205, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring presentations by certain individuals to be included in the disability history and awareness instruction; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council; providing membership on the council; providing responsibilities of the council; providing meeting times for the council; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Hays—

**CS for SB 154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hazardous walking conditions; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students; revising procedures for inspection and identification of hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school superintendent to initiate a formal request for correction of a hazardous walking condition under

certain circumstances; authorizing a district school board to initiate a declaratory judgment proceeding under certain circumstances and providing requirements therefor; deleting the requirement that the district school superintendent and specified governmental entities make a final determination that is mutually agreed upon regarding hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school board to correct hazardous walking conditions and provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous walking conditions; requiring state or local governmental entities with jurisdiction over a road with a hazardous walking condition to correct the condition within a reasonable period of time; providing requirements for a governmental entity relating to its capital improvements program; providing requirements relating to a civil action for damages; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Bradley, Ring, and Gaetz—

**CS for SB 172**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government pension reform; amending s. 175.021, F.S.; requiring that firefighter pension plans meet the requirements of ch. 175, F.S., in order to receive certain insurance premium tax revenues; amending s. 175.032, F.S.; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act and providing new definitions; amending s. 175.071, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 175.091, F.S.; revising the method of creating and maintaining a firefighters' pension trust fund; amending s. 175.162, F.S.; deleting a provision basing the availability of additional benefits in a firefighter pension plan upon state funding; revising the calculation of monthly retirement income for a full-time firefighter; specifying the minimum benefits that must be maintained by certain firefighter pension plans after a specified date; amending s. 175.351, F.S.; exempting certain firefighter pension plans of a municipality or special fire control district from meeting certain minimum benefits in order to participate in the distribution of a premium tax; redesignating the term "pension plan" as "retirement plan"; revising criteria governing the use of revenues of the premium tax; authorizing a pension plan to reduce certain excess benefits if the plan continues to meet certain minimum benefits and standards; providing that the use of premium tax revenues may deviate from the requirements of ch. 175, F.S., under certain circumstances; revising the conditions for proposing the adoption of a pension plan or an amendment to a pension plan; requiring plan sponsors to have a defined contribution plan component in place by a certain date; authorizing a municipality or special fire control district to implement certain changes to a local law plan which are contrary to ch. 175, F.S., for a limited time, under certain circumstances; amending s. 185.01, F.S.; requiring that police officer pension plans meet the requirements of ch. 185, F.S., in order to receive certain insurance premium tax revenues; amending s. 185.02, F.S.; revising definitions to conform to changes made by the act and providing new definitions; revising applicability of the limitation on the amount of overtime payments which may be used for pension benefit calculations; amending s. 185.06, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 185.07, F.S.; revising the method of creating and maintaining a police officers' retirement trust fund; amending s. 185.16, F.S.; deleting a provision basing the availability of additional benefits in a police officer pension plan upon state funding; revising the calculation of monthly retirement income for a police officer; specifying the minimum benefits that must be maintained by certain police officer pension plans after a specified date; amending s. 185.35, F.S.; exempting certain municipal police officer pension plans from meeting certain minimum benefits in order to participate in the distribution of a premium tax; redesignating the term "pension plan" as "retirement plan"; revising criteria governing the use of revenues from the premium tax; authorizing a plan to reduce certain excess benefits if the plan continues to meet certain minimum benefits and minimum standards; providing that the use of premium tax revenues may deviate from the requirements of ch. 185, F.S., under specified circumstances; revising the conditions for proposing the adoption of a pension plan or amendment to a pension plan; conforming a cross-reference; requiring plan sponsors to have a defined contribution plan component in place by a certain date; authorizing a municipality to implement certain changes to a local law plan which are contrary to ch. 185, F.S., for a limited time; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Hays—

**CS for SB 182**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 1004.097, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information, including the name, of an applicant for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president, provost, or dean of a state university or Florida College System institution; providing an exception for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of establishing the qualifications of, or any compensation framework to be offered to, potential applicants; providing applicability; requiring reasonable notice of meetings; requiring release of the names of specified applicants within a certain timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senators Latvala, Gibson, and Clemens—

**CS for SB 186**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to malt beverages; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; revising the exception for the licensing of malt beverage manufacturers as vendors; providing restrictions on the sale of malt beverages; prohibiting the delivery of certain malt beverages; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; authorizing malt beverage tastings upon certain licensed premises; creating s. 563.0614, F.S.; authorizing the sale of malt beverages packaged in individual containers of certain sizes if they are filled at the point of sale by certain licenseholders; requiring each container to be imprinted or labeled with certain information and have an unbroken seal or be incapable of being immediately consumed; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Latvala—

**CS for SB 200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 197.3225, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for e-mail addresses obtained by a tax collector for the purpose of electronically sending certain tax notices or obtaining the consent of a taxpayer for electronic transmission of certain tax notices; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Bradley—

**CS for SB 202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurer notifications; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; authorizing a policyholder of personal lines insurance to elect delivery of policy documents by electronic means; amending s. 627.43141, F.S.; defining the term "optional coverage"; revising the requirements applicable to insurers when providing a notice of change in policy terms for a renewal policy to include the requirement that the notice be an advance notice and to allow such notice to be sent separately from the notice of renewal premium within a specified timeframe; requiring the insurer to provide a sample copy of the notice of change in policy terms to the insurance agent at a specified time; prohibiting the use of such notice to add optional coverage that increases the policy's premium unless the policyholder approves the optional coverage; reenacting ss. 624.488(4) and 628.6016(4), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 627.421, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 627.4102(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 627.43141, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Banking and Insurance; and Senator Bradley—

**CS for CS for SB 202**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurer notifications; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; authorizing a policyholder of personal lines insurance to elect delivery of policy documents by electronic means; amending s. 627.43141, F.S.; defining the term "optional coverage"; revising the requirements applicable to insurers when providing a notice of change in policy terms for a renewal policy to include the requirement that the notice be an advance notice and to allow such

notice to be sent separately from the notice of renewal premium within a specified timeframe; requiring the insurer to provide a sample copy of the notice of change in policy terms to the insurance agent at a specified time; prohibiting the use of such notice to add optional coverage that increases the policy's premium unless the policyholder approves the optional coverage; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Bradley—

**CS for SB 216**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to publicly funded retirement programs; amending s. 112.63, F.S.; requiring that actuarial reports for certain retirement systems or plans include mortality tables; amending s. 112.664, F.S.; revising information to be included in the annual report of a defined benefit system or plan to the Department of Management Services; amending s. 175.041, F.S.; revising applicability of the Marvin B. Clayton Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Act; providing that any municipality that provides fire protection services to a municipal service taxing unit under an interlocal agreement is eligible to receive property insurance premium taxes; amending s. 175.101, F.S.; authorizing a municipal service taxing unit that enters into an interlocal agreement for fire protection services with another municipality to impose an excise tax on property insurance premiums; amending s. 175.111, F.S.; requiring municipal service taxing units to provide the Division of Retirement of the Department of Management Services with a certified copy of the ordinance assessing and imposing certain taxes; amending ss. 175.122 and 175.351, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the limitation of disbursement to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 175.411, F.S.; authorizing a municipal service taxing unit, under certain conditions, to revoke its participation and cease to receive property insurance premium taxes; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Hukill—

**CS for SB 222**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic commerce; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; creating the “Computer Abuse and Data Recovery Act”; creating s. 668.801, F.S.; providing a statement of purpose; creating s. 668.802, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 668.803, F.S.; prohibiting a person from intentionally committing specified acts without authorization with respect to a protected computer; providing penalties for a violation; creating s. 668.804, F.S.; specifying remedies for civil actions brought by persons affected by a violation; providing that specified criminal judgments or decrees against a defendant act as estoppel as to certain matters in specified civil actions; providing that specified civil actions must be filed within certain periods of time; creating s. 668.805, F.S.; providing that the act does not prohibit specified activity by certain state, federal, and foreign law enforcement agencies, regulatory agencies, and political subdivisions; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Simpson, Margolis, Gibson, and Hays—

**CS for SB 224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.0701, F.S.; requiring that a public agency contract for services include a statement providing the name and contact information of the public agency's custodian of records; prescribing the form of the statement; revising required provisions in a public agency contract for services regarding a contractor's compliance with public records laws; requiring that a public records request relating to records for a public agency's contract for services be made directly to the agency; requiring a contractor to produce requested records under specified circumstances; specifying applicable penalties for a contractor who fails to produce requested records; specifying circumstances under which a court may assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against a public agency or contractor; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Latvala—

**CS for SB 226**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racing animals; amending s. 550.2415, F.S.; revising the prohibition on the use of certain medications or substances on racing animals; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to solicit input from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; revising the penalties for violating laws relating

to the racing of animals; decreasing the timeframe in which prosecutions for violations regarding racing animals must commence; requiring the division to notify the owners or trainers, stewards, and the appropriate horsemen's association of all drug test results; prohibiting the division from taking action against owners or trainers under certain circumstances; requiring the division to require its laboratory and specified independent laboratories to annually participate in a quality assurance program; requiring the administrator of the program to submit a report; revising the conditions of use for certain medications; expanding violations to include prohibited substances that break down during a race found in specimens collected after a race; revising the rulemaking authority of the division; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Montford—

**CS for SB 234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.041, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “motor vehicle insurance” to include a policy that insures more than four automobiles; amending s. 627.728, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “policy” to include a policy that insures more than four automobiles; reenacting s. 627.0651(5)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.041, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 626.9541(1)(o), 627.4133(1)(a) and (b), 627.420, 627.43141(2), 627.7277(1), 627.7281, and 627.7295(4), to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.728, Florida Statutes, in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Smith, Thompson, and Bullard—

**CS for SB 248**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public record requirements for an audio or video recording made by a law enforcement officer in the course of the officer performing his or her official duties and responsibilities, if the recording is taken within certain locations, shows a minor inside a school or on school property, or shows a child younger than 14 years of age at any location; specifying how the exemption operates in relation to other exemptions that may apply to the recording; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; authorizing the law enforcement agency with custody over the recording to disclose the recording to another law enforcement agency in furtherance of that agency's official duties and responsibilities; specifying persons who may inspect the recording; requiring a law enforcement agency to have a retention policy for audio or video recordings of not longer than 90 days; providing an exception; requiring a law enforcement agency to disclose its records retention policy for audio or video recordings; amending ss. 92.56, 119.011, 119.0714, 784.046, 794.024, and 794.03, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 258**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property and casualty insurance; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; increasing the length of time during which an insurer is not required to adhere to certain models found by the Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology to be accurate or reliable in determining probable maximum loss levels with respect to certain rate filings; amending s. 627.0651, F.S.; revising provisions for the making and use of rates for motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.3518, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 627.4133, F.S.; increasing the amount of prior notice required with respect to the nonrenewal, cancellation, or termination of certain insurance policies; deleting certain provisions that require extended periods of prior notice with respect to the nonrenewal, cancellation, or termination of certain insurance policies; prohibiting the cancellation of certain policies that have been in effect for a specified amount of time except under certain circumstances; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; authorizing a policyholder of personal lines insurance to affirmatively elect delivery of policy documents by electronic means; amending s. 627.7074, F.S.; revising notification requirements for participation in the neutral evaluation program; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; revising the applicability of certain Medicare fee schedules or payment limitations; defining the term “service year”; amending s. 627.744, F.S.; revising the preinsurance inspection requirements for private passenger motor vehicles; repealing



s. 631.65, F.S., relating to prohibited advertisement or solicitation; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senator Latvala—

**CS for SB 288**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utilities regulation; amending s. 350.01, F.S.; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission to hold public customer service meetings in certain service territories; requiring that specified meetings, workshops, hearings, or proceedings of the commission be streamed live and recorded copies be made available on the commission's web page; amending s. 350.031, F.S.; requiring a person who lobbies a member of the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council to register as a lobbyist; reenacting and amending s. 350.041, F.S.; requiring public service commissioners to annually complete ethics training; providing applicability; amending s. 350.042, F.S.; revising the prohibition against ex parte communication to apply to any matter that a commissioner knows or reasonably expects will be filed within a certain timeframe; providing legislative intent; defining terms; applying the prohibition against ex parte communications to specified meetings; requiring the Governor to remove from office any commissioner found to have willfully and knowingly violated the ex parte communications statute; amending s. 350.0611, F.S.; authorizing the Public Counsel to be a party to settlement agreements in any proceeding before the commission in which he or she has participated as a party; prohibiting a settlement agreement to which the Public Counsel is not a party from being submitted to or approved by the Florida Public Service Commission; amending s. 366.05, F.S.; limiting the use of tiered rates in conjunction with extended billing periods; limiting deposit amounts; requiring a utility to notify each customer if it has more than one rate for any customer class; requiring the utility to provide good faith assistance to the customer in determining the best rate; assigning responsibility to the customer for the rate selection; requiring that the commission approve new tariffs and certain changes to existing tariffs; amending s. 366.82, F.S.; requiring that money received by a utility for the development of demand-side renewable energy systems be used solely for that purpose; reenacting ss. 403.537 and 403.9422, F.S., relating to determination of need for electric and natural gas transmission lines, respectively; reenacting s. 350.043, F.S., relating to the enforcement and interpretation of laws relating to the commission; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Brandes, Bradley, Evers, and Negron—

**CS for SB 290**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm; amending s. 790.01, F.S.; providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when evacuating pursuant to a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency; defining the term “in the act of evacuating”; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senators Garcia and Sachs—

**CS for SB 292**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to small business financial assistance; creating s. 295.24, F.S.; creating the Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to administer the program; defining terms; authorizing the corporation to accept and administer moneys appropriated for such grants; specifying grant amounts; limiting the amount that a small business may receive under the program; requiring a small business to apply to and enter into an agreement with the corporation to receive grants; providing requirements for participation in the program; providing that a small business may not receive an additional award for rehiring a veteran previously claimed as an employee for purposes of obtaining funds under the program; authorizing the corporation to award an additional grant to a small business under specified circumstances; requiring the corporation to notify the appropriate regional small business center of a small business's participation; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Garcia—

