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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 8:30 a.m. A quorum present—37:

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Powell
Baxley	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Book	Gruters	Simon
Boyd	Harrell	Stewart
Bradley	Hooper	Thompson
Brodeur	Hutson	Trumbull
Broxson	Ingoglia	Wright
Burgess	Martin	Yarborough
Burton	Mayfield	
Calatayud	Osgood	

Excused: Senators Jones, Polsky, and Torres

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Pastor Quincy Devon Griffin, Sr., Family Worship and Praise Center, Tallahassee:

Good morning. Let us pray. Let us bow our heads. First, I'd like to give you, Lord, glory, honor, and praise because if it had not been for you, we wouldn't have the ability to celebrate the 200 years of victory you have given our great city, Tallahassee, Florida. Lord, we appreciate, and we are appreciative because we are all in some way, or in some capacity, recipients of the grace you have given this municipality. From the glistening waters of Lake Jackson to the hovering canopies of Old St. Augustine Road, we can proudly say you have privileged us to have one of the most beautiful capital cities in this country, and for that we say thank you. We praise you for this city because it's pivotal for education when we look at the institutions of higher learning. Florida State, TCC, and on the highest of seven hills, Florida A & M University. We are thankful for the ability to have adequate healthcare facilities that service all of North Florida and the Panhandle. We are thankful that you blessed this city, but Lord, even though we look at our landmarks, we realize that we are on the brink of something new. So now by your authority and your hand of mercy, touch every leader that you have called to this city by your mighty power. Although they are here to make decisions, they have stepped into a celebration of our 200th year, and Lord, we always say when praises go up, blessings come down. So bless these leaders. Bless them to bless their cities. Bless them to bless their regions, and Lord, let the blessings on Tallahassee flourish throughout the state. Let it flow up to North Florida all the way down to South

Florida. And we declare that the next 200 years of this city will be greater than the former 200 years. We are excited about what you are going to do. We are thankful for being able to say that we are still here and that Tallahassee is still strong. It's in your Son's mighty name we pray; let everybody say, "Amen."

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Jeremiah Belinsky of Daytona Beach; Janae Brown of Orlando; and Patrick Jones of Jacksonville, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Simon—

By Senator Simon—

SR 630—A resolution recognizing the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial and envisioning the powerful next chapter of Florida's Capital community.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial presents the capital of the third-most populous state in the country an opportunity to reflect and celebrate 200 years of remarkable achievements by citizens with drive, determination, and ambition, and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and the surrounding region have a rich human history dating back 15,000 years, with present-day Tallahassee being the site of the Indigenous Apalachee capital of Anhaica, and

WHEREAS, Florida became a U.S. territory in 1821, according to terms of the Adams-Onis Treaty between the United States of America and Spain, and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee was chosen to be the seat of government and Florida's capital for this newly formed territory on March 4, 1824, because of its scenic beauty and enchanting cascade, for the agricultural quality of its rich soils, and because of its strategic geographic position halfway between the historic ports of St. Augustine and Pensacola, and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Leon County were drawn to encompass the newly designated capital, and the county was established by the Territorial Legislature that same year on December 29, 1824, and

WHEREAS, Florida would later be admitted as the twenty-seventh state in the United States in 1845, with the City of Tallahassee as its capital, and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County community has produced world-renowned authors, artists, and leaders in arts, politics, mathematics, science, civil rights, and sports, and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County are home to three world-class higher education institutions, Florida State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and Tallahassee Community College, which collectively serve approximately 70,000 students each year, and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial Commemoration is an opportunity to recognize the impact and contributions of the rich history, natural beauty, ambition, and diversity that the City

of Tallahassee and Leon County have had and continue to have on this state, the nation, and the world, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate recognizes and extends greetings and best wishes to all observing the important milestone of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial and envisions the powerful next chapter of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Mayor of Tallahassee and the Chair of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was taken up instanter, introduced, read the second time by title, and adopted.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Simon recognized Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and Leon County Commission Chair Carolyn Cummings, who were present in the chamber in support of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial. Mayor Dailey and Commissioner Cummings also received a signed copy of SR 630.

At the request of Senator Avila—

By Senator Avila—

SR 336—A resolution recognizing Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami, popularly known as Inter Miami CF, for its outstanding achievements on and off the field, for its passion to bring people together, and for its mission and expanding the vision of “Freedom to Dream.”

WHEREAS, Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami, popularly known as Inter Miami CF, is a professional global fútbol club located in South Florida and born out of its fans’ “Freedom to Dream,” and

WHEREAS, fueled by the passion and drive to bring people together locally, nationally, and internationally, Inter Miami CF was established in 2018 as Major League Soccer’s (MLS’s) 25th club, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the club launched its Inter Miami CF Academy, dedicated to providing local youth with the “Freedom to Dream” through an attainable pathway to the highest levels of the sport, and has since seen seven Academy products sign professional first-team Homegrown Player contracts, and

WHEREAS, Inter Miami CF began its inaugural MLS season in 2020, the year that the club opened its world-class Inter Miami CF Stadium, now DRV PNK Stadium, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Inter Miami CF unveiled its first iconic pink primary jersey, the first all-pink jersey in club history, inspired by and designed for the club’s fans, and

WHEREAS, on National Nonprofit Day 2022, Inter Miami CF announced its community-driven nonprofit arm, the Inter Miami CF Foundation, along with its goal to “harness the power of fútbol to do good” through its support of community initiatives, such as back-to-school drives, cancer research and fundraising, meal and literacy programs, and more, and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2023, Inter Miami CF made groundbreaking signings, securing three of history’s most renowned fútbol players, Lionel Messi, Sergio Busquets, and Jordi Alba, inspiring excitement in the community and significantly contributing to the growth of the sport locally and nationally, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2023, Inter Miami CF reached a major milestone by defeating Nashville SC in a dramatic penalty shootout to win the 2023 Leagues Cup title, the club’s first major trophy, with forward and team captain Lionel Messi earning the Leagues Cup Best Player and Top Scorer awards, and goalkeeper Drake Callender earning Man of the Match honors and the Leagues Cup Best Goalkeeper award, and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, Inter Miami CF announced that construction had begun on Miami Freedom Park, a state-of-the-art 25,000-seat fútbol-specific stadium in the City of Miami which will be the club’s new home and a significant addition to local sports infrastructure, providing economic and entertainment benefits to the South Florida community, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami is recognized for its outstanding achievements on and off the field, for its passion to bring people together, and for its mission and expanding the vision of “Freedom to Dream.”