**CS for SB 296**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Diabetes Advisory Council; amending s. 385.203, F.S.; requiring the council, in conjunction with the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Department of Management Services, to develop plans to manage, treat, and prevent diabetes; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; specifying the contents of the report; providing that the council membership may be, rather than must be, representative of certain areas of specialization or certain institutions, organizations, and industries; adding an organization from which a representative may be selected to serve as a council member; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Clemens—

**CS for SB 326**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse services; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; providing definitions; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 397.487, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Children and Families to create a voluntary certification program for recovery residences; directing the department to approve at least one credentialing entity by a specified date to develop and administer the certification program; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish procedures for certifying recovery residences that meet certain qualifications; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish certain fees; requiring a credentialing entity to conduct onsite inspections of a recovery residence; requiring background screening of owners, directors, and chief financial officers of a recovery residence; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of certification; providing a criminal penalty for falsely advertising a recovery residence as a “certified recovery residence”; creating s. 397.4871, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the department to create a voluntary certification program for recovery residence administrators; directing the department to approve at least one credentialing entity by a specified date to develop and administer the certification program; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish a process for certifying recovery residence administrators who meet certain qualifications; requiring an approved credentialing entity to establish certain fees; requiring background screening of applicants for recovery residence administrator certification; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of certification; providing a criminal penalty for falsely advertising oneself as a “certified recovery residence administrator”; creating s. 397.4872, F.S.; providing exemptions from disqualifying offenses; requiring credentialing entities to provide the department with a list of all certified recovery residences and recovery residence administrators by a date certain; requiring the department to publish the list on its website; allowing recovery residences and recovery residence administrators to be excluded from the list upon written request to the department; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing conditions for a licensed service provider to refer patients to a certified recovery residence or a recovery residence owned and operated by the licensed service provider; defining the term “refer”; amending ss. 212.055, 394.9085, 397.405, 397.416, and 440.102, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Dean—

**CS for SB 330**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to missing persons with special needs; amending s. 937.0201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “missing endangered person” to include certain persons with special needs; amending s. 937.021, F.S.; providing immunity from civil liability for certain persons who comply with a request to release information concerning missing persons with special needs to appropriate agencies; providing a presumption that a person recording, reporting, transmitting, displaying, or releasing such information acted in good faith; amending s. 937.022, F.S.; specifying who may submit a report concerning a missing person with special needs; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Simmons—

**CS for SB 342**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to no contact orders; amending s. 903.047, F.S.; providing for the effect and enforceability of orders of no contact as a part of pretrial release; specifying acts



prohibited by a no contact order; reenacting ss. 741.29(6), 784.046(13) and (15), and 901.15(13), F.S., relating to domestic violence, repeat, sexual, or dating violence, and arrest without a warrant, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 903.047, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Stargel—

**CS for SB 360**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 744.3701, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor; authorizing a guardian ad litem, a ward, a minor, and a minor's attorney to inspect guardianship reports and court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor upon a showing of good cause; authorizing the court to direct disclosure and recording of an amendment to a report or court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor, in connection with real property or for other purposes; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Lee—

**CS for SB 362**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to powers of attorney; amending s. 709.2105, F.S.; revising the qualifications of an agent in the execution of power of attorney to include certain not-for-profit corporations; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Sobel and Gaetz—

**CS for SB 382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assisted living facilities; amending s. 394.4574, F.S.; providing that Medicaid managed care plans are responsible for mental health residents enrolled in Medicaid; specifying that managing entities under contract with the Department of Children and Families are responsible for mental health residents who are not enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan; deleting a provision to conform to changes made by the act; requiring that the community living support plan be completed and provided to the administrator of a facility upon the mental health resident's admission; requiring the community living support plan to be updated when there is a significant change to the mental health resident's behavioral health status; requiring the case manager assigned to a mental health resident for whom the mental health services provider is responsible to keep a record of the date and time of face-to-face interactions with the resident and to make the record available to the entity responsible for inspection; requiring that the record be maintained for a specified time; requiring the responsible entity to ensure that there is adequate and consistent monitoring and enforcement of community living support plans and cooperative agreements and that concerns are reported to the appropriate regulatory oversight organization under certain circumstances; amending s. 400.0074, F.S.; requiring that an administrative assessment conducted by a local council be comprehensive in nature; requiring a local council to conduct an exit consultation with the facility administrator or administrator designee to discuss issues and concerns in areas affecting residents' rights, health, safety, and welfare and make recommendations for any needed improvements; amending s. 400.0078, F.S.; requiring that a resident of a long-term care facility, or his or her representative, be informed that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right; amending s. 429.07, F.S.; revising the requirement that an extended congregate care license be issued to certain facilities that have been licensed as assisted living facilities under certain circumstances and authorizing the issuance of such license if a specified condition is met; providing the purpose of an extended congregate care license; specifying that the initial extended congregate care license of an assisted living facility is provisional under certain circumstances; requiring a licensee to notify the Agency for Health Care Administration if it accepts a resident who qualifies for extended congregate care services; requiring the agency to inspect the facility for compliance with the requirements of an extended congregate care license; requiring the issuance of an extended congregate care license under certain circumstances; requiring the licensee to immediately suspend extended congregate care services under certain circumstances; requiring a registered nurse representing the agency to visit the facility at least twice a year, rather than quarterly, to monitor residents who are receiving extended congregate care services;

authorizing the agency to waive one of the required yearly monitoring visits under certain circumstances; authorizing the agency to deny or revoke a facility's extended congregate care license; requiring a registered nurse representing the agency to visit the facility at least annually, rather than twice a year, to monitor residents who are receiving limited nursing services; providing that such monitoring visits may be conducted in conjunction with other inspections by the agency; authorizing the agency to waive the required yearly monitoring visit for a facility that is licensed to provide limited nursing services under certain circumstances; amending s. 429.075, F.S.; requiring that an assisted living facility that serves one or more mental health residents, rather than three or more such residents, obtain a limited mental health license; amending s. 429.14, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the agency may deny, revoke, or suspend the license of an assisted living facility and impose an administrative fine; requiring the agency to deny or revoke the license of an assisted living facility under certain circumstances; requiring the agency to impose an immediate moratorium on the license of an assisted living facility under certain circumstances; prohibiting a licensee from restricting agency staff from accessing and copying certain records or conducting certain interviews; deleting a provision requiring the agency to provide a list of facilities with denied, suspended, or revoked licenses to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; exempting a facility from the 45-day notice requirement if it is required to relocate some or all of its residents; specifying that the exemption does not exempt a facility from any deadlines for corrective action set by the agency; amending s. 429.178, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 429.19, F.S.; revising the amounts and uses of administrative fines; requiring the agency to levy a fine for violations that are corrected before an inspection if non-compliance occurred within a specified period of time; deleting factors that the agency is required to consider in determining penalties and fines; amending s. 429.256, F.S.; revising the term "assistance with self-administration of medication" as it relates to the Assisted Living Facilities Act; amending s. 429.28, F.S.; providing notice requirements for informing facility residents that the name and identity of the resident and complainant in any complaint made to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program or a local long-term care ombudsman council is confidential and that retaliatory action may not be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right; requiring that a facility that terminates an individual's residency after the filing of a complaint be fined if good cause is not shown for the termination; amending s. 429.34, F.S.; requiring certain persons to report elder abuse in assisted living facilities; requiring the agency to regularly inspect each licensed assisted living facility; requiring the agency to conduct more frequent inspections under certain circumstances; requiring the licensee to pay a fee for the cost of additional inspections; requiring the agency to annually adjust the fee; amending s. 429.41, F.S.; providing that certain staffing requirements apply only to residents in continuing care facilities who are receiving relevant services; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; requiring each newly hired employee of an assisted living facility to attend a preservice orientation provided by the assisted living facility; requiring the employee and administrator to sign a statement that the employee completed the required preservice orientation and keep the signed statement in the employee's personnel record; requiring 2 additional hours of training for assistance with medication; conforming a cross-reference; requiring the agency to implement a rating system for assisted living facilities by a specified date, adopt rules, and create content for the agency's website by a specified date which provides consumers information regarding assisted living facilities; providing criteria for the content; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Garcia—

**CS for SB 384**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday; providing a definition for the term "small business"; providing that the tax levied under ch. 212, F.S., may not be collected on the sale of certain items or articles of tangible personal property by a small business during a specified period; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Richter—

**CS for SB 390**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraud; creating s. 817.011, F.S.; defining the term “business entity”; amending s. 817.02, F.S.; providing for restitution to victims for certain victim out-of-pocket costs; providing for a civil cause of action for certain victims; creating s. 817.032, F.S.; defining the term “victim”; requiring business entities to provide copies of business records of fraudulent transactions involving identity theft to victims and law enforcement agencies in certain circumstances; providing for verification of a victim’s identity and claim; providing procedures for claims; requiring that certain information be provided to victims without charge; specifying circumstances in which business entities may decline to provide information; providing a limitation on civil liability for business entities that provide information; specifying that no new record retention is required; providing an affirmative defense to business entities in actions seeking enforcement of provisions; amending s. 817.11, F.S.; making editorial changes; transferring, renumbering, and amending ss. 817.12 and 817.13, F.S.; combining offense, penalty, and evidence provisions and transferring such provisions to s. 817.11, F.S.; amending s. 817.14, F.S.; clarifying provisions; amending s. 817.15, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; amending ss. 817.17 and 817.18, F.S.; including counties and other political subdivisions in provisions prohibiting the false marking of goods or packaging with a location of origin; reorganizing penalty provisions; amending s. 817.19, F.S.; prohibiting fraudulent issuance of indicia of membership interest in a limited liability company; amending s. 817.39, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; amending s. 817.40, F.S.; specifying that the term “misleading advertising” includes electronic forms of dissemination; amending s. 817.411, F.S.; substituting the term “business entity” for the term “corporation”; specifying that certain false statements made through electronic means are prohibited; amending s. 817.412, F.S.; specifying that electronic statements are included in provisions prohibiting false representations of used goods as new; amending s. 817.481, F.S.; clarifying provisions; amending s. 817.50, F.S.; revising criminal penalties for fraudulently obtaining goods or services from a health care provider; amending s. 817.568, F.S.; expanding specified identity theft offenses to include all persons rather than being limited to natural persons; including dissolved business entities within certain offenses involving fraudulent use of personal identification information of deceased persons; amending s. 817.569, F.S.; prohibiting a person from knowingly providing false information that becomes part of a public record to facilitate or further the commission of certain offenses; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Brandes—

**CS for SB 394**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public lodging establishments; creating s. 509.095, F.S.; requiring specified public lodging establishments to waive certain policies for individuals who present a valid Common Access Card; prohibiting duplication of Common Access Cards; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Detert and Gaetz—

**CS for SB 396**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Historic Capitol; amending s. 272.129, F.S.; removing references to the Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol; removing provisions authorizing establishment of a citizen support organization to support the Legislative Research Center and Museum; creating s. 272.131, F.S.; creating the Florida Historic Capitol Museum Council; providing for the appointment and qualifications of council members; prescribing duties and responsibilities for the council and individual council members; amending s. 272.135, F.S.; renaming the position of Capitol Curator as the Florida Historic Capitol Museum Director; conforming provisions; amending s. 272.136, F.S.; revising the composition of the board of directors governing the Florida Historic Capitol Museum’s direct-support organization; providing that per diem and travel expenses must be paid from direct-support organization funds; conforming provisions; amending s. 320.0807, F.S.; redirecting a portion of the proceeds from the fee for special license plates for former

federal or state legislators to the Florida Historic Capitol Museum’s direct-support organization; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Gaetz—

**CS for SB 426**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds of the Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System; terminating the Building Fee Trust Fund, the Replacement Trust Fund, the State University System Concurrency Trust Fund, the State University System Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and the Uniform Payroll Trust Fund within the Department of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System; providing for the disposition of balances in and revenues of such trust funds; amending s. 932.7055, F.S.; requiring certain proceeds to be deposited into a state university’s appropriate local account instead of the special law enforcement trust fund; amending s. 1010.86, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by this act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Hays—

**CS for SB 428**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds administered by the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.25501, F.S.; codifying the Administrative Trust Fund, Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund, and Working Capital Trust Fund; requiring the department to administer such trust funds; providing for the funding of such trust funds; creating s. 376.41, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Minerals Trust Fund; creating s. 403.0874, F.S.; codifying provisions relating to the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund; amending s. 403.1832, F.S.; removing provisions relating to federal aid; authorizing the department to transfer all outstanding appropriations supported by federal grants to the Federal Grants Trust Fund; providing for expiration; amending s. 403.709, F.S.; increasing the amount of funding for mosquito control; limiting the amount of the funding that may be used for a solid waste management grant program; deleting obsolete provisions; reenacting s. 403.7095(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.709, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Bean and Joyner—

**CS for SB 478**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telehealth; creating s. 456.4501, F.S.; defining the terms “telehealth” and “telehealth provider”; providing certain practice standards for telehealth providers; authorizing telehealth providers to use telehealth to prescribe controlled substances, with an exception; prohibiting the use of telehealth or specified computer-controlled devices to prescribe optical devices; providing for the maintenance and confidentiality of medical records; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Detert—

**CS for SB 496**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardians; amending s. 39.6251, F.S.; requiring the court at the permanency review hearing to review the necessity of the guardianship and whether restoration of guardianship proceedings are needed when the child reaches a certain age under certain circumstances; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring that, for a child meeting certain requirements, the updated case plan be developed in a face-to-face conference with specified persons present; requiring the Department of Children and Families to take specified actions at the judicial review hearing if the court makes certain determinations; requiring the department to provide documentation and information to a petitioner under certain circumstances; requiring certain proceedings to be conducted separately; expanding the circumstances under which a court, after making certain findings, may issue an order directing the department to show cause; amending s. 393.12, F.S.; providing that the court with proper jurisdiction over probate matters has jurisdiction if a specified petition is filed; requiring the provision of due process rights for a minor; requiring the issuance of the order of appointment of guardian advocate upon the minor turning 18 years of age or as soon thereafter as possible; amending s. 744.301, F.S.; providing that parents are the joint natural guardians of their children unless their parental rights have been terminated; authorizing the parents to act as natural guardians of their child under certain cir-

circumstances; providing an exception; amending s. 744.3021, F.S.; providing an exception to the appointment of guardians for a minor; specifying that the court with proper jurisdiction over probate matters has jurisdiction over certain proceedings if a specified petition is filed; requiring the provision of due process rights for an alleged incapacitated minor; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Grimsley—

**CS for SB 526**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to notaries public; amending s. 92.525, F.S.; revising the methods available for verifying documents; amending s. 117.10, F.S.; defining the term “reliable electronic means”; authorizing specified officers to administer oaths by reliable electronic means when engaged in the performance of official duties; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Benacquisto and Simpson—

**CS for SB 542**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interception of wire, oral, or electronic communication; amending s. 934.03, F.S.; authorizing a child younger than 18 years of age to intercept and record an oral communication if the child is a party to the communication and certain conditions are met; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Simmons—

**CS for SB 554**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited liability companies; amending s. 605.0103, F.S.; specifying that persons who are not members of a limited liability company are not deemed to have notice of a provision of the company’s articles of organization which limits a person’s authority to transfer real property held in the company’s name unless such limitation appears in an affidavit, certificate, or other instrument that is recorded in a specified manner; amending s. 605.0105, F.S.; removing the prohibition that an operating agreement may not vary the power of a person to dissociate; amending s. 605.04073, F.S.; requiring certain conditions for members of a limited liability company, without a meeting, to take certain actions requiring the vote or consent of the members; amending s. 605.0410, F.S.; requiring a limited liability company to provide a record of certain information within a specified period to a member who makes a demand; amending s. 605.1072, F.S.; deleting a provision providing an exception to the limitation of remedies for appraisal events under specified circumstances; amending s. 605.1108, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that, for a limited liability company formed before a specified date, certain language in the company’s articles of organization operates as if it were in the operating agreement; repealing ch. 608, F.S., relating to the Florida Limited Liability Company Act; amending ss. 15.16, 48.062, 213.758, 220.02, 220.03, 220.13, 310.181, 440.02, 605.0401, 605.04074, 605.04091, 606.06, 607.1108, 607.1109, 607.11101, 621.12, 636.204, 655.0201, 658.2953, 694.16, and 1002.395, F.S.; conforming provisions to the repeal of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act; providing retroactive applicability; amending ss. 605.0102, 605.0712, and 605.0805, F.S.; revising a definition; conforming cross-references; providing effective dates.

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By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senator Dean—

**CS for SB 586**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the implementation of the water and land conservation constitutional amendment; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; revising and deleting distributions of the tax; providing that specified distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are not subject to the service charge under s. 215.20, F.S.; revising the purposes for which distributions may be used; repealing s. 161.05301, F.S., relating to beach erosion control project staffing; repealing s. 161.091(3), F.S., relating to funding for the state’s beach management plan; repealing s. 375.045, F.S., relating to the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; amending s. 375.075, F.S.; requiring specified public recreation projects to have been selected through the Department of Environmental Protection’s competitive selection process prior to the release of funds; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 201.0205, 215.618, 215.619, 259.032,

259.1051, 339.0801, 339.55, 341.303, 343.58, 369.252, 379.214, 379.362, 403.8911, 420.5092, and 420.9073, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 201.031(2), 339.2818(6), 339.2819(5), 339.61(3), 341.051(6), 373.470(4)(e), and 420.9079(1), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 201.15, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Richter—

**CS for SB 600**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance guaranty associations; amending s. 625.012, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “asset” to include Florida Insurance Guaranty Association assessments, under certain conditions, for purposes of determining the financial condition of an insurer; amending ss. 631.717 and 631.737, F.S.; transferring a provision relating to the obligation of the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association to pay valid claims under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 624.316(1)(a), 625.031, 625.305(1), 627.828(3)(b), and 629.401(6)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 625.012, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Flores—

**CS for SB 604**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer protection; creating s. 501.155, F.S.; providing a short title; providing applicability; providing definitions; requiring owners and operators of specified websites and online services to disclose certain information; providing for injunctive relief; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Benacquisto and Sobel—

**CS for SB 642**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individuals with disabilities; creating s. 1009.985, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 1009.986, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as “Florida ABLE, Inc.”; specifying requirements for the registration, organization, incorporation, and operation of the organization; requiring the organization to operate under a written contract with the Florida Prepaid College Board; specifying provisions that must be included in the contract; requiring the organization to provide for an annual financial audit and supplemental data under certain circumstances; establishing and providing for the membership of a board of directors for the organization; providing limits on a director’s authority; specifying meeting and quorum requirements; prohibiting compensation for the service of directors and other specified members; authorizing specified reimbursement for the travel expenses of directors and specified members of the organization; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; requiring the organization to establish and administer the Florida ABLE program by a specified date; specifying requirements that must be met before implementation of the program; requiring a participation agreement for the program which contains specified provisions; authorizing other provisions that may be included in the agreement; providing for the amendment of the agreement under certain circumstances; providing for the use of the balance of an abandoned ABLE account by the organization; providing that a contract or participation agreement entered into by the organization or an obligation of the organization does not constitute a debt or obligation of the Florida Prepaid College Board or the state; authorizing the organization to contract with other states for specified purposes under certain circumstances; providing for termination of the program under certain circumstances and for the disposition of certain assets upon termination; prohibiting the state from limiting or altering the specified vested rights of designated beneficiaries except under specified circumstances; requiring the organization to establish a comprehensive investment plan for the program; exempting funds paid into the program’s trust fund from the claims of specified creditors; providing for recovery by Medicaid of certain medical assistance provided to a deceased designated beneficiary; providing for the distribution of the balance of a deceased designated beneficiary’s ABLE account; requiring the organization to assist and cooperate with the Agency for Health Care Administration and Medicaid program in other states by providing specified information; providing that specified payroll deduction authority applies to the Florida Prepaid College Board and the organization for the purpose of administering the program; re-

quiring the organization to submit certain reports to specified entities; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to adopt rules; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Education to assist, cooperate, and coordinate with the organization in the provision of public information and outreach for the program; providing that the section is repealed on a specified date; amending s. 222.22, F.S.; providing that specified moneys, assets, and income of a qualified ABLE program, including the Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants; amending s. 1009.971, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the Florida Prepaid College Board to amend its contracts to provide the organization or program with contractual services; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Benacquisto—

**CS for SB 644**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 1009.988, F.S.; creating the Florida ABLE Program Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Benacquisto—

**CS for SB 646**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 1009.987, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial and health information held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., the Florida ABLE program, or an agent or service provider thereof; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Community Affairs—

**CS for SB 7000**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 341.3026, F.S., relating to an exemption from public record requirements for certain information held by a public transit provider; removing superfluous language; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Legg—

**CS for SB 7006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to early learning; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information to change the term “family day care home” to “family child care home,” and the term “family day care” to “family child care”; amending ss. 125.0109 and 166.0445, F.S.; including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; redefining the term “substantial compliance”; requiring the Department of Children and Families to adopt rules for compliance by certain programs regulated, but not licensed, by the department; amending s. 402.3025, F.S.; revising requirements for nonpublic schools delivering certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs and school readiness programs; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; prohibiting the transfer of ownership of such facilities to specified individuals; creating s. 402.3085, F.S.; requiring nonpublic schools or providers seeking to operate certain programs to annually obtain a certificate from the department or a local licensing agency; providing for issuance of the certificate upon examination of the applicant’s premises and records; prohibiting a provider from participating in the programs without a certificate; authorizing local licensing agencies to apply their own minimum child care standards under certain circumstances; amending s. 402.311, F.S.; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; amending s. 402.3115, F.S.;

providing for abbreviated inspections of specified child care homes; requiring rulemaking; amending s. 402.313, F.S.; revising provisions for licensure, registration, and operation of family child care homes; amending s. 402.3131, F.S.; revising requirements for large family child care homes; amending s. 402.316, F.S.; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; requiring a child care facility operating as a provider of certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs or child care programs to comply with minimum standards; providing penalties for failure to disclose or for use of certain information; requiring the department to establish a fee for inspection and compliance activities; amending s. 627.70161, F.S.; revising restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; amending s. 1001.213, F.S.; providing additional duties of the Office of Early Learning; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; revising requirements for application and determination of eligibility to enroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising requirements for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private prekindergarten provider, including requirements for providers, instructors, and child care personnel; providing requirements in the case of provider violations; amending s. 1002.59, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1002.61 and 1002.63, F.S.; revising employment requirements and educational credentials of certain instructional personnel; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; revising information that must be provided to parents; amending s. 1002.75, F.S.; revising provisions included in the standard statewide VPK program provider contract; amending s. 1002.77, F.S.; revising the purpose and meetings of the Florida Early Learning Advisory Council; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising certain program definitions; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Office of Early Learning; revising provisions included in the standard statewide school readiness provider contract; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of early learning coalitions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising student eligibility and enrollment requirements for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for program providers that want to deliver the school readiness program; providing conditions for denial of initial eligibility; providing child care personnel requirements; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising the use of funds for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.91, F.S.; prohibiting an early learning coalition from contracting with specified persons; amending s. 1002.94, F.S.; revising establishment of a community child care task force by an early learning coalition; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; authorizing a district school board or charter school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the child meets certain requirements; requiring the Office of Early Learning to conduct a pilot project to study the impact of assessing the early literacy skills of certain VPK program participants; requiring the office to report its findings to the Governor and Legislature by specified dates; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

## REFERENCE CHANGES PURSUANT TO RULE 4.7(2)

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Hays—

**CS for SB 154**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hazardous walking conditions; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising criteria that determine a hazardous walking condition for public school students; revising procedures for inspection and identification of hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school superintendent to initiate a formal request for correction of a hazardous walking condition under certain circumstances; authorizing a district school board to initiate a declaratory judgment proceeding under certain circumstances and providing requirements therefor; deleting the requirement that the district school superintendent and specified governmental entities make a final determination that is mutually agreed upon regarding hazardous walking conditions; requiring a district school board to correct hazardous walking conditions and provide transportation to students who would be subjected to hazardous walking conditions; requiring state or local governmental entities with jurisdiction over a road with a hazardous walking condition to correct the condition within a reasonable period of time; providing requirements for a governmental entity relating to its capital improvements program; providing requirements relating to a civil action for damages; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Smith, Thompson, and Bullard—

**CS for SB 248**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public record requirements for an audio or video recording made by a law enforcement officer in the course of the officer performing his or her official duties and responsibilities, if the recording is taken within certain locations, shows a minor inside a school or on school property, or shows a child younger than 14 years of age at any location; specifying how the exemption operates in relation to other exemptions that may apply to the recording; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; authorizing the law enforcement agency with custody over the recording to disclose the recording to another law enforcement agency in furtherance of that agency's official duties and responsibilities; specifying persons who may inspect the recording; requiring a law enforcement agency to have a retention policy for audio or video recordings of not longer than 90 days; providing an exception; requiring a law enforcement agency to disclose its records retention policy for audio or video recordings; amending ss. 92.56, 119.011, 119.0714, 784.046, 794.024, and 794.03, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Legg—

**CS for SB 7006**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to early learning; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information to change the term “family day care home” to “family child care home,” and the term “family day care” to “family child care”; amending ss. 125.0109 and 166.0445, F.S.; including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; redefining the term “substantial compliance”; requiring the Department of Children and Families to adopt rules for compliance by certain programs regulated, but not licensed, by the department; amending s. 402.3025, F.S.; revising requirements for nonpublic schools delivering certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs and school readiness programs; amending s. 402.305, F.S.; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; prohibiting the transfer of ownership of such facilities to specified individuals; creating s. 402.3085, F.S.; requiring nonpublic schools or providers seeking to operate certain programs to annually obtain a certificate from the department or a local licensing agency; providing for issuance of the certificate upon examination of the applicant's premises and records; prohibiting a provider from participating in the programs without a certificate; authorizing local licensing agencies to apply their own minimum child care standards under certain circumstances; amending s. 402.311, F.S.; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; amending s. 402.3115, F.S.; providing for abbreviated inspections of specified child care homes; requiring rulemaking; amending s. 402.313, F.S.; revising provisions for licensure, registration, and operation of family child care homes; amending s. 402.3131, F.S.; revising requirements for large family child care homes; amending s. 402.316, F.S.; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; requiring a child care facility operating as a provider of certain voluntary prekindergarten education programs or child care programs to comply with minimum standards; providing penalties for failure to disclose or for use of certain information; requiring the department to establish a fee for inspection and compliance activities; amending s. 627.70161, F.S.; revising restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; amending s. 1001.213, F.S.; providing additional duties of the Office of Early Learning; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.; revising requirements for application and determination of eligibility to enroll in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising requirements for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private prekindergarten provider, including requirements for providers, instructors, and child care personnel; providing requirements in the case of provider violations; amending s. 1002.59, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made

by the act; amending ss. 1002.61 and 1002.63, F.S.; revising employment requirements and educational credentials of certain instructional personnel; amending s. 1002.71, F.S.; revising information that must be provided to parents; amending s. 1002.75, F.S.; revising provisions included in the standard statewide VPK program provider contract; amending s. 1002.77, F.S.; revising the purpose and meetings of the Florida Early Learning Advisory Council; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising certain program definitions; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Office of Early Learning; revising provisions included in the standard statewide school readiness provider contract; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of early learning coalitions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising student eligibility and enrollment requirements for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.88, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for program providers that want to deliver the school readiness program; providing conditions for denial of initial eligibility; providing child care personnel requirements; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising the use of funds for the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.91, F.S.; prohibiting an early learning coalition from contracting with specified persons; amending s. 1002.94, F.S.; revising establishment of a community child care task force by an early learning coalition; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; authorizing a district school board or charter school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the child meets certain requirements; requiring the Office of Early Learning to conduct a pilot project to study the impact of assessing the early literacy skills of certain VPK program participants; requiring the office to report its findings to the Governor and Legislature by specified dates; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Tuesday, March 3, 2015: SB 700, SB 702, SB 704, SB 706, CS for SB 426, CS for SB 428, SB 430, CS for SB 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David Simmons*, Rules Chair  
*Bill Galvano*, Majority Leader  
*Arthenia L. Joyner*, Minority Leader