—was taken up instanter, introduced, read the second time by title, and adopted.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Avila recognized Mike Ridley, Senior Vice President, Brand and Marketing for Inter Miami; Cristina Canales, Office of the Managing Owner; Adriana Sandoval, Director of Community Events; and Daniel Leon, Legislative Liaison, who were present in the chamber in support of Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami. They also received a signed copy of SR 336.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

At the direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to the recognition of Karen Chandler, Coordinator of the Office of Legislative Services (OLS), honoring her service to the Senate, OLS, and the State of Florida.

Senator Hutson recognized Karen Chandler’s years of service to the legislature and her upcoming retirement. Karen has served as the Coordinator of the Office of Legislative Services for over 15 years. She leads the team that processes the legislature’s payroll, health insurance, and travel reimbursements among other responsibilities. Karen served as President McKay’s Deputy Chief of Staff and spokesperson during his presidency. She was the Director of Senate Administration and worked for multiple Presidents during her tenure in the Senate. Karen also worked for Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher for many years.

SPECIAL GUESTS

President Passidomo recognized former Senate President John McKay, and his wife, Michelle, who were present in the chamber.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Thompson—

By Senator Thompson—

SR 1800—A resolution recognizing January 16, 2024, as “Zeta Phi Beta Day” in Florida, celebrating 104 years of community service and activism on the organization’s International Founders’ Day.

WHEREAS, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement and community service, and

WHEREAS, five remarkable women, Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women and sought to establish a new organization with the precepts of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood, and

WHEREAS, the organization counts among its illustrious alumni the acclaimed author and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, who grew up in Eatonville and was considered by many to be one of the best authors of the 20th century as well as a key figure of the Harlem Renaissance, and

WHEREAS, today, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's programs include the endowment of the organization's National Educational Foundation and community volunteerism, including providing scholarships, supporting charitable organizations, and promoting social and civic initiatives at the national, state, and local levels, and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; its auxiliary groups, the Zeta Amicae and the Zeta Male Network; and its youth groups will gather at the Capitol to support causes that align with the organization's strategic plans and its 2024 theme, The Extraordinary Power of S.H.E. (social, health, and economic justice), and

WHEREAS, those in attendance will include the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's leadership team, composed of International President and Chief Executive Officer Stacie Grant, Southeastern Regional Director Vicki Pearson, State of Florida Director Paula Kay, and Florida Social Action Chair Diana Jordan Baldwin, and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., will celebrate 104 years of community service and activism on its International Founders' Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That January 16, 2024, is recognized as "Zeta Phi Beta Day" in Florida, celebrating 104 years of community service and activism on the organization's International Founders' Day.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Thompson recognized members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority who were present in the gallery in support of SR 1800, celebrating 104 years of community service and activism on the organization's International Founders' Day, January 16, 2024.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 258

The bill was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 764

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 84; SB 434

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

Senate Bills 2-1600—Previously introduced.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1602—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.026, F.S.; requiring that certain instructions be prominently displayed on certain Internet websites; amending s. 97.052, F.S.; revising the information that the uniform statewide voter registration application must be designed to elicit from an applicant and must contain;

amending s. 97.053, F.S.; requiring the Department of State and supervisors of elections to verify certain information relating to citizenship status; providing that eligibility to vote must be verified in a certain manner; requiring a supervisor of elections to refer certain matters to the Office of Election Crimes and Security; amending s. 97.0535, F.S.; requiring certain voter registration applicants who have not previously voted in the state to provide certain identification before voting; revising the forms of identification that may be accepted for a certain purpose; revising the persons who are exempt from certain identification requirements; providing that certain persons currently residing outside the United States must meet certain requirements; providing that certain identification may be submitted in a certain manner; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide an opportunity to register to vote or update voter registration records to certain individuals; requiring the department to provide certain notification to certain individuals; requiring a voter registration applicant to provide a wet signature; requiring the department to offer certain opportunities to certain individuals; requiring the department to send voter registration applications or certain instructions to certain individuals; requiring the department to notify the Department of State of certain information; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide certain weekly and bi-weekly reports to the Department of State and supervisors of elections; requiring a supervisor of elections to remove certain persons from the statewide voter registration system; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; requiring a third-party voter registration organization to provide a certain affirmation to the Division of Elections; amending s. 97.0585, F.S.; providing that certain information is not exempt from public records requirements; amending s. 97.1031, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to verify an elector's eligibility status using all available data sources in certain circumstances; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to use all available data sources to make a certain determination; providing that the receipt of certain information from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be considered a request from a voter for his or her removal from the statewide voter registration system; requiring the Department of State to include certain information in the database of valid residential street addresses; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 98.065, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to conduct certain bulk list maintenance at least quarterly; requiring a supervisor of elections to at least quarterly analyze the voter registration database for a certain purpose and to take certain actions; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; requiring a supervisor of elections to remove certain names from the statewide voter registration system after certain verification using Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records; requiring a supervisor of elections to take certain actions upon receipt of, access to, or knowledge of certain information from a credible source; specifying certain credible sources of certain information; requiring a supervisor of elections to send an address confirmation and an address confirmation final notice in certain circumstances; amending s. 98.093, F.S.; requiring state and local government agencies to facilitate the provision of certain information and data access to the Department of State and supervisors of elections; amending s. 98.255, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to adopt rules relating to nonpartisan voter education; requiring a county supervisor to provide certain education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections; the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Book—

SB 1604—A bill to be entitled An act relating to digital voyeurism; amending s. 810.145, F.S.; providing definitions; redesignating the offense of "video voyeurism" as "digital voyeurism"; revising the elements of the offense; providing criminal penalties; providing reduced criminal penalties for certain violations by persons who are under 19 years of age; redesignating the offense of "video voyeurism dissemination" as "digital voyeurism dissemination"; revising the elements of the offense; providing criminal penalties; providing reduced criminal penalties for certain violations by persons who are under 19 years of age; specifying that each instance of certain violations is a separate offense; providing for reclassification of certain violations by family or household members of a victim; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; amending ss.