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 130

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: SB 138

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.**

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 540

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 150

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.**

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends the following pass: SB 602

**The bill was referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Education under the original reference.**

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 206

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 618

The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities recommends the following pass: SB 230

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends the following pass: SB 576; SB 578; SB 580; SB 582; SB 584

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 320; SB 340

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 94; SB 294; SB 332; SB 450

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 24

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 380

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 302

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 434

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 160; SB 264

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 456

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 404

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 522

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 520

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 312

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 420; SB 594

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 130

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 164

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 242

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 52; SB 54; SB 408

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 168

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 398; SB 610

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 138

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 142; SB 260; SB 266; SB 278

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: CS for SB 22; SB 52; CS for SB 172

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: CS for SB 144; SB 7002

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 322

The Committee on Higher Education recommends the following pass: SB 446

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 2

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 200; SB 590

**The bills were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 176

**The bill was referred to the Committee on Higher Education under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 158

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 162

The Special Master on Claim Bills recommends the following pass: SB 22 with 1 amendment; SB 24; SB 34 with 1 amendment; SB 40; SB 42 with 2 amendments; SB 46 with 3 amendments; SB 52; SB 54; SB 58 with 1 amendment; SB 60 with 1 amendment; SB 68; SB 72

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: CS for SB 394

**The bill was referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security under the original reference.**

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 7004

**The bill was referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 132

**The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following pass: SB 430

The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommends the following pass: SB 94; CS for SB 132; CS for SB 144

The Committee on Rules recommends the following pass: SB 700; SB 702; SB 704; SB 706; CS for SB 7000

**The bills were placed on the Calendar.**

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The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 226

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Agriculture under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 288

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 7006

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 642; SB 644

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 152

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 68

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Education under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 258

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 586

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 396

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 326

The Committee on Health Policy recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 382; SB 478

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 34; SB 40

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 292

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 362

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 202; SB 600

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 186; SB 394

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 222

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 248; SB 290

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 154

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 136; SB 172

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 22; SB 42; SB 60

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 526

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 342; SB 390

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 384

The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 110

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 102

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 132

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 646

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 360

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 216

The Committee on Health Policy recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 144; SB 296

The Committee on Higher Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 182

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 234

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 496

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 554; SB 604

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 330; SB 542

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 224

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 200; SB 7000

**The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 112

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Transportation under the original reference.**

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The Committee on Appropriations recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 426; SB 428

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 202

The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 2

**The bills with committee substitute attached were placed on the Calendar.**

## REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: SB 332

**The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.**

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: SB 94

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends the following pass: SB 264

**The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.**

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 302

**The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.**

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Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 206

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 320

**The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.**

## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

February 18, 2015

The Honorable Steve Crisafulli  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining convened 16 February 2015, in Webster Hall (212 Knott), at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide all parties involved in collective bargaining disputes with the State of Florida the opportunity to present their positions to the Florida Legislature, consistent with the provisions of section 447.403, Florida Statutes, and the open meeting provisions of Article III, section 4 of the State Constitution.

The parties presented their positions and indicated they are continuing to negotiate the issues at impasse. We recommend that negotiations continue and that the appropriate legislative committees be kept abreast of the issues agreed upon by the parties as well as the issues that remain at impasse or require legislative action to resolve.

Copies of presentations and other pertinent materials have been retained by staff and, for purposes of future public inquiry, are available through the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and the House Government Operations Subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Senator Alan Hays*  
Co-Chair

*Representative Charles Van Zant*  
Co-Chair



**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING  
TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-133**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Rachel Harvey is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the Governor received a complaint against Rachel Harvey for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complaint alleges that Rachel Harvey notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes, and that Rachel Harvey failed to complete a notarial certificate in violation of section 117.05(4), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, correspondence was sent to Rachel Harvey on February 15, 2013, and March 1, 2013, requesting that she provide additional information in response to the allegations; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Harvey's failure to provide additional information in response to these allegations is a violation of section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the State of Florida, that Rachel Harvey be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

*Section 1.* Rachel Harvey is suspended from the public office of Notary Public.

*Section 2.* Rachel Harvey is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 28th day of May, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
HARVEY, Rachel  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Rachel Harvey.

By Executive Order Number 2013-133 filed with the Secretary of State on May 28, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Rachel Harvey as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that Ms. Harvey failed to complete a notarial certificate in violation of s. 117.05(4), Florida Statutes. Finally, it is alleged that Ms. Harvey failed to provide additional information in response to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Harvey's commission as a notary expired on May 5, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-135**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Stephanie Sanchez is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the Governor received a complaint against Stephanie Sanchez for notary; and

WHEREAS, the complaint alleges that Stephanie Sanchez notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, correspondence was sent to Stephanie Sanchez on February 2, 2012, and February 16, 2012, requesting that she respond to the allegations; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Sanchez's failure to respond to these allegations is a violation of section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the State of Florida, that Stephanie Sanchez be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

*Section 1.* Stephanie Sanchez is suspended from the public office of Notary Public.

*Section 2.* Stephanie Sanchez is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 28th day of May, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
SANCHEZ, Stephanie  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Stephanie Sanchez.

By Executive Order Number 13-135 filed with the Secretary of State on May 28, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Stephanie Sanchez as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Sanchez failed to respond to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Sanchez's commission as a notary expired on February 21, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-152**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Zulay Alvarez is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Office of the Governor received a complaint against Zulay Alvarez for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complaint alleges that Zulay Alvarez notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, Zulay Alvarez failed to notify the Department of State of a change of address within 60 days of such change in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, correspondence was sent to Zulay Alvarez on December 19, 2011, January 23, 2012, and February 27, 2012, requesting that she respond to the allegations; and

WHEREAS, Zulay Alvarez's repeated failure to respond to these allegations is a violation of section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of the State of Florida, that Zulay Alvarez be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

*Section 1.* Zulay Alvarez is suspended from the public office of Notary Public.

*Section 2.* Zulay Alvarez is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 13th day of June, 2013.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections  
March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
ALVAREZ, Zulay  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Zulay Alvarez.

By Executive Order Number 13-152 filed with the Secretary of State on June 13, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Zulay Alvarez as a Notary Public alleging that she had notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. Additionally, it is alleged that she failed to report a change in

her address in violation of s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, it alleges that Ms. Alvarez failed to respond to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Alvarez's commission as a notary expired on April 1, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-182**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Rita G. Guzman, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Rita G. Guzman for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Rita G. Guzman notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not indicate the exact date of the notarization to be completed within the notarial certificate, in violation of 117.107(9), and 117.05(4)(d), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2012, January 3, 2013, and January 28, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Rita G. Guzman requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office neither received the requested written response nor any other communication from Rita G. Guzman; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Florida that Rita G. Guzman be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Rita G. Guzman is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Rita G. Guzman's current commission runs from March 29, 2010, through March 28, 2014.

C. Rita G. Guzman refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Rita G. Guzman is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Rita G. Guzman is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which period shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 10th day of July, 2013.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections  
March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
GUZMAN, Rita G.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Rita G. Guzman.

By Executive Order Number 13-182 filed with the Secretary of State on July 10, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Rita G. Guzman as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not indicate the exact date of the notarization to be completed within the notarial certificate, in violation of s. 117.107(9) and 117.05(4d), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Guzman failed to provide a sworn written response to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Guzman's commission as a notary expired on March 18, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-184**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Tisha C. Flowers, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Tisha C. Flowers for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Tisha C. Flowers notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization, a violation of 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2011, December 13, 2011, and January 23, 2012, this Office mailed letters to Tisha C. Flowers requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office neither received the requested written response nor any other communication from Tisha C. Flowers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Florida that Tisha C. Flowers be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Tisha C. Flowers is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Tisha C. Flowers' current commission runs from March 26, 2010, through March 25, 2014.

C. Tisha C. Flowers has refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Tisha C. Flowers is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Tisha C. Flowers is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privi-

leges of this public office during the period of suspension, which period shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 10th day of July, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
FLOWERS, Tisha C.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Tisha C. Flowers.

By Executive Order Number 13-184 filed with the Secretary of State on July 10, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Tisha C. Flowers as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization, in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Flowers failed to provide a sworn written response to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Flowers' commission as a notary expired on March 25, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-186**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Melissa Villandre, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Melissa Villandre for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Melissa Villandre notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not complete the notarial certificate with all of the information required, in violation of sections 117.107(9) and 117.05(4), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2012, November 7, 2012, and November 28, 2012, this Office mailed letters to Melissa Villandre requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office neither received the requested written response nor any other communication from Melissa Villandre; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Florida that Melissa Villandre be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Melissa Villandre is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Melissa Villandre's current commission runs from May 25, 2010, through May 24, 2014.

C. Melissa Villandre refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Melissa Villandre is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Melissa Villandre is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which period shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 10th day of July, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
VILLANDRE, Melissa  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Melissa Villandre.

By Executive Order Number 13-186 filed with the Secretary of State on July 10, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Melissa Villandre as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not complete the notarial certificate with all of the information required, in violation of ss. 117.107(9) and 117.05(4), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Villandre failed to provide a sworn written response to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Villandre's commission as a notary expired on May 24, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-208**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Mary Berryman, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Mary Berryman for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Mary Berryman notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the no-

tarization and did not affix the notary seal to the document as required, in violation of sections 117.05(3)(a), 117.05(4)(i), and 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2011, February 9, 2011, March 11, 2011, April 29, 2011, and June 7, 2011, this Office mailed letters to Mary Berryman requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has received only one unsworn response from Mary Berryman; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2013, this Office required Mary Berryman's immediate resignation from the office of notary public pursuant to section 117.01(5)(b); and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received required resignation of Mary Berryman; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Mary Berryman be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Mary Berryman is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Mary Berryman's current commission runs from August 3, 2010, through August 2, 2014.

C. Mary Berryman refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Mary Berryman is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Mary Berryman is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 31st day of July, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
BERRYMAN, Mary  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Mary Berryman.

By Executive Order Number 13-208 filed with the Secretary of State on July 31, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida

Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Mary Berryman as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not affix the notary seal to the document as required, in violation of ss. 117.05(3)(a), 117.05(4), and 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Berryman failed to provide a sworn written response to the allegations in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Berryman's commission as a notary expired on August 2, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-209**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Sorania Tomas, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Sorania Tomas for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Sorania Tomas failed to disclose prior felony convictions for attempted homicide, kidnapping, robbery, escape, conspiracy to commit escape, and resisting officer with violence, in her sworn notary public application dated March 27, 2012, in violation of section 117.01(4)(h), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Sorania Tomas appears to be in violation of sections 92.525(2) and (3), Florida Statutes, which pertain to perjury by false written declaration; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2012, this Office mailed correspondence to Sorania Tomas requiring that she resign from her notary public commission; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation from Sorania Tomas; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Sorania Tomas be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Sorania Tomas is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Sorania Tomas' current commission runs from May 16, 2012, through May 15, 2016.
- C. Sorania Tomas made a material false statement on the application submitted on March 27, 2012.
- D. Sorania Tomas refused to respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Sorania Tomas is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Sorania Tomas is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 31st day of July, 2013.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
TOMAS, Sorania  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Sorania Tomas.

By Executive Order Number 13-209 filed with the Secretary of State on July 31, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Sorania Tomas as a Notary Public alleging that she failed to disclose prior felony convictions for attempted homicide, kidnapping, robbery, escape, conspiracy to commit escape, and resisting an officer with violence, in her sworn notary public application dated March 27, 2012, in violation of s. 117.01(4)(h), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Tomas failed to resign upon the request of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(5)(b), Florida Statutes. The Notary Section of the Executive Office of the Governor has notified the Senate that Ms. Tomas has resigned her commission as a notary effective August 13, 2013.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-213**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Darlene Watson, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Darlene Watson for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Darlene Watson notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization, in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Watson failed to report a change in address to the Department of State, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013, March 25, 2013, and April 16, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Darlene Watson requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required sworn written response; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2013, this Office required Darlene Watson's immediate resignation from the office of notary public, pursuant to section 117.01(5)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation of Darlene Watson; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Darlene Watson be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Darlene Watson is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Darlene Watson's current commission runs from April 22, 2010, through April 21, 2014.

C. Darlene Watson has refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Darlene Watson is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Darlene Watson is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 2nd day of August, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
WATSON, Darlene  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Darlene Watson.

By Executive Order Number 13-213 filed with the Secretary of State on August 2, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Darlene Watson as a Notary Public alleging that she notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization, in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Watson failed to respond to furnish a sworn written response to the complaint, as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Finally, it is alleged that Ms. Watson failed to resign when required by the Governor, as required by s. 117.01(5)(b), Florida Statutes. Ms. Watson's commission as a notary expired on April 21, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-251**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Dianne Wagner, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Dianne Wagner for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Dianne Wagner failed to disclose a prior felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in her sworn notary public application dated July 4, 2010, in violation of section 117.01(4)(h), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Wagner appears to be in violation of sections 92.525(2) and (3), Florida Statutes, which pertain to perjury by false written declaration; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2013, Dianne B. Wagner was convicted of petit theft in Volusia County, but failed to notify the Department of State in writing of the change in her criminal history within 60 days of that conviction, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2013, this Office mailed correspondence to Dianne Wagner requiring that she provide a sworn written response regarding her failure to include the criminal history information in her notary application; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required sworn response from Dianne Wagner; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Dianne Wagner be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Dianne Wagner is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Dianne Wagner's current commission runs from September 29, 2010, through September 28, 2014.