397.417, 435.04, 456.074, 775.0862, 775.15, 775.21, 943.0435, 943.0584, 944.606, 944.607, and 1012.315, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1606—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Municipal Solid Waste-to-Energy Program; amending s. 377.814, F.S.; revising the state agency responsible for administering the Municipal Solid Waste-to-Energy Program; revising the requirements necessary for municipal solid waste-to-energy facilities to be eligible to receive financial assistance and incentive grant funding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Environment and Natural Resources; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1608—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibitions related to 340B drugs; creating s. 626.8829, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting certain actions by health insurance issuers, pharmacy benefit managers, or other third-party payors, or their agents, relating to reimbursement to a 340B entity for 340B drugs; providing applicability; prohibiting certain actions by manufacturers relating to interference with the acquisition of a 340B drug; prohibiting a manufacturer's interference with a pharmacy's right to contract with a 340B entity; providing that each commission of certain acts constitutes a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and subjects the violator to certain actions and penalties; providing that each commission of a prohibited act constitutes a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Osgood—

SB 1610—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial accountability in publicly funded education; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising requirements for a private school to participate in certain educational scholarship programs; requiring the Department of Education to suspend the payment of funds to participating private schools under certain circumstances; creating s. 1011.781, F.S.; creating the K-12 Education Funding Task Force within the department; providing the purpose of the task force; providing for membership of the task force; providing for the terms of task force members; providing requirements for the selection of a chair, for a quorum, and for meetings of the task force; authorizing task force members to receive specified reimbursements; providing the duties and responsibilities of the task force; requiring the task force to annually provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature and to make the report available to the public; providing requirements for the report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Education Pre-K -12; the Appropriations Committee on Education; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1612—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adult cardiovascular care standards; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; deleting the requirement for the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt certain rules for adult inpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterization programs; revising standards for rules relating to adult cardiovascular services; requiring the agency to update its rules as often as necessary to remain consistent with new standards and guidelines published by certain entities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Health Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1614—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high school graduation requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; authorizing students earning a standard high school diploma through the Career and Technical Education graduation pathway option to meet a certain assessment requirement by earning a specified score on the Mathematics Postsecondary Education Readiness Test; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Education Pre-K -12; the Appropriations Committee on Education; and the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Calatayud—

SB 1616—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic access to official records; amending s. 28.2221, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the court to make certain information available in a searchable database on the clerk's official website; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Martin—

SB 1618—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interception and disclosure of oral communications; amending s. 934.03, F.S.; authorizing the interception and recording of an oral communication by the parent or legal guardian of a child under a specified age under certain circumstances; requiring that the recording be provided to a law enforcement agency; prohibiting any further dissemination or sharing of the recording; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surplus lands; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to make certain determinations for lands surplus by a local governmental entity; prohibiting future development rights from being attached to certain local governmental entity surplus lands; prohibiting the attachment of future development rights for certain surplus lands; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to surplus certain state-owned conservation lands; providing requirements for such action; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund beginning on a specified date; providing requirements for the report; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; requiring certain determinations by water management districts for surplus lands; prohibiting future development rights from being attached to certain water management district surplus lands; prohibiting the attachment of future development rights for certain surplus lands; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Trumbull—

SB 1622—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 624.3161, F.S.; revising the entities for which the Office of Insurance Regulation is required to conduct market conduct examinations; revising the purpose of the examination; amending s. 624.424, F.S.; requiring insurers and insurer groups to file a specified supplemental report on a monthly basis; requiring that such report include certain information for each zip code for which policies are written; amending s. 624.4305, F.S.; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules related to notice of nonrenewal of residential property insurance

policies; amending s. 624.46226, F.S.; revising the requirements for public housing authority self-insurance funds; amending s. 626.9201, F.S.; prohibiting insurers from canceling or nonrenewing certain insurance policies under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; authorizing the commission to adopt rules and the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation to issue orders; providing construction; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; specifying requirements for rate filings if certain models are used; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising requirements for certain policies that are not subject to certain rate increase limitations; amending ss. 628.011 and 628.061, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 628.801, F.S.; revising requirements for rules adopted for insurers that are members of an insurance holding company; deleting an obsolete date; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 629.011, F.S.; defining terms; revising the definition of the term “reciprocal insurance”; repealing s. 629.021, F.S., relating to the definition of the term “reciprocal insurer”; repealing s. 629.031, F.S., relating to the scope of ch. 629, F.S.; amending s. 629.051, F.S.; requiring a domestic reciprocal insurer to have and use certain names; requiring certain foreign or alien reciprocal insurers to use a fictitious name; creating s. 629.056, F.S.; requiring a reciprocal insurer to maintain a certain unearned premium reserves; defining the term “net written premiums”; requiring certain actions if the unearned premium reserves are less than a certain amount; repealing s. 629.061, F.S., relating to the term “attorney”; amending s. 629.071, F.S.; revising the surplus funds required of a reciprocal insurer; amending s. 629.081, F.S.; revising the procedure for persons to organize as a domestic reciprocal insurer; specifying requirements for the permit application; requiring that the application be accompanied by a specified fee; requiring the office to evaluate and grant or deny the permit application in accordance with specified provisions; amending s. 629.091, F.S.; providing requirements for the application for a certificate of authority to operate as a domestic reciprocal insurer; requiring that such certificate of authority be issued in the name of the reciprocal insurer to its attorney in fact; creating s. 629.094, F.S.; requiring a domestic reciprocal insurer to meet certain requirements to maintain its eligibility for a certificate of authority; amending s. 629.101, F.S.; revising requirements for the power of attorney given by subscribers of a domestic reciprocal insurer to the attorney in fact; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 629.111, F.S.; requiring that modifications of the terms of certain agreements, charters, and powers of attorney be made jointly by the attorney in fact and the subscribers’ advisory committee; prohibiting such modifications from taking effect until approval in writing by the office; amending s. 629.121, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the amount of the bond the attorney in fact of a reciprocal insurer must file with the office; amending ss. 629.131 and 629.141, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 629.161, F.S.; revising the requirements for a reciprocal insurer that borrows money; providing applicability; amending s. 629.171, F.S.; revising the manner of making and filing the annual statement of a reciprocal insurer; amending s. 629.191, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 629.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 629.225, F.S.; prohibiting persons from acquiring certain securities or ownership interests of certain attorneys in fact and controlling companies of certain attorneys in fact; providing an exception; authorizing certain persons to request that the office waive certain requirements; providing that the office may waive certain requirements if specified determinations are made; specifying the requirements of an application to the office relating to certain acquisitions; requiring that such application be accompanied by a specified fee; requiring that amendments be filed with the office under certain circumstances; specifying the manner in which the acquisition application must be reviewed; authorizing the office, and requiring the office if a request for a proceeding is filed, to conduct a proceeding within a specified timeframe to consider the appropriateness of such application; requiring that certain time periods be tolled; requiring that written requests for a proceeding be filed within a certain timeframe; authorizing certain persons to take all steps to conclude the acquisition during the pendency of the proceeding or review period; requiring the office to order a proposed acquisition disapproved and that actions to conclude the acquisition be ceased under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from making certain changes during the pendency of the office’s review of an acquisition; providing an exception; defining the terms “material change in the operation of the attorney in fact” and “material change in the management of the attorney in fact”; requiring the office to approve or disapprove certain changes upon making certain findings; requiring that a proceeding be conducted within a certain timeframe;

requiring that recommended orders and final orders be issued within a certain timeframe; specifying the circumstances under which the office may disapprove an acquisition; specifying that certain persons have the burden of proof; requiring the office to approve an acquisition upon certain findings; specifying that certain votes are not valid and that certain acquisitions are void; specifying that certain provisions may be enforced by an injunction; creating a private right of action in favor of the attorney in fact or the controlling company to enforce certain provisions; providing that a certain demand upon the office is not required before certain legal actions; providing that the office is not a necessary party to certain actions; specifying the persons who are deemed designated for service of process and who have submitted to the administrative jurisdiction of the office; providing that approval by the office does not constitute a certain recommendation; providing that certain actions are unlawful; providing criminal penalties; providing a statute of limitations; authorizing a person to rebut a presumption of control by filing certain disclaimers; specifying the contents of such disclaimer; specifying that, after a disclaimer is filed, the attorney in fact is relieved of a certain duty; authorizing the office to order certain persons to cease acquisition of the attorney in fact or controlling company and divest themselves of any stock or ownership interest under certain circumstances; requiring the office to suspend or revoke the reciprocal certificate of authority under certain circumstances; specifying that the attorney in fact is deemed to be hazardous to its policyholders if the reciprocal insurer is subject to suspension or revocation; authorizing the office to offer the reciprocal insurer the ability to cure any suspension or revocation under certain circumstances; providing applicability; creating s. 629.227, F.S.; specifying the information as to the background and identity of certain persons which must be furnished by such persons; amending s. 629.231, F.S.; authorizing the levy of assessments upon subscribers of certain assessable reciprocal insurers; requiring that assessments be approved in advance by certain entities; requiring the office to revoke the authorization to convert upon impairment of a surplus of a nonassessable reciprocal insurer; providing for policies that remain in force after such revocation and prohibiting reciprocal insurers from issuing new policies that do not require contingent assessment liability from new subscribers; amending ss. 629.241 and 629.251, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 629.261, F.S., relating to nonassessable policies; amending ss. 629.271 and 629.281, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 629.291, F.S.; providing that certain insurers that merge are governed by the insurance code; prohibiting domestic stock insurers from being converted to reciprocal insurers; requiring that specified plans be filed with the office and that such plans contain certain information; authorizing the conversion of assessable reciprocal insurers to nonassessable reciprocal insurers under certain circumstances; providing certain procedures when certain reciprocal insurers convert; prohibiting a reciprocal insurer that becomes impaired from issuing or converting certain policies; providing applicability; amending s. 629.301, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the procedures that apply when an insurer becomes insolvent; repealing s. 629.401, F.S., relating to insurance exchanges; repealing s. 629.520, F.S., relating to the authority of limited reciprocal insurers; creating s. 629.525, F.S.; requiring the commission to adopt, amend, or repeal certain rules; amending ss. 163.01, 624.413, 624.45, and 626.9531, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring compliance by reciprocal insurers and attorneys in fact with increased surplus requirements and bond requirements, respectively, imposed by the act by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1624—A bill to be entitled An act relating to energy resources; creating s. 163.3210, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; allowing resiliency facilities in certain land use categories in local government comprehensive plans and specified districts if certain criteria are met; allowing local governments to adopt ordinances for resiliency facilities if certain requirements are met; prohibiting amendments to a local government’s comprehensive plan, land use map, zoning districts, or land development regulations in a manner that would conflict with resiliency facility classification after a specified date; amending s. 286.29, F.S.; revising energy guidelines for public

businesses; eliminating the requirement that the Department of Management Services develop and maintain the Florida Climate-Friendly Preferred Products List; eliminating the requirement that state agencies contract for meeting and conference space only with facilities that have a Green Lodging designations; eliminating the requirement that state agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local governments that procure new vehicles under a state purchasing plan select certain vehicles under a specified circumstance; requiring the Department of Management Services to develop a Florida Humane Preferred Energy Products List in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for assessment considerations in developing the list; defining the term “forced labor”; requiring state agencies and political subdivisions that procure energy products from state term contracts to consult the list and purchase or procure such products; prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from purchasing or procuring products not included in the list; creating 320.97, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Electric Vehicle Battery Deposit Program within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing the requirements of the program; allowing the department to adopt rules; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature as it relates to the Electric Vehicle Battery Deposit Program by a specified date; amending s. 338.234, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to offer access to vendors of certain fuels or services access to the turnpike system in certain instances; amending s. 366.032, F.S.; including development districts as a type of political subdivision for purposes of preemption over utility service restrictions; creating s. 366.057, F.S.; defining the term “electrical power plant”; requiring a public utility to petition the Public Service Commission within a specified time before retiring an electrical power plant; requiring the commission to enter a final order in response to the petition within a specified time; setting forth what the commission must take into consideration in entering its final order; requiring the commission to notify the Attorney General of the retirement of an electrical power plant in specified circumstances; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; removing terminology; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the commission upon a specified date to approve voluntary public utility programs for electric vehicle charging if certain requirements are met; requiring that all revenues received from such program be credited to the public utility’s general body of ratepayers; providing applicability; amending s. 377.601, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 377.6015, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 377.703, F.S.; revising additional functions of the department relating to energy resources; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 377.801, F.S., relating to the Florida Energy and Climate Protection Act; repealing s. 377.802, F.S., relating to the purpose of the act; repealing s. 377.803, F.S., relating to definitions under the act; repealing s. 377.804, F.S., relating to the Renewable Energy and Energy-Efficient Technologies Grants Program; repealing s. 377.808, F.S., relating to the Florida Green Government Grants Act; repealing s. 377.809, F.S., relating to the Energy Economic Zone Pilot Program; repealing s. 377.816, F.S., relating to the Qualified Energy Conservation Bond Allocation Program; prohibiting the approval of new or additional applications, certifications, or allocations under such programs; prohibiting new contracts, agreements, and awards under such programs; rescinding all certifications or allocations issued under such programs; providing an exception; providing application relating to existing contracts or agreements under such programs; amending ss. 288.9606 and 380.0651, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 403.9405, F.S.; revising the applicability of the Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Siting Act; amending s. 720.3075, F.S.; prohibiting certain homeowners’ association documents from precluding certain types or fuel sources of energy production and the use of certain appliances; directing the commission to ensure that electrical energy technologies are used in a specified manner through market-based policies and electric grid improvements; requiring the commission to develop specified policies for smart energy; requiring that such policies also address the modernization of the state’s electric grid and ensure that equipment used is manufactured in the United States or countries engaged in commerce within the United States pursuant to free trade agreements; requiring the commission by a specified date to submit a report to the Legislature that contains such established policies; requiring the commission to conduct an assessment of the security and resiliency of the state’s electric grid and natural gas facilities against physical threats and cyber threats; requiring the commission to