C. Dianne Wagner made a material false statement on the sworn notary public application submitted on July 4, 2010.

D. Dianne Wagner failed to report a change in her criminal history following her April 2013 conviction for petit theft.

E. Dianne Wagner refused to respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Dianne Wagner is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Dianne Wagner is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 9th day of September, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
WAGNER, Dianne  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Dianne Wagner.

By Executive Order Number 13-251 filed with the Secretary of State on September 9, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Dianne Wagner as a Notary Public alleging that she failed to disclose a prior felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in her sworn notary application dated July 4, 2010, in violation of s. 117.107(4)(h), Florida Statutes. It is also alleged that Ms. Wagner failed to notify the Department of State in writing of a change in her criminal history within 60 days of a petit theft conviction on April 16, 2013, as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that she refused to respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Wagner's commission as a notary expired on September 28, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-289**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Debra Zaitschek, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 31, 2013, Debra Zaitschek was charged by Information in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit with one count of grand theft of more than \$20,000, but less than \$100,000, in violation of sections 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b) and 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, which constitutes a second-degree felony, and one count of grand theft of more than \$300, but less than \$5,000, in violation of section 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b), and 812.014(2)(c)1., which constitutes a third-degree felony, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Debra Zaitschek be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Debra Zaitschek is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Debra Zaitschek is commissioned as a Florida notary public from June 8, 2010, through June 7, 2014.
- C. Debra Zaitschek was charged with grand theft of more than \$20,000, but less than \$100,000 from her employer at the time, Mr. Robert Tammaro, in violation of sections 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b), and 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, which constitutes a second-degree felony.
- D. Debra Zaitschek was also charged with grand theft of more than \$300, but less than \$5,000 from her employer at the time, Mr. Robert Tammaro, in violation of sections 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b), and 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes, which constitutes a third-degree felony.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Debra Zaitschek is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Debra Zaitschek is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which period shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 14th day of October, 2013.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
ZAITSCHEK, Debra  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Debra Zaitschek.

By Executive Order Number 13-289 filed with the Secretary of State on October 14, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Debra Zaitschek as a Notary Public alleging that she was charged with two counts of grand theft from her employer. Ms. Zaitschek's commission as a notary expired on June 7, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-331**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Edricka Cook, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2013, Edricka Cook was charged by Information in Case Number 2013-CF-018002, filed in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Lee County, Florida, with one count of trafficking in cocaine (28 grams or more), a first-degree felony under section 893.135(1)(b), Florida Statutes, and one count of trafficking in heroin (28 grams or more), a first-degree felony under section 893.135(1)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor may suspend an appointed public official from office when that person is informed against for commission of any felony, as provided in section 112.52(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Edricka Cook, be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Edricka Cook is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Edricka Cook is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 23, 2010, through March 22, 2014.

C. Edricka Cook is presently charged by Information in case number 2013-CF-018002 with two first-degree felony offenses pending before the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Lee County, Florida.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Edricka Cook is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Edricka Cook is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of November, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
COOK, Edricka  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Edricka Cook.

By Executive Order Number 13-331 filed with the Secretary of State on November 25, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Edricka Cook as a Notary Public alleging that she was charged with one count of trafficking in cocaine and one count of trafficking in heroin. Ms. Cook's commission as a notary expired on March 22, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-28**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Roy Freeman, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint of notary misconduct filed against Roy Freeman and thereafter initiated an investigation of the

alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated November 6, 2013, and December 3, 2013, this Office notified Roy Freeman of the investigation of notary misconduct and required that he submit a sworn written response to each violation, which included notarizing a signature on a document when the signing party was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and, notarizing a signature without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and falsely or fraudulently taking an acknowledgment or making a certificate as a notary public by notarizing a forged signature, in violation of section 117.105, Florida Statutes; and, making a material false statement or misrepresentation on his sworn notary application by failing to disclose prior felony convictions, in violation of section 117.01(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and, using a notary seal assigned to a non-current commission, in violation of section 117.05(3)(e), Florida Statutes;

WHEREAS, to date, Roy Freeman has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct, which constitutes a neglect of duty warranting the suspension of his commission, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Roy Freeman be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Roy Freeman is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Roy Freeman is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 23, 2010, through November 22, 2014.

C. Roy Freeman refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Roy Freeman is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Roy Freeman is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 24th day of January, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
FREEMAN, Roy  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Roy Freeman.



By Executive Order Number 14-28 filed with the Secretary of State on November 25, 2013, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Roy Freeman as a Notary Public alleging that the Governor's Office had received a complaint alleging that Mr. Freeman: notarized a document when the signing party was not in his presence at the time of notarization, in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; notarized a document without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of s. 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; falsely or fraudulently taking an acknowledgment or making a certificate as a notary public by notarizing a forged signature, in violation of s. 117.105, Florida Statutes; making a material false statement or misrepresentation in his sworn notary application by failing to disclose prior felony convictions, in violation of s. 117.01(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and using a notary seal assigned to a non-current commission in violation of s. 117.05(3)(e), Florida Statutes. It is alleged that Mr. Freeman refused to cooperate with the investigation into this complaint in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Mr. Freeman's commission as a notary expired on November 22, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-29**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Marquito F. Lewis, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint of notary misconduct filed against Marquito F. Lewis and thereafter initiated an investigation of the alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated September 27, 2013, October 18, 2013, November 21, 2013, and December 16, 2013, this Office notified Marquito F. Lewis of the investigation of notary misconduct and required that she submit a sworn written response to each violation, which included notarizing a signature on a document when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes, and falsely or fraudulently taking an acknowledgment or making a certificate as a notary public by notarizing a forged signature, in violation of section 117.105, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, Marquito F. Lewis has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct, which constitutes a neglect of duty warranting the suspension of her commission, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Marquito F. Lewis be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Marquito F. Lewis is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Marquito F. Lewis is commissioned as a Florida notary public from September 9, 2010, through September 8, 2014.

C. Marquito F. Lewis refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Marquito F. Lewis is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Marquito F. Lewis is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 24th day of January, 2014.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
LEWIS, Marquito F.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Marquito F. Lewis.

By Executive Order Number 14-29 filed with the Secretary of State on January 24, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Marquito F. Lewis as a Notary Public alleging that the Governor's Office had received a complaint alleging that Ms. Lewis: notarized a document when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of notarization, in violation of s. 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and falsely or fraudulently taking an acknowledgment or making a certificate as a notary public by notarizing a forged signature, in violation of s. 117.105, Florida Statutes. It is alleged that Ms. Lewis refused to cooperate with the investigation into this complaint in violation of s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Lewis' commission as a notary expired on September 8, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-55**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Christina Michelle Creech, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 14, 2013, Christina Michelle Creech was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, in case number 2013CF000736, of one count of Grand Theft, a third degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 2013, Christina Michelle Creech was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns County, in case number 2013CF000564, of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third-degree felony in violation of section 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Christina Michele Creech failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, this Office notified Christina Michelle Creech by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of the felony convictions that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Christina Michelle Creech; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Christina Michelle Creech be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Christina Michelle Creech is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Christina Michelle Creech is commissioned as a Florida notary public from February 2, 2010, through February 1, 2014.

C. Christina Michelle Creech was convicted of two separate felonies in Duval and St. Johns Counties in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Christina Michelle Creech failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following the felony convictions in Duval and St. Johns Counties in 2013, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Christina Michelle Creech refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Christina Michelle Creech is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Christina Michelle Creech is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 12th day of February, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
CREECH, Christina Michelle  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

By Executive Order Number 14-55 filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Christina

Michelle Creech as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about May 14, 2013, of Grand Theft, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 817.034(4)(a)1., Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that on or about June 6, 2013, Ms. Creech was also convicted of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes. The Executive Order alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and an address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that she refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Creech's commission as a notary expired on February 1, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-74**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Tara Lynne Callegari, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 6, 2012, Tara Lynne Callegari was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2012CF003615, of one count of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third-degree felony in violation of section 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Tara Lynne Callegari failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Tara Lynne Callegari by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Tara Lynne Callegari had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Tara Lynne Callegari; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Tara Lynne Callegari be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Tara Lynne Callegari is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Tara Lynne Callegari is commissioned as a Florida notary public from January 10, 2011, through January 9, 2015.

C. Tara Lynne Callegari was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Tara Lynne Callegari failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Orange County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Tara Lynne Callegari failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Tara Lynne Callegari refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Tara Lynne Callegari is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Tara Lynne Callegari is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of February, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
CALLEGARI, Tara Lynne  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Tara Lynne Callegari.

By Executive Order Number 14-74 filed with the Secretary of State on February 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Tara Lynne Callegari as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about November 6, 2012, of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 893.13(7)(a)9, Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and, that she refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Callegari's commission as a notary expired on January 9, 2015.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-75**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Leora M. Usina, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 27, 2012, Leora M. Usina was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2011CF035108, of one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud (less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 817.034(4)(a)3., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS Leora M. Usina failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Leora M. Usina by certified mail of the investigation by this Office of the above-stated matter, and required that she provide a written response regarding her failure to notify the Department of State of the change in her criminal history while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Leora M. Usina; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Leora M. Usina had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Leora M. Usina be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Leora M. Usina is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Leora M. Usina is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 10, 2010, through November 9, 2014.

C. Leora M. Usina was convicted of a felony in Volusia County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Leora M. Usina failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Volusia County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Leora M. Usina failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Leora M. Usina refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Leora M. Usina is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Leora M. Usina is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of February, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 4, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
USINA, Leora M.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Leora M. Usina.

By Executive Order Number 14-75 filed with the Secretary of State on February 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Leora M. Usina as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about January 27, 2012, of Organized Scheme to Defraud, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 817.034(4)(a)3., Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and her address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that she refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Usina's commission as a notary expired on November 8, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-93**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Tamala J. Grecni, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 11, 2013, Tamala J. Grecni was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, in case number 2012CF002292, of one count of Driving Under Influence (Two Prior DUI Convictions), a third-degree felony in violation of section 316.193(2)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Tamala J. Grecni failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, this Office notified Tamala J. Grecni by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Tamala J. Grecni; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Tamala J. Grecni had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Tamala J. Grecni be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Tamala J. Grecni is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Tamala J. Grecni is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 21, 2010, through November 20, 2014.

C. Tamala J. Grecni was convicted of a felony in Osceola County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Tamala J. Grecni failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Osceola County in 2013, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Tamala J. Grecni failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Tamala J. Grecni refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Tamala J. Grecni is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Tamala J. Grecni is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections  
March 18, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
GRECNI, Tamala J.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Tamala J. Grecni.

By Executive Order Number 14-93 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Tamala J. Grecni as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about April 11, 2013, of Driving Under the Influence with Two Prior Convictions, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 316.193(2)(b), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Additionally, Ms. Grecni's commission as a notary expired on November 20, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-94**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Jennifer M. Thompson, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2013, Jennifer M. Thompson was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2013CF100479, of one count of Dealing in Stolen Property, a second-degree felony in violation of section 812.019(1), Florida Statutes, and one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, a third-degree felony in violation of section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 6, 2013, Jennifer M. Thompson was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2013CF100483, of one count of Dealing in Stolen Property, a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.019(1), Florida Statutes, and one count of Preventing or Obstructing Extinguishment of Fire, a third-degree felony in violation of section 806.10(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer M. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, and January 29, 2014, this Office notified Jennifer M. Thompson by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Jennifer M. Thompson had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of her change of address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Jennifer M. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Jennifer M. Thompson be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Jennifer M. Thompson is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Jennifer M. Thompson is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 15, 2010, through November 14, 2014.

C. Jennifer M. Thompson was convicted of four felonies in Volusia County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Jennifer M. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Volusia County in 2013, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Jennifer M. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Jennifer M. Thompson refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Jennifer M. Thompson is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Jennifer M. Thompson is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
THOMPSON, Jennifer M.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Jennifer M. Thompson.

By Executive Order Number 14-94 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Jennifer M. Thompson as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about March 6, 2013, of Dealing in Stolen Property, a second degree felony pursuant to s. 810.019(1), Florida Statutes; and Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Additionally, Ms. Thompson's commission as a notary expired on November 14, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-95**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Sonya Loturco, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 12, 2012, Sonya Loturco was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2012CF033430, of one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, a third-degree felony in violation of section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Sonya Loturco failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and February 6, 2014, this Office notified Sonya Loturco by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Sonya Loturco; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Sonya Loturco had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Sonya Loturco be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Sonya Loturco is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Sonya Loturco is commissioned as a Florida notary public from August 24, 2010, through August 23, 2014.

C. Sonya Loturco was convicted of a felony in Volusia County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Sonya Loturco failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Volusia County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Sonya Loturco failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Sonya Loturco refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Sonya Loturco is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Sonya Loturco is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
LOTURCO, Sonya  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Sonya Loturco.