consult with the Florida Digital Service; requiring cooperation from all operating facilities in the state relating to such assessment; requiring the commission to submit by a specified date a report of such assessment to the Governor and the Legislature; providing additional content requirements for such report; requiring the commission to study and evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of using advanced nuclear power technologies to meet the electrical power needs of the state; requiring the commission to submit by a specified date a report to the Governor and the Legislature that contains its findings and any additional recommendations for potential legislative or administrative actions; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to study and evaluate the potential development of hydrogen fueling infrastructure to support hydrogen-powered vehicles; requiring the department to submit by a specified date a report to the Governor and the Legislature that contains its findings and recommendations for specified actions that may accommodate the future development of hydrogen fueling infrastructure; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1626—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the mental health of minors; amending s. 394.462, F.S.; requiring that certain transportation plans include options for transporting minors to certain facilities which do not involve marked police vehicles or uniformed law enforcement officers; creating s. 394.4635, F.S.; defining the terms “immediately” and “serious bodily harm”; specifying the conditions that must be met for a minor to be taken to a receiving facility for involuntary examination; specifying requirements for initiating a minor’s involuntary examination and his or her transportation to the nearest appropriate facility; specifying requirements for receiving facilities relating to such minors; requiring that court orders for involuntary examinations be made a part of the minor’s clinical record; prohibiting a fee from being charged for filing such orders; requiring facilities receiving minors for involuntary examination to provide certain orders and reports to the Department of Children and Families within a specified timeframe; providing for the validity of such orders; authorizing law enforcement officers to take minors who appear to meet certain criteria into custody and transport such minors to a certain facility for a specified determination; providing requirements for law enforcement officers initiating involuntary examinations of minors or transporting minors to such examinations; prohibiting law enforcement officers from taking certain actions under certain circumstances; prohibiting minors undergoing involuntary examinations initiated by law enforcement officers from being held at receiving facilities for longer than a specified period; providing an exception; requiring law enforcement officers who initiate an involuntary examination of a minor to execute a written report containing specified information; requiring facilities to send such reports to the department within a specified timeframe; requiring the law enforcement officer’s agency to retain such report and to provide a copy of the report to a minor’s parent or guardian upon request; requiring that certain reports and certificates be made part of a minor’s clinical record; requiring facilities receiving minors for involuntary examinations to create specified records; authorizing a minor’s parent or guardian to remain with the minor at any time between the minor’s arrival and when examination occurs; providing an exception; requiring facility staff to explain to the minor and minor’s parent or guardian certain patient rights; requiring facility staff to attempt to contact the minor’s parent or guardian to obtain consent; providing an exception; authorizing certain medical professionals to write certifications within a certain time period stating that they have examined the minor and make findings as to whether that minor meets the criteria for involuntary commitment; requiring certain persons to take into custody a minor who meet less restrictive means for evaluation when such less restrictive means are not available; requiring a law enforcement officer who transports a minor to write a written report specifying certain information; requiring facilities to submit such records and copies of certain reports to the department in a sworn report; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring facilities to notify minors and their parents or guardians of the minor’s right to counsel and to provide minors with the opportunity to immediately consult and be represented by counsel; providing requirements for the transportation of minors to

facilities for involuntary examination; requiring that specified examinations of minors admitted to a receiving facility after an involuntary examination be initiated by certain persons; requiring that minors be released from receiving facilities as soon as a specified determination is made; requiring facilities to have at least one staff member with the authority to make such determinations at the facility at all times; authorizing emergency treatment of minors under certain circumstances; requiring that minors be immediately released if a parent or guardian revokes consent for the minor's admission; prohibiting an examination period from lasting longer than a specified amount of time; requiring that certain actions be taken within the examination period; requiring petitions for involuntary inpatient placement be filed by the facility administrator and contain sworn statements under penalty of perjury that the minor meets the criteria for involuntary placement; prohibiting students from being removed from schools and transported to a receiving facility for involuntary examination unless certain requirements are met; requiring facilities to contact schools for specified information under certain circumstances; requiring facilities to notify the department if schools fail to provide such information; requiring the department, in consultation with the Department of Education, to take certain actions relating to such schools; prohibiting minors receiving treatment for mental illness from being deprived of specified privacy rights; providing construction; requiring that minors be provided with parental or guardian contact; providing an exception; providing construction; requiring receiving facility staff to consult with certain persons to ensure continuity of care and prevent disruption to existing medication regimens; requiring that certain conditions be met before giving or prescribing a minor certain psychotropic medication; providing remedies for minors for specified violations; providing immunity for certain persons acting in good faith; providing an exception; requiring facilities examining minors on a voluntary basis to provide the department with a report containing specified information and copies of certain other reports within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to annually publish specified data relating to such reports; providing construction; requiring the department to contract with a consultancy on crisis services to review the provision of crisis services for minors; providing requirements for such review; providing construction; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; revising requirements for minors to be ordered for involuntary inpatient placement; defining the term "serious bodily harm"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 409.996, F.S.; revising duties of the department relating to evaluations of lead agencies and monitoring out-of-home placements; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; revising data that must be provided by the Office of Safe Schools to support the evaluation of specified mental health services; requiring that the data be updated monthly and made available on the department's website; authorizing the department to adopt rules; defining the term "mandatory mental health treatment"; requiring school districts, charter school sponsors, and other entities operating a public school to develop, implement, and submit to the office specified policies and procedures by a specified date; providing requirements for such policies and procedures; requiring the office to monitor the effectiveness of such policies and procedures; requiring the Department of Education to adopt rules implementing the most effective policies and procedures on a statewide basis; creating the Telehealth Pilot Program within the Department of Children and Families; providing a purpose for the program; requiring certain persons transporting minors to receiving facilities to first obtain specified advice through telehealth services; prohibiting the telehealth services from being provided by an entity that provides involuntary examination services; requiring the department to analyze and compare specified data and prepare a report summarizing the impact of the program; requiring the department to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the Legislature to appropriate funds necessary for the creation and administration of the pilot program; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing for future expiration; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1628—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government actions; amending ss. 125.66, 125.675, 166.041, and 166.0411 F.S.; re-

vising applicability provisions for the enactment or adoption of and legal challenges to county and municipal ordinances, respectively; creating s. 186.921, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative findings; requiring local governments to seek to minimize or eliminate the potential negative impacts of a local government action; authorizing affected entities to submit written requests to the appropriate departments for impact reviews under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such requests and the responses to such requests; requiring affected entities to provide certain information to the appropriate departments; requiring a department to issue an impact review within a specified timeframe and to consider specified potential impacts; requiring local governments to hold specified meetings upon receipt of an impact review; prohibiting additional impact reviews for the same local government action under certain circumstances; providing construction; authorizing rulemaking; requiring the appropriate departments to consult with each other regarding certain guidelines and procedures; providing applicability; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Public Service Commission to adopt emergency rules; providing for future expiration of such rulemaking authority; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1630—A bill to be entitled An act relating to climate resilience; creating s. 380.0939, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to establish the Blue Communities Program for a specified purpose; providing duties of the program; authorizing the department to delegate and integrate certain initiatives; providing blue community eligibility requirements; requiring the department to establish a Blue Communities Fund for specified purposes; requiring the department to administer and oversee the Blue Communities Program, adopt rules, adopt a funding structure, and submit reports containing specified information to the Legislature by a specified date; creating s. 380.245, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; establishing an advisory board within the department; providing for membership; establishing the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Grant Fund within the department; specifying sources and uses of funding; specifying factors to be considered in determining the eligibility and prioritization of projects; specifying eligibility requirements for projects; prohibiting grant funds from being used for certain purposes; providing for a grant disbursement process and the submittal of reports to the Legislature at specified intervals by the department and the Florida Oceans and Coastal Council; requiring the department and the council to adopt rules; creating s. 377.8061, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings regarding the purpose of the Florida Carbon Sequestration Act; creating the Carbon Sequestration Advisory Council within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for membership and expenses of the council; requiring the department to provide meeting space and certain assistance; specifying duties of the council; requiring the department, in consultation with the council, to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying report contents; requiring a second report by a specified date which includes a certain assessment conducted in consultation with the council; providing requirements for the assessment; authorizing the department to contract with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for certain purposes; authorizing the department to apply for and accept certain sources of public and private funds; creating the Carbon Sequestration Assessment Cash Account within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for specified purposes; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to credit certain moneys received to the account; creating s. 379.27, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing a purpose; establishing the Ocean Stewardship Special Account within the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be administered by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for specified purposes; specifying sources and uses of funding; providing for administrative procedures; requiring owners of certain commercial vessels and operators of rental watercraft or water sports equipment to collect an ocean stewardship user fee from passengers or customers, respectively; specifying the fee amount; requiring such fees to be deposited into the Ocean Stewardship Special Account; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1632—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 the personal identifying and location information of certain current or former personnel of the Agency for Health Care Administration and their spouses and children; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1634—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career offenders; amending s. 322.141, F.S.; requiring that all licenses for the operation of motor vehicles or identification cards issued or reissued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to persons designated as career offenders subject to registration under specified provisions have a specified marking on the front of the cards; requiring each career offender to report to the department during his or her birth month to obtain an updated or renewed driver license or identification cards unless previously secured or updated; making technical changes; amending s. 775.261, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “permanent residence” and “temporary residence”; defining the term “vehicles owned”; revising the criteria for having to register as a career offender; revising the required actions and the required information that a career offender must provide upon registration; requiring the sheriff’s office to promptly provide to the Department of Law Enforcement specified data and information received from the career offender; revising timeframes within which a career offender is required to report to a driver license office of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or report directly to the department; providing an exception; revising requirements that a career offender must comply with at the driver license office; requiring that, if a career offender is in the custody of a local jail, the custodian of the local jail notify the Department of Law Enforcement within a specified timeframe after intake of the career offender for any reason and upon release; requiring the custodian to take a digitized photograph of the career offender and provide the photograph to the department; requiring a career offender to report in person to a driver license office within a specified timeframe after any change in the career offender’s permanent or temporary residence; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to forward to the Department of Law Enforcement all photographs and information provided by a career offender; authorizing the department to release license reproductions to the department for the purpose of public notification; requiring a career offender to report in person to the sheriff’s office after specified occurrences; providing criminal penalties; revising reporting requirements and applicable timeframes that a career offender must comply with if he or she intends to establish a permanent or temporary residence or to travel; requiring county and local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Department of Law Enforcement, to, at a minimum, annually verify the addresses of certain career offenders; authorizing county and local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Department of Law Enforcement, to annually verify the addresses of certain career offenders; requiring county and local law enforcement agencies to report to the department any failures by career offenders to register; requiring that the department receive notice of petitions for the removal of the requirement for registration as career offenders within a specified timeframe before a hearing on the petition; authorizing the department to present evidence in opposition to the requested relief or otherwise demonstrate reasons to deny the petition; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to maintain online computer access to the current information regarding each registered career offender; revising the list of requirements for which failure of a career offender to comply constitutes a criminal offense; specifying that each instance of a failure to register or report changes to specified required information constitutes a separate offense; expanding the jurisdictions under which career offender may be prosecuted for violations of specified acts or omissions; specifying cir-