By Executive Order Number 14-95 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Sonya Loturco as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about July 12, 2012, of Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Loturco's commission as a notary expired on August 23, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-96**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Danielle Taylor, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 2, 2011, Danielle Taylor was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, in case number 2010CF001232, of one count of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third-degree felony in violation of section 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes, and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of section 893.147(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 15, 2011, Danielle Taylor was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, in case number 2011CF009547, of two counts of Obtaining Controlled Substance by Withholding Information, a third-degree felony in violation of section 893.13(7)(a)8., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 2, 2012, Danielle Taylor was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns County, in case number 2012CF000868, of one count of Possession of Cocaine, a third-degree felony in violation of section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and one count of Driving While License Cancelled, Suspended, or Revoked, a second-degree misdemeanor in violation of section 322.34(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Taylor failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record following her convictions for the above-stated felonies and misdemeanors during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and February 6, 2014, this Office notified Danielle Taylor by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Danielle Taylor had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her contact information within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Danielle Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by Executive Order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Danielle Taylor be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Danielle Taylor is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Danielle Taylor is commissioned as a Florida notary public from July 12, 2010, through July 11, 2014.

C. Danielle Taylor was convicted of felonies in Clay, Duval, and St. Johns Counties in 2011 and 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Danielle Taylor failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Clay, Duval, and St. Johns Counties in 2011 and 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Danielle Taylor failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Danielle Taylor refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Danielle Taylor is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Danielle Taylor is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
TAYLOR, Danielle  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Danielle Taylor.

By Executive Order Number 14-96 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Danielle Taylor as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about February 2, 2011, of Obtaining or Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 893.13(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes, and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a first degree misdemeanor pursuant to s. 893.147(1), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Taylor's commission as a notary expired on July 11, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-97**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Amy L. Thompson, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 12, 2012, Amy L. Thompson was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2012CF001536, of one count of Grand Theft (value more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c)(1), Florida Statutes, and one count of Providing False Information to a Property Dealer (value more than \$300), a second-degree felony in violation of section 538.04(4)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Amy L. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, January 22, 2014, and January 30, 2014, this Office notified Amy L. Thompson by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Amy L. Thompson had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of her change of address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Amy L. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Amy L. Thompson be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Amy L. Thompson is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Amy L. Thompson is commissioned as a Florida notary public from October 6, 2010, through October 5, 2014.

C. Amy L. Thompson was convicted of two felonies in Orange County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Amy L. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Orange County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Amy L. Thompson failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Amy L. Thompson refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Amy L. Thompson is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Amy L. Thompson is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall

begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Ken Detzner*

SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
THOMPSON, Amy L.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Amy L. Thompson.

By Executive Order Number 14-97 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Amy L. Thompson as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about June 12, 2012, of Grand Theft, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes, and Providing False Information to a Property Dealer, a second degree felony pursuant to s. 538.04(4)(b), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Thompson's commission as a notary expired on October 5, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-98**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Arian Charlton, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 25, 2013, Arian Charlton was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, in case number 2013CF055603, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Arian Charlton failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes, following her felony conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and February 6, 2014, this Office notified Arian Charlton by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Arian Charlton; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Arian Charlton had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Arian Charlton be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Arian Charlton is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Arian Charlton is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 24, 2010, through April 23, 2014.

C. Arian Charlton was convicted of a felony in Brevard County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Arian Charlton failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Brevard County in 2013, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Arian Charlton failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Arian Charlton refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Arian Charlton is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Arian Charlton is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Ken Detzner*

SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
CHARLTON, Arian  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Arian Charlton.

By Executive Order Number 14-98 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Arian Charlton as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about April 25, 2013, of Grand Theft, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as



required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Charlton's commission as a notary expired on April 23, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-99**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Kelly LaMotte, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 17, 2011, Kelly LaMotte was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2011CF030184, of one count of Uttering a Forgery, a third-degree felony in violation of section 831.02, Florida Statutes, and one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 810.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Kelly LaMotte failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes, following her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, this Office notified Kelley LaMotte by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Kelly LaMotte; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Kelly LaMotte had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Kelly LaMotte be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Kelly LaMotte is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Kelly LaMotte is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 4, 2010, through April 3, 2014.
- C. Kelly LaMotte was convicted of two felonies in Volusia County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Kelly LaMotte failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Volusia County in 2011, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Kelly LaMotte failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Kelly LaMotte refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Kelly LaMotte is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Kelly LaMotte is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
LAMOTTE, Kelly  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Kelly LaMotte.

By Executive Order Number 14-99 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Kelly LaMotte as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about June 17, 2011, of Uttering a Forgery, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 831.02, Florida Statutes, and Grand Theft, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 810.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Additionally, Ms. LaMotte's notary commission expired on April 3, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-100**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Shelley L. Bushey, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2011, Shelley L. Bushey was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, in case number 2011CF035560, of one count of Trafficking in Stolen Property, a second-degree felony in violation of section 812.019(1), Florida Statutes, and one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card (more than two times within a six month period), a third-degree felony in violation of section 817.61, Florida Statutes, and one count of False Verification of Ownership to a Pawnbroker (less than \$300), a third-degree felony in violation of section 539.001(8)(b)8.a., Florida Statutes, and one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c)(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 6, 2011, Shelley L. Bushey was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and

for Brevard County, in case number 2011CF035561, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c)(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Shelley L. Bushey failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 29, 2014, this Office notified Shelley L. Bushey by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Shelley L. Bushey; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Shelley L. Bushey had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Shelley L. Bushey be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Shelley L. Bushey is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Shelley L. Bushey is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 31, 2010, through May 30, 2014.

C. Shelley L. Bushey was convicted of five separate felonies in Brevard County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Shelley L. Bushey failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following the felony convictions in Brevard County in 2011, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Shelley L. Bushey failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Shelley L. Bushey refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Shelley L. Bushey is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Shelley L. Bushey is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
BUSHEY, Shelley L.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Shelley L. Bushey.

By Executive Order Number 14-100 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Shelley L. Bushey as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about December 6, 2011, of the following charges:

- Trafficking in Stolen Property (2nd degree felony pursuant to s. 812.019(1), Florida Statutes);
- Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card (3rd degree felony pursuant to s. 817.61, Florida Statutes);
- False Verification of Ownership to a Pawnbroker (3rd degree felony pursuant to s. 539.001(8)(b)8.a., Florida Statutes); and
- Two counts of Grand Theft (3rd degree felony pursuant to s. 810.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes).

The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Bushey's notary commission expired on May 30, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-101**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Michelle R. Davis-Hypes, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2013, Michelle R. Davis-Hypes was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Lake County, in case number 2012CF002061, of one count of Driving Under the Influence, a misdemeanor in violation of section 316.193(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Michelle R. Davis-Hypes failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, this Office notified Michelle R. Davis-Hypes by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation conducted by this Office regarding her conviction while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Michelle R. Davis-Hypes, in violation of section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Michelle R. Davis-Hypes be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Michelle R. Davis-Hypes is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Michelle R. Davis-Hypes is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 25, 2010, through May 24, 2014.

C. Michelle R. Davis-Hypes was convicted of Driving Under the Influence in Lake County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Michelle R. Davis-Hypes failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her conviction in Lake County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Michelle R. Davis-Hypes refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Michelle R. Davis-Hypes is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Michelle R. Davis-Hypes is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 18, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
DAVIS-HYPES, Michelle R.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Michelle R. Davis-Hypes.

By Executive Order Number 14-101 filed with the Secretary of State on March 18, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Michelle R. Davis-Hypes as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about March 18, 2013, of Driving Under the Influence, a first degree misdemeanor pursuant to s. 316.193(1), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the convictions as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Ms. Davis-Hypes' commission as a notary expired on May 24, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-118**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Eric Azerzer is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 20, 2011, Eric Azerzer was convicted in the circuit court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2010CF011596, of one count of False Im-

prisonment, a third-degree felony in violation of section 787.02(2), Florida Statutes, and one count of Battery, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of section 784.03(1)(a)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Eric Azerzer failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to his criminal history record during his commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Eric Azerzer by certified mail, and required that he respond to the investigation by this Office of the above-stated changes to his criminal history record that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Eric Azerzer; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Eric Azerzer had moved from the address under which he was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of his change of address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Eric Azerzer be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Eric Azerzer is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Eric Azerzer is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 11, 2010, through May 10, 2014.

C. Eric Azerzer failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to his criminal history record following his convictions in Orange County in 2011, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

D. Eric Azerzer was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

E. Eric Azerzer failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of his change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Eric Azerzer refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Eric Azerzer is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Eric Azerzer is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 26, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
AZERZER, Eric  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Eric Azerzer.

By Executive Order Number 14-118 filed with the Secretary of State on March 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Eric Azerzer as a Notary Public alleging that he had been convicted on or about October 20, 2011, of False Imprisonment, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 787.02(2), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that he was convicted that same day of a single count of Battery, a first degree misdemeanor in violation of 784.03(1)(a)1., Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that he failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and an address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that he refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Mr. Azerzer's notary commission expired on May 10, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-119**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Jean Aleandre is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 23, 2012, Jean Aleandre was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2011CF006895, of one count of Aggravated Child Abuse, a third-degree felony in violation of section 827.03(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Jean Aleandre failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to his criminal history record during his commission as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 30, 2014, this Office notified Jean Aleandre by certified mail, and required that he respond to the investigation by this Office of his felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Jean Aleandre; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Jean Aleandre had moved from the address under which he was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of his change of address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Jean Aleandre be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Jean Aleandre is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Jean Aleandre is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 20, 2010, through April 19, 2014.

C. Jean Aleandre was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Jean Aleandre failed to notify the Department of State of the change to his criminal history record following his felony conviction in Orange County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Jean Aleandre failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of his change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Jean Aleandre refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Jean Aleandre is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Jean Aleandre is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of March, 2014.

Rick Scott  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
Ken Detzner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 26, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
ALEANDRE, Jean  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Jean Aleandre.

By Executive Order Number 14-119 filed with the Secretary of State on March 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Jean Aleandre as a Notary Public alleging that he had been convicted on or about February 23, 2012, of Aggravated Child Abuse, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 827.03(2)(c), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that he failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and an address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that he refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Additionally, Mr. Aleandre's notary commission expired on April 19, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Richter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-120**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Teresa L. Lampp is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 12, 2012, Teresa L. Lampp was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns County, in case number 2011CF001600, of two counts of Uttering a Forged Instrument, a third-degree felony in violation of section 831.02, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 12, 2012, Teresa L. Lampp was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns, in case number 2012CF000164, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Teresa L. Lampp failed to notify the Department of State of the above-referenced changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and January 29, 2014, this Office notified Teresa L. Lampp by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony convictions that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Teresa L. Lampp; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Teresa L. Lampp had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Teresa L. Lampp be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Teresa L. Lampp is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Teresa L. Lampp is commissioned as a Florida notary public from February 4, 2011, through February 3, 2015.

C. Teresa L. Lampp was convicted of three felonies in St. Johns County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Teresa L. Lampp failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in St. Johns County in 2012, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Teresa L. Lampp failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Teresa L. Lampp refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Teresa L. Lampp is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Teresa L. Lampp is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 26, 2014.]**

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
LAMPP, Teresa L.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Teresa L. Lampp.

By Executive Order Number 14-120 filed with the Secretary of State on March 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Teresa L. Lampp as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about April 12, 2012, of two counts of Uttering a Forged Instrument, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 831.02, Florida Statutes, and Grand Theft, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 812.014(2)(c), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and an address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that she refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Lampp's notary commission expired on February 3, 2015.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-121**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Caroline J. Bonds is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 17, 2013, Caroline J. Bonds was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Polk County, in case number 2012CF010788, of one count of Grand Theft (value more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000), a second-degree felony in violation of section 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, and three counts of Money Laundering (value more than \$300, less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of section 896.101(5)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Caroline J. Bonds by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Caroline J. Bonds had moved from the address under which she was commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of her change of address within 60 days, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Caroline J. Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Caroline J. Bonds be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Caroline J. Bonds is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Caroline J. Bonds is commissioned as a Florida notary public from February 7, 2011, through February 6, 2015.

C. Caroline J. Bonds was convicted of four felonies in Polk County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

D. Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Polk County in 2013, as required by section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

E. Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Caroline J. Bonds refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Caroline J. Bonds is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Caroline J. Bonds is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 25th day of March, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections March 26, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President of the Senate

March 3, 2015

RE: Suspension of:  
BONDS, Caroline J.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Caroline J. Bonds.

By Executive Order Number 14-121 filed with the Secretary of State on March 25, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Caroline J. Bonds as a Notary Public alleging that she had been convicted on or about May 17, 2013, of Grand Theft of more than \$20,000 but less than \$100,000, a second degree felony pursuant to s. 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, and three counts of Money Laundering, a third degree felony pursuant to s. 896.101(5)(a), Florida Statutes. The Executive Order also alleges that she failed to notify the Department of State of the conviction and an address change as required by s. 117.01(2), Florida Statutes. Finally, the Executive Order alleges that she refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor as required by s. 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes. Ms. Bonds' notary commission expired on February 6, 2015.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-153**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Cloughsey is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Patricia A. Cloughsey for notary misconduct, and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the complainant, Paul J. Vasho, stated his signature on a non-disclosure agreement was notarized by Patricia A. Cloughsey, but he did not sign the document in her presence or acknowledge his signature to her at a later time; and

WHEREAS, in response to the investigation by this Office, Patricia A. Cloughsey submitted a sworn written statement on January 9, 2014, admitting that she notarized the challenged document without the signing party in her presence, in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in notarizing the challenged document, Patricia A. Cloughsey also failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate with all of the required information, in violation of section 117.05(4), Florida Statutes, and failed to obtain satisfactory evidence that the person whose signature she notarized was the individual named in and executing the instrument, in violation of section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2014, this Office notified Patricia A. Cloughsey by certified mail of the above-stated violations, and required that she undertake remedial action to address her neglect of duty by completing a free-of-charge three-hour notary education course offered on the Florida Department of State website, and thereafter provide proof of completion to this Office; and

WHEREAS, to date, Patricia A. Cloughsey has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the remedial action required by this Office as part of the investigation of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Patricia A. Cloughsey, be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

A. Patricia A. Cloughsey is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Patricia A. Cloughsey is commissioned as a Florida notary public from October 22, 2010, through October 21, 2014.