cumstances which constitute actual notice for a career offender of the duty to register; increasing the criminal penalties for existing prohibited acts relating to assisting career offenders in noncompliance with specified requirements or withholding or providing false information to law enforcement agencies; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; amending s. 944.608, F.S.; defining terms; providing a timeframe under which certain career offenders are required to register with the Department of Corrections and provide specified information; requiring the department to report to the Department of Law Enforcement any failures by career offenders to register; revising the information that the Department of Corrections must provide to the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring that, if a career offender is in the custody of a local jail, the custodian of the local jail notify the Department of Law Enforcement within a specified timeframe after intake of the career offender for any reason and upon release; requiring the custodian to take a digitized photograph of the career offender and provide the photograph to the department; authorizing the supervising federal agency to forward certain information to the Department of Law Enforcement if a career offender is under federal supervision and to indicate whether use of the information is subject to certain restrictions; specifying the jurisdictions under which a career offender may be prosecuted for violations of specified acts or omissions; specifying circumstances which constitute actual notice for a career offender of the duty to register; providing criminal penalties for committing specified prohibited acts relating to assisting career offenders in noncompliance with specified requirements or withholding or providing false information to law enforcement agencies; providing applicability; conforming cross-references; making technical changes; amending s. 944.609, F.S.; defining terms; revising legislative findings; revising the information that the Department of Corrections is required to provide regarding career offenders being released after serving periods of incarceration for any offense; specifying a timeframe under which the custodian of a local jail must notify the Department of Law Enforcement after intake of a career offender for any reason and upon release; making technical and clarifying changes; reenacting ss. 320.02(4) and 322.19(1), F.S., relating to registration required and application for registration, and forms and change of address or name, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 775.261, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 775.13(4), F.S., relating to registration of convicted felons, exemptions, and penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to ss. 775.261 and 944.609, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1636—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance use disorder treatment services; creating s. 397.342, F.S.; creating the Substance Use Disorder Housing Advisory Council; providing legislative findings and intent; providing for membership; requiring the University of South Florida College of Public Health to assist the advisory council in conducting a study to evaluate national best practice standards for specified purposes; providing for funding of the study; requiring the advisory council to conduct a review of statewide zoning codes for specified purposes; providing for reports by specified dates; providing for future repeal; amending s. 397.305, F.S.; revising and providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing addiction treatment services to be provided through for-profit providers; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; providing that the certification of recovery residences that meet specified standards protects certain persons; requiring certain recovery residences to keep specified records confidential; prohibiting a local law, ordinance, or regulation from regulating the duration or frequency of resident stay at certain recovery residences; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1638—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funding for environmental resource management; creating s. 260.0145, F.S.; creating,

subject to appropriation, the Local Trail Management Grant Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for a specified purpose; providing for the administration and prioritization of awards; specifying the authorized and prohibited uses of grant funds; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; creating s. 380.095, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Revenue to distribute, on a monthly basis, a specified percentage of the revenue share payments received under the 2021 gaming compact; providing requirements for the distributions; creating s. 403.0676, F.S.; creating the Water Quality Work Program within the Department of Environmental Protection; providing the purpose of the program; creating a water quality project revolving loan program within the department for a specified purpose; authorizing the department to provide loans to local governments for certain water projects; providing requirements for and the terms of such loans; requiring the department to develop a 5-year work plan for the water quality project revolving loan program; providing for funding for the program; providing project eligibility requirements; requiring the department to contract with the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University for specified purposes; requiring the Water School to provide certain recommendations; requiring the department to implement the loan program based upon the recommendations; requiring the department to create application procedures for the loan program; requiring the Water School, subject to appropriation, to conduct a study to identify and analyze certain impaired water bodies; providing requirements for the study; authorizing the Water School to work with the department and use specified data; amending s. 403.890, F.S.; revising the purposes for which the department must use certain revenues deposited into or appropriated to the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund; requiring certain funds to be kept in a separate account and be used only for specified purposes; providing requirements for such funds; providing appropriations to the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida and the Water School for specified purposes; requiring the IFAS and the Water School to submit reports to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an appropriation to the Water School for a specified study; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1640—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payments for health care services; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; establishing a 3-year statute of limitations for an action to collect medical debt for services rendered by certain health care facilities; creating s. 222.26, F.S.; providing additional personal property exemptions from legal process for medical debts resulting from services provided in certain licensed facilities; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; requiring certain licensed facilities to post on their respective websites a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for a minimum number of shoppable health care services; requiring the facilities to provide such information in an alternative format as requested by the patient; defining terms; requiring licensed facilities to provide a good faith estimate of reasonably anticipated charges to the patient's health insurer and the patient, prospective patient, or patient's legal guardian within specified timeframes; requiring such facilities to provide the estimate in the manner selected by the patient, prospective patient, or patient's legal guardian; revising notification requirements for such estimates to include notification of a patient's legal guardian, if any; deleting the requirement that licensed facilities educate the public on the availability of such estimates upon request; revising a penalty; deleting construction; requiring licensed facilities to establish an internal grievance process for patients to submit grievances, including to dispute charges; requiring licensed facilities to make available on their respective websites information necessary for initiating a grievance; requiring licensed facilities to respond to a patient grievance within a specified timeframe; requiring licensed facilities to disclose certain information to patients, prospective patients, and patients' legal guardians, as applicable; providing a civil penalty; creating s. 395.3011, F.S.; defining the term "extraordinary collection action"; prohibiting licensed facilities from engaging in extraordinary collection actions against individuals to obtain payment for services

under specified circumstances; amending s. 624.27, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "health care provider" for purposes of direct health care agreements; creating s. 627.446, F.S.; defining the term "health insurer"; requiring health insurers to provide an insured with an advanced explanation of benefits after receiving a patient estimate from a facility for scheduled services; providing requirements for the advanced explanation of benefits; creating s. 627.447, F.S.; prohibiting health insurers from prohibiting providers from disclosing certain information to an insured; defining the term "discounted cash price"; amending s. 627.6387, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "health insurer" and "shared savings incentive" to conform to changes made by the act; requiring, rather than authorizing, health insurers to offer a shared savings incentive program under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain notification required of health insurers include specified information; providing that a shared savings incentive offered by a health insurer constitutes a medical expense for purposes of rate development and rate filing; amending ss. 627.6648 and 641.31076, F.S.; providing that a shared savings incentive offered by a health insurer or health maintenance organization, respectively, constitutes a medical expense for rate development and rate filing purposes; amending ss. 475.01, 475.611, 517.191, 768.28, and 787.061, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1642—A bill to be entitled An act relating to death with dignity; creating ch. 764, F.S., to be entitled "Personal Autonomy"; creating s. 764.101, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 764.102, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 764.103, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 764.104, F.S.; providing criteria for individuals to request certain medication as qualified patients; providing criteria to demonstrate residency; requiring qualified patients to make both verbal and written requests for medication; providing requirements and waiting periods for such requests; providing requirements for a form for written requests; specifying requirements for the valid execution of the form; authorizing a qualified patient to rescind a request at any time and in any manner; creating s. 764.105, F.S.; specifying requirements for attending physicians; authorizing an attending physician to sign a qualified patient's death certificate; specifying requirements for consulting physicians; specifying recordkeeping requirements; requiring certain health care providers to report certain information to the Department of Health; requiring the department to annually review certain records for compliance and publish a report on activities and compliance; requiring the department to adopt rules for a specified purpose; creating s. 764.106, F.S.; making certain provisions of certain legal instruments void and unenforceable under certain circumstances; prohibiting an individual's decisions or actions under certain provisions from affecting the sale, procurement, or issuance of certain insurance policies or the rates charged for such policies; creating s. 764.107, F.S.; providing criminal penalties, liabilities, and immunities; defining terms; authorizing employing health care providers to prohibit health care providers from participating under the act while on the premises of facilities that they own or operate if they have provided prior notice of their policy; authorizing employing health care providers to impose specified sanctions against its facilities, operators, and other employees for violating such policies; providing construction; requiring the sanctioning health care providers to use due process procedures when imposing such sanctions; providing that certain sanctions may not be the sole basis for certain disciplinary action against a health care provider's license; providing construction; creating s. 764.108, F.S.; authorizing claims for costs and attorney fees in certain circumstances; creating s. 764.109, F.S.; providing construction and severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1644—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student health; providing a short title; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; requiring each district school board to develop and implement a policy for the use of epi-