C. Patricia A. Cloughsey notarized an instrument when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes.

D. Patricia A. Cloughsey failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate on the notarized document, in violation of section 117.05(4), Florida Statutes.

E. Patricia A. Cloughsey failed to obtain satisfactory evidence that the person whose signature was notarized was the individual described in and executing the instrument, in violation of section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes.

F. Patricia A. Cloughsey refused to cooperate with an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

*Section 1.* Patricia A. Cloughsey is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

*Section 2.* Patricia A. Cloughsey is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 2nd day of May, 2014.

*Rick Scott*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:  
*Ken Detzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Previously referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections May 2, 2014.]

The Honorable Andy Gardiner March 3, 2015  
President of the Senate

RE: Suspension of:  
CLOUGHSEY, Patricia A.  
Notary Public

Dear President Gardiner:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Patricia A. Cloughsey.

By Executive Order Number 14-153 filed with the Secretary of State on May 2, 2014, and pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, suspended Patricia A. Cloughsey as a Notary Public alleging that a complaint was received alleging that Ms. Cloughsey committed notarial misconduct. The Complainant alleges that Ms. Cloughsey notarized a document that was not signed in her presence and failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate as required by s. 117.05(4), Florida Statutes. Ms. Cloughsey alleged admitted the allegation. Ms. Cloughsey's notary commission expired on October 21, 2014.

Based on the foregoing, I advise and recommend that the Senate take no action on the above-named suspension during the 2015 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and consider the matter closed.

Sincerely,  
*Garrett Richter*, Chair

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

**VETOED BILLS 2014 REGULAR SESSION**

The Honorable Kenneth W. Detzner  
Secretary of State

June 2, 2014

Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 392, enacted during the 116th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2014 and entitled:

An act relating to state speed zones...

This legislation authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation to increase speed limits on Florida's roadways under specific conditions. Although the bill does not mandate higher speed limits, allowing for the possibility of faster driving on Florida's roads and highways could ultimately and unacceptably increase the risk of serious accidents for Florida citizens and visitors. I strongly respect the opinion of state and local law enforcement officers who have contacted me to warn about the possible serious negative consequences should this bill become law. While the evidence suggests that increased driving speeds are not the sole cause of traffic accidents, they clearly contribute to the increased severity of vehicle crash outcomes in the form of needless injuries and deaths. Maintaining our current speed limits will allow the Department of Transportation and our law enforcement officials to continue the state's focus on maintaining a safe traffic environment for every driver on Florida's roads.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 392 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,  
*Rick Scott*, Governor

**The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.**

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE:**

The Secretary of State has certified that pursuant to the provisions of section 114.05, Florida Statutes, certificates subject to confirmation by the Senate have been prepared for the following:

| <i>Office and Appointment</i>                             | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
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| Board of Accountancy                                      |                        |
| Appointees: Dennis, David L., Longwood                    | 10/31/2018             |
| Fennema, Martin G., Tallahassee                           | 10/31/2018             |
| Keegan, Tracy L., Naples                                  | 10/31/2017             |
| Vogel, Harold S., Key Biscayne                            | 10/31/2018             |
| Florida Board of Auctioneers                              |                        |
| Appointee: Hartman, Ransom Reed, Jensen Beach             | 10/31/2016             |
| Greater Orlando Aviation Authority                        |                        |
| Appointee: Fouché, Julian E., Windermere                  | 04/16/2018             |
| Barbers' Board  |                        |
| Appointees: Smith, Monica Schuloff, Palmetto Bay          | 10/31/2017             |
| Stewart, Edwin A., Jr., Milton                            | 10/31/2017             |
| Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board |                        |
| Appointees: Barthlow, Frederick A., Middleburg            | 10/31/2016             |
| Valentin, Edwin, Orlando                                  | 10/31/2015             |

| <i>Office and Appointment</i>   | <i>For Term Ending</i>                 | <i>Office and Appointment</i>   | <i>For Term Ending</i>   |
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| Board of Chiropractic Medicine<br>Appointee: Colter, David C., Palm Coast   | 10/31/2017                             | Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind<br>Appointees: Chapman, Christine M., St. Augustine   | 11/13/2017   |
| Florida Citrus Commission<br>Appointees: Casper, Danny K., Ft. Myers<br>Hunt, G. Ellis, Jr., Babson Park<br>McKenna, Martin J., Sebring                                 | 05/31/2017<br>05/31/2017<br>05/31/2017 | DiGonzalez, Linda, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.   | 02/07/2015   |
| Hillsborough County Civil Service Board<br>Appointee: Strepina, Scott D., Tampa   | 07/02/2017                             | Board of Dentistry<br>Appointee: Kochenour, William Lewis, II, Palm Harbor  | 10/31/2017   |
| Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel<br>Appointees: Montoya, Beatriz Elena, Hollywood<br>Shelfer, Steven G., Cape Coral   | 10/31/2015<br>10/31/2016               | Education Practices Commission<br>Appointees: Budnick, Judie S., Port St. Lucie<br>Copenhaver, Ann B., Pensacola<br>Eisen, Michael, St. Augustine<br>Hershey, Susan J., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.<br>Pietkiewicz, Nicholas, Ft. Myers<br>Rose, Jillian, Jacksonville<br>Wade, K. Lynn, Tampa | 09/30/2015<br>09/30/2017<br>09/30/2016<br>09/30/2018<br>09/30/2016<br>09/30/2016<br>09/30/2018 |
| Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers<br>Appointee: Sibley, Robert E., Winter Springs  | 10/31/2015                             | Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board<br>Appointees: Echarri, Rafael, Miami<br>Krak, Kathleen Meagher, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.<br>Smith, Benjamin E., Jacksonville   | 10/31/2017<br>10/31/2016<br>10/31/2017   |
| Florida Commission on Community Service<br>Appointees: Demko, Todd D., Safety Harbor<br>Martinez, Natalia, Pembroke Pines   | 09/14/2016<br>09/14/2015               | Board of Hearing Aid Specialists<br>Appointees: Dechmerowski, Pamela Garber, Orlando<br>Ellsworth, Randy M., Clermont<br>Hollern, Thomas M., Tallahassee  | 10/31/2014<br>10/31/2016<br>10/31/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Eastern Florida State College<br>Appointees: Haley, Myra I., Merritt Island<br>Harris, Dewey L., Merritt Island                                    | 05/31/2018<br>05/31/2018               | Citrus County Hospital Board<br>Appointee: Fallows, Christopher Mark, Crystal River   | 07/08/2018   |
| Board of Trustees of Chipola College<br>Appointees: Causseaux, Hannah Sumner, Bristol<br>Hudson, Kyle, Westville<br>Ryals, Daniel E., III, Altha                        | 05/31/2018<br>05/31/2017<br>05/31/2017 | Commission for Independent Education<br>Appointees: Matos, Iliia Y., Orlando<br>Wagner, Paul Douglas, Bradenton<br>Williams, Levi G., Jr., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.   | 06/30/2017<br>06/30/2016<br>06/30/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Daytona State College<br>Appointees: Lubi, Garry R., Palm Coast<br>Patterson, Anne Coggeshall, DeLand  | 05/31/2018<br>05/31/2018               | Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Commission<br>Appointee: Williamson, John A., Altamonte Springs   | 06/30/2016   |
| Board of Trustees of Florida Keys Community College<br>Appointees: Madok, Kevin, Big Pine Key<br>Maxwell, Michelle Sylvia, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S. | 05/31/2016<br>05/31/2016               | Board of Landscape Architecture<br>Appointee: Donovan, Brian T., Crystal River  | 10/31/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Indian River State College<br>Appointee: George, Anthony, Jr., Stuart  | 05/31/2015                             | Governor's Mansion Commission<br>Appointee: Smith, Carole C., Tallahassee   | 09/30/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Florida Gateway College<br>Appointees: Allen, Carolyn Renae, Lake Butler<br>Davis, Leonard, Macclenny  | 05/31/2015<br>05/31/2017               | Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission<br>Appointee: Hansen, Michael P., Crawfordville   | 01/05/2016   |
| Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College<br>Appointees: Howell, David Alfonso, Jasper<br>Williams, Michael R., Madison                                      | 05/31/2017<br>05/31/2017               | Board of Nursing<br>Appointees: Forst, Diana Orantes, Palm City<br>Katz, Todd, Port Charlotte<br>McKeen, Deborah, Greenwood   | 10/31/2014<br>10/31/2015<br>10/31/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College<br>Appointee: Cross, Charles K., Jr., Boca Raton  | 05/31/2017                             | Board of Opticianry<br>Appointees: Slattery, Margaret E., O'Brien<br>Williams, Richard E., Panama City  | 10/31/2017<br>10/31/2015   |
| Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College<br>Appointees: Pearson-Adams, Marilyn, Brooksville<br>Schneider, Robin L., Spring Hill                                | 05/31/2017<br>05/31/2018               | Board of Pharmacy<br>Appointees: Adams, Winfield S., Fern Park<br>Alvarez, Goar, Davie  | 10/31/2014<br>10/31/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College<br>Appointees: Bramlitt, Denise M., Palatka<br>Duren, Joseph M., Sr., St. Augustine                                  | 05/31/2018<br>05/31/2018               | Board of Physical Therapy Practice<br>Appointee: Chenoweth, Steven T., Amelia Island  | 10/31/2017   |
| Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College<br>Appointee: Pople, Randolph M., Quincy   | 05/31/2017                             | Board of Pilot Commissioners<br>Appointees: Burke, Thomas A., North Miami   | 10/31/2015   |
| Construction Industry Licensing Board<br>Appointees: Castro, Hector A., Weston<br>Wolf, Jason, Ft. Lauderdale   | 10/31/2017<br>10/31/2017               |   |  |
| Board of Cosmetology<br>Appointees: Poppell, Frances C., Tallahassee<br>Tabano, Robin, Tallahassee  | 10/31/2015<br>10/31/2017               |   |  |



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|   |                               | <i>For Term Ending</i> | <b>Referred to the Committees on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Ethics and Elections.</b> |                                  |
|   | <i>Office and Appointment</i> |                        | <i>Office and Appointment</i>  | <i>For Term Ending</i>           |
|   | Miguez, Enrique, Coral Gables | 10/31/2017             |  |                                  |
|   | Ramos, Brian, Tallahassee     | 10/31/2016             |  |                                  |
| Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board   |                               |                        | Secretary of Juvenile Justice  |                                  |
| Appointees: Bush, Benjamin B., Tallahassee  |                               | 10/31/2016             | Appointee: Daly, Christina K., Tallahassee   | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Ketcham, Clayton "Clay" Blane, Tallahassee  |                               | 10/31/2018             |  |                                  |
| Roy, Michael C., Jacksonville   |                               | 10/31/2018             | Executive Director of Department of Law Enforcement  |                                  |
|   |                               |                        | Appointee: Swearingen, Richard L., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.                              | Pleasure of Governor and Cabinet |
| Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 4   |                               |                        |  |                                  |
| Appointees: Bell, Aaron, Fernandina   |                               | 10/01/2015             |  |                                  |
| Brown, Elaine, Neptune Beach  |                               | 10/01/2016             |  |                                  |
| Mason, Lane Harlan, St. Augustine   |                               | 10/01/2016             | Florida Commission on Offender Review  |                                  |
| Sgroi, Robert E., Palm Coast  |                               | 10/01/2015             | Appointee: Davison, Richard D., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.                                 | 06/30/2020                       |
| Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Region 8   |                               |                        | <b>Referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Ethics and Elections.</b>                             |                                  |
| Appointees: Neal, John A., Bradenton  |                               | 10/01/2016             | <i>Office and Appointment</i>  | <i>For Term Ending</i>           |
| Schock, Timothy E., Tampa   |                               | 10/01/2016             |  |                                  |
| Todd, Barbara Sheen, St. Petersburg   |                               | 10/01/2016             | State Board of Education   |                                  |
|   |                               |                        | Appointee: Olenick, Michael H., Palm City  | 12/31/2016                       |
| Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Region 10   |                               |                        | <b>Referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12; and Ethics and Elections.</b>                         |                                  |
| Appointees: Bournique, Douglas C., Vero Beach   |                               | 10/01/2016             | <i>Office and Appointment</i>  | <i>For Term Ending</i>           |
| Sachs, Peter S., Boca Raton   |                               | 10/01/2016             |  |                                  |
| Smallridge, Kelly, Wellington   |                               | 10/01/2015             |  |                                  |
| Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  |                               |                        |  |                                  |
| Appointees: Guerreiro, Sergio M., Wellington  |                               | 10/31/2014             | Environmental Regulation Commission  |                                  |
| Johnson, Peter R., Largo  |                               | 10/31/2016             | Appointee: Walton, Sarah St. John, Pensacola   | 07/01/2017                       |
| Rahe, Frederick A., Margate   |                               | 10/31/2017             |  |                                  |
| Rutland, Kristen, Palm Harbor   |                               | 10/31/2014             | Secretary of Environmental Protection  |                                  |
| Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers   |                               |                        | Appointee: Steverson, Jonathan Paul, Tallahassee   | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Appointees: Campanile, Nicholas, Tallahassee  |                               | 10/31/2018             |  |                                  |
| Petzold, Robin B., Citra  |                               | 10/31/2018             | Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  |                                  |
|   |                               |                        | Appointee: Hanas, Richard L., Oviedo   | 08/01/2017                       |
| <b>Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.</b>   |                               |                        | Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District   |                                  |
| <i>Office and Appointment</i>   |                               | <i>For Term Ending</i> | Appointee: Peterson, Melanie, Wellington   | 03/01/2018                       |
| Secretary of Corrections  |                               |                        | Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District   |                                  |
| Appointee: Jones, Julie, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.   |                               | Pleasure of Governor   | Appointees: Adams, Jeffrey M., St. Petersburg  | 03/01/2018                       |
|   |                               |                        | Armstrong, Elijah D., III, Dunedin   | 03/01/2018                       |
| <b>Referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Criminal Justice; and Ethics and Elections.</b> |                               |                        | <b>Referred to the Committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Ethics and Elections.</b>  |                                  |
| <i>Office and Appointment</i>   |                               | <i>For Term Ending</i> | <i>Office and Appointment</i>  | <i>For Term Ending</i>           |
| Secretary of Children and Families  |                               |                        |  |                                  |
| Appointee: Carroll, Mike, Safety Harbor   |                               | Pleasure of Governor   | Secretary of Management Services   |                                  |
|   |                               |                        | Appointee: Poppell, Patterson Chad, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.                             | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities  |                               |                        | Secretary of State   |                                  |
| Appointee: Palmer, Barbara Jo, Tallahassee  |                               | Pleasure of Governor   | Appointee: Detzner, Kenneth W., Tallahassee  | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Secretary of Elderly Affairs  |                               |                        | Executive Director, Agency for State Technology  |                                  |
| Appointee: Verghese, Samuel P., Tallahassee   |                               | Pleasure of Governor   | Appointee: Allison, Jason M., Tallahassee  | Pleasure of Governor             |
| <b>Referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Ethics and Elections.</b>   |                               |                        | Interim State Chief Information Officer  |                                  |
| <i>Office and Appointment</i>   |                               | <i>For Term Ending</i> | Appointee: Allison, Jason M., Tallahassee  | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  |                               |                        | <b>Referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Ethics and Elections.</b>    |                                  |
| Appointee: Biter, Jesse, Sarasota   |                               | 09/30/2018             | <i>Office and Appointment</i>  | <i>For Term Ending</i>           |
|   |                               |                        |  |                                  |
| <b>Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Ethics and Elections.</b>  |                               |                        |  |                                  |
| <i>Office and Appointment</i>   |                               | <i>For Term Ending</i> |  |                                  |
| Florida Public Service Commission   |                               |                        | Secretary of Health Care Administration  |                                  |
| Appointees: Brown, Julie I., Tampa  |                               | 01/01/2019             | Appointee: Dudek, Elizabeth, Tallahassee   | Pleasure of Governor             |
| Patronis, Jimmy T., Jr., Panama City  |                               | 01/01/2019             |  |                                  |

*Office and Appointment*

State Surgeon General  
Appointee: Armstrong, John H., Ocala

*For Term Ending*  
Pleasure of Governor

**Referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*

Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University  
Appointee: Boyce, Lucas Daniel, Orlando 01/06/2018

Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Appointee: Grady, Thomas R., Naples 01/06/2016

Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University  
Appointee: O'Malley, Thomas D., Sr., Palm Beach 06/30/2015

Board of Trustees, University of Florida  
Appointee: Brandon, David Lee, Palm Harbor 01/06/2015

**Referred to the Committees on Higher Education; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*

Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation  
Appointee: Lawson, Kenneth E., Tallahassee

*For Term Ending*  
Pleasure of Governor

Secretary of the Department of the Lottery  
Appointee: O'Connell, Cynthia F., Tallahassee

*For Term Ending*  
Pleasure of Governor

**Referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Ethics and Elections.**

*Office and Appointment*

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority  
Appointee: Garcia, John C., Tampa 07/01/2018

Secretary of Transportation  
Appointee: Boxold, James C., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.

*For Term Ending*  
Pleasure of Governor

**Referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Ethics and Elections.**

**SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

The following certificate was received:

No. SC14-2350

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF NEED  
FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES.**

[December 22, 2014]

PER CURIAM.

This opinion fulfills our constitutional obligation to determine the State's need for additional judges in Fiscal Year 2015/2016 and to certify our "findings and recommendations concerning such need" to the Legislature.<sup>1</sup> Certification is "the sole mechanism established by our constitution for a systematic and uniform assessment of this need." In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges, 889 So. 2d 734, 735 (Fla. 2004). In this opinion we are certifying a need for thirty-five trial court judges and none in the district courts of appeal as further elaborated below.

**TRIAL COURTS**

The Florida Supreme Court continues to use a weighted caseload system as a primary basis for assessing judicial need for the trial courts.<sup>2</sup> Using objective standards, this Court has examined case filing and disposition data, analyzed various judicial workload indicators, applied a three-year average net need, and considered judgeship requests submitted by the lower courts. Applying this methodology, this Court certifies the need for thirty-five judgeships statewide, three of which are in circuit court and thirty-two in county court as detailed in the attached appendix.

As the state economy continues to steadily improve, we recognize that in a post-recessionary period competing demands for state funding persist across state government. We also note that, due in large part to the recession, the judicial branch has had no increase in trial court judges since 2007, despite a documented need. Nonetheless, our judges and court staff continue to work diligently to administer justice, promptly resolve disputes, and ensure that children, families, and businesses receive the proper amount of judicial attention to their cases.

Our most recent analysis of circuit court statistics from Fiscal Year 2012/2013 to preliminary Fiscal Year 2013/2014 indicates a six percent increase in probate filings, a nine percent increase in dependency filings, and a circuit civil filing (excluding real property/mortgage foreclosures) increase of one percent. Conversely, domestic relations filings declined by three percent, while felony and juvenile delinquency filings experienced a seven percent decline. Similar downward filing trends are occurring nationally, and we continue to closely monitor and analyze filing trends throughout the state as filings and case type filing trends relate to judicial case weights and influence workload analysis. We also continue to control for the foreclosure crisis in our judicial workload forecasts and certification requests, which currently suggest that this crisis will taper off with possible pre-recessionary filing normalization occurring in the summer of 2015, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Notwithstanding decreased filings in some filing categories, our three-year average net need analysis continues to indicate that additional judgeships are necessary in the First (one judge) and Fifth (two judges) judicial circuits. This three-year average net need reflects sustained workload over a multi-year period.

The First Judicial Circuit continues to experience a heavy criminal workload as well as a steady number of tobacco cases, which frequently go to trial and thus require significant judicial labor. The Fifth Judicial Circuit continues to be one of the fastest growing areas of the state with a corresponding workload increase. Within the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Sumter and Lake counties are experiencing significant increases in Hispanic and Asian demographics. These demographics, in turn, have created a surge in court interpreting events which results in additional judicial workload. The circuit is also geographically large requiring circuit judges to spend time traveling between counties, which impacts their availability.

Several chief judges reference high jury trial rates, increases in motions and hearings, and the emergence of more complex civil cases as factors that continue to increase trial court workload. In addition, several chief judges throughout the state continue to advise the Court that statutory requirements for additional hearings for certain case types contribute to case complexity and judicial workload. Two recent examples of requirements that add to case complexity are the Timely Justice Act of 2013, Ch. 2013-216, Laws of Florida, and changes to Jimmy Ryce Act proceedings, Ch. 2014-2 and 2014-3, Laws of Florida. The Timely Justice Act legislation requires additional judicial resources to timely handle post-conviction proceedings for persons sentenced to death. Often, post-conviction motions are complex, involving multiple issues and requiring lengthy evidentiary hearings. The 2014 changes to the Jimmy Ryce Act created a number of procedures, referral processes, and notice requirements that may result in more people being evaluated for commitment and more petitions being filed.

Many of our chief judges express concern about delay associated with obtaining hearing times. In some circuits, dockets are so full that it takes several weeks to schedule a hearing. Similarly, lengthy hearings and jury trials must be scheduled months in advance. Judges continue to report to their chief judges that they are increasingly challenged to devote adequate time to hearings due to increased volume. Case com-

plexity, more and lengthier hearings, and crowded dockets all contribute to court delay.

Our judges also continue to absorb the work previously performed by case managers, law clerks, magistrates, and other supplemental support staff lost in the budget reductions of recent years.<sup>3</sup> Most of these positions provided direct case management, legal research, and adjudicatory support to our judges. The consensus among chief judges is that loss of support staff translates into slower case processing times, congested dockets, and long waits to access judicial calendars.

Despite these identified workload challenges, our trial courts continue to make significant headway towards reducing the overall backlog of foreclosure cases associated with the mortgage foreclosure crisis. For example, from Fiscal Year 2012/2013 to Fiscal Year 2013/2014, the foreclosure backlog was reduced by over fifty percent. In recognition of this protracted crisis the Legislature, using monies from the national mortgage foreclosure settlement,<sup>4</sup> provided dedicated funding for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 and Fiscal Year 2014/2015 that has enabled the court system to secure the services of additional senior judges, magistrates, and case managers. This Court is grateful for that funding. The case managers, magistrates, and senior judges made available through this appropriation are making a difference in reducing the foreclosure backlog throughout the state. We continue to monitor the progress of this backlog for each circuit and regularly communicate with the chief judges to identify issues that might be increasing disposition times.

As with circuit court work, county court workload remains high with unmet judicial need holding steady. In some counties, chief judges report that misdemeanor, domestic, and stalking violence cases are increasing county court workload. Additionally, the passage of new laws each year contributes to the increased workload. For example, in October 2013, the texting while driving law went into effect. This law creates a new infraction that, although a secondary offense, is nonetheless likely to increase judicial caseloads. The loss of civil traffic infraction hearing officers in county court, coupled with added workload associated with new legislation, continues to increase county judge workload. These factors, among others, contribute to such a high county court judicial need.

Additionally, self-represented litigants who are frequently unprepared for the rigors of presenting evidence, following rules of procedure, and generally representing themselves in court also create additional work for trial judges. Increased judicial involvement in these cases where one or more parties represent themselves, entails lengthier hearings, rescheduled hearings, and court delay. The impact of self-represented litigants occurs in both circuit and county courts.

**JUDICIAL WORKLOAD STUDY**

We are now seven years removed from updating the case weights used by this Court to evaluate judicial workload in the trial courts.<sup>5</sup> Consistent with the original recommendations of the 1999 Workload Study, judicial case weights should ideally be updated every five years. Accordingly, the Office of the State Courts Administrator will be updating all of the trial court case weights beginning in early 2015.

As with previous studies, the assessment of workload will be comprehensive and carefully validated and we will keep the Legislature fully apprised through its Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability. Oversight of this initiative will be conducted by the Court Statistics and Workload Committee of the Commission on Trial Court Performance and Accountability. The entire multi-phase study will take approximately sixteen months, with completion expected in the summer of 2016.

**DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL**

We are not certifying a need for district court judges during this certification cycle. As part of our five-year review cycle for the district courts, all district court judges are providing direct feedback on the relative case weights used by this Court to evaluate district court judicial need. Once approved, we anticipate using the revised weights during next year’s judicial certification process. The Court thanks the Legislature for funding the three district court judges certified in last year’s opinion and for its continued support to upgrade district court facilities across the state.

**CONCLUSION**

We have conducted both a quantitative and qualitative assessment of judicial workload. Using the case-weighted methodology and the application of other factors identified in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.240, we certify the need for thirty-five additional trial court judgeships in Florida, consisting of three circuit court judgeships and thirty-two county court judgeships, as set forth in the appendix to this opinion. This certification request is conservative in that we are requesting the minimum number of trial judges necessary to address sustained documented workload.

We continue to closely monitor the downward filing trends for multiple trial court divisions. These factors and others will be carefully documented in the upcoming Judicial Workload Study. We appreciate the legislative appropriation to address the backlog of foreclosure cases throughout the state. The monies provided for senior judges, magistrates, case management, and technology have made a tremendous difference in the court system’s ability to reduce the overall backlog of pending foreclosure cases.

Although constitutionally required to certify judicial need, we are mindful of competing funding needs both elsewhere in state government and within the judicial branch. On balance, we have determined that highest priority should go to those critical issues included in the Judicial Branch’s Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Legislative Budget Request.

It is so ordered.

LABARGA, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANADY, POLSTON, and PERRY, JJ., concur.

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**APPENDIX**

| Circuit      | Trial Court Need               |              | County Court Certified Judges |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|              | Circuit Court Certified Judges | County       |                               |
| 1            | 1                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 2            | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 3            | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 4            | 0                              | Duval        | 3                             |
| 5            | 2                              | Citrus       | 1                             |
|              |                                | Lake         | 1                             |
| 6            | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 7            | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 8            | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 9            | 0                              | Orange       | 1                             |
|              |                                | Osceola      | 1                             |
| 10           | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 11           | 0                              | Miami-Dade   | 8                             |
| 12           | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 13           | 0                              | Hillsborough | 8                             |
| 14           | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 15           | 0                              | Palm Beach   | 5                             |
| 16           | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 17           | 0                              | Broward      | 1                             |
| 18           | 0                              | Seminole     | 1                             |
| 19           | 0                              | N/A          | 0                             |
| 20           | 0                              | Lee          | 2                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>3</b>                       | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>32</b>                     |

1. Article V, section 9, of the Florida Constitution provides in pertinent part:

**Determination of number of judges.**—The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits. If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need.

2. Our certification methodology relies primarily on case weights and calculations of available judge time to determine the need for additional trial court judges. See Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.240.

3. When the case weights were originally developed in 1999 and updated in 2007, they incorporated the availability of supplemental resources to assist judges with case processing matters. It is reasonable to conclude that the loss of these supplemental positions (i.e., case managers, law clerks, and magistrates) may increase the case weights if not restored prior to the next case-weight update.

4. This program is commonly known as the Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative.

5. See [Judicial Resource Study](http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/JRSReport_final.pdf) conducted in Fiscal Year 2006/2007, available at [http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/JRSReport\\_final.pdf](http://www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/260/urlt/JRSReport_final.pdf).

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**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

The Journals of August 11, 2014, Special Session A; and November 18, 2014, Organization Session were corrected and approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Senate adjourned at 2:27 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 18 or upon call of the President.

**SENATE PAGES**

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