nephine auto-injectors; providing requirements for the policy; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K -12; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator DiCeglie—

SB 1646—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mitigation credits; reordering and amending s. 373.403, F.S.; defining the term “proximity factor”; amending s. 373.4136, F.S.; revising the list of projects eligible to use mitigation banks; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and water management districts to authorize the use of mitigation credits within surrounding basins; specifying the circumstances under which credits may be deemed unavailable in a basin; specifying factors the department and water management districts must consider when awarding mitigation credits; providing requirements for the calculation of additional credits necessary to use mitigation credits from outside a project area basin; providing construction; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing requirements for such rules; amending ss. 330.41, 373.414, and 373.461, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1648—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parole; creating s. 947.28, F.S.; reinstating parole for offenders who solely committed certain nonviolent felony offenses; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 1650—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District, Orange and Osceola Counties; repealing chapter 2023-5, Laws of Florida, which established the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District; reviving, reenacting, and readopting chapter 67-764, Laws of Florida, and the decree in chancery No. 66-1061 entered by the Circuit Court in and for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida on May 13, 1966, relating to the Reedy Creek Improvement District; reconstituting the Reedy Creek Improvement District as it existed as of February 26, 2023; terminating the terms of office of the Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District; providing transitional provisions; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1652—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district and school advisory councils; amending s. 1001.452, F.S.; renaming district advisory councils and school advisory councils as “district community advisory boards” and “community advisory boards,” respectively; requiring community advisory boards to publicize specified information; establishing terms for executive board members; requiring district school boards to establish training for community advisory board members; requiring members of such boards to complete such training; revising the requirements for community advisory board bylaws; amending ss. 24.121, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1002.23, 1002.32, 1002.33, 1003.02, 1003.4203, 1006.07, 1008.345, 1008.36, 1012.71, and 1012.98, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Education Pre-K -12; the Appropriations Committee on Education; and the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1654—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited temporary cash assistance; repealing s. 414.115, F.S., relating to limited temporary cash assistance for children born to families receiving temporary cash assistance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Martin—

SB 1656—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child exploitation offenses; amending ss. 847.0135 and 847.0137, F.S.; revising penalties for specified offenses involving children; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses and revising offense ranking levels for purposes of the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1658—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers’ compensation insurance for employee leasing companies; amending s. 627.192, F.S.; revising the purpose of specified provisions governing workers’ compensation insurance; defining the terms “client company” and “employee leasing company”; revising definitions; deleting the definitions of the terms “lessee” and “lessor”; authorizing the insurer of an employee leasing company to require that the employee leasing company and client company provide certain information and to audit the operations of the employee leasing company and client company; requiring the insurer of an employee leasing company to provide workers’ compensation coverage to all employees of the client company under certain conditions; specifying when a person is an employee of an employee leasing company; providing that the failure by a client company to report a leased employee’s hiring to an employee leasing company may not serve as a basis for the denial of workers’ compensation benefits for an unreported client company employee; providing that such failure does not preclude the charging of additional premiums by an employee leasing company’s insurer against a client company for workers’ compensation coverage; requiring insurers to conduct annual audits of employee leasing companies and client companies for certain purposes; applying penalties for an employee leasing company’s or client company’s failure to provide reasonable access to certain records; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1660—A bill to be entitled An act relating to translation services; amending ss. 28.35 and 28.215, F.S.; authorizing a clerk of the circuit court to provide translation services; creating s. 28.217, F.S.; authorizing a clerk of the circuit court to contract with a third-party translation service provider to provide translation services; requiring that such service by a clerk of the circuit court be ministerial assistance only; prohibiting a clerk of the circuit court from providing legal advice; providing construction; providing that the clerk of the circuit court is not required to provide translation services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1662—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cybersecurity; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; exempting certain personnel from the career service; providing for the establishment of salary and benefits for certain positions; amending s. 282.0041, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 282.0051, F.S.; revising the purposes for which the Florida Digital Service is established; requiring the Florida Digital Service to ensure that independent project oversight on certain state agency information technology projects is performed in a certain manner; revising the date by which the Department of Management Services, acting through the Florida Digital Service, must provide certain recommendations to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature; removing certain duties of the Florida Digital Service; revising the total project cost of certain projects for which the Florida Digital Service must provide project oversight; specifying the date by which the Florida Digital Service must provide certain reports; requiring the state chief information officer, in consultation with the Secretary of Management Services, to designate a state chief technology officer; providing duties of the state chief technology officer; revising the total project cost of certain projects for which certain procurement actions must be taken; removing provisions prohibiting the department, acting through the Florida Digital Service, from retrieving or disclosing certain data in certain circumstances; amending s. 282.00515, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 282.318, F.S.; providing that the Florida Digital Service is the lead entity for a certain purpose; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations Center to provide certain notifications; requiring the state chief information officer to make certain reports in consultation with the state chief information security officer; revising the timeframe for a state agency to report ransomware and cybersecurity incidents to the Cybersecurity Operations Center; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations Center to immediately notify certain entities of reported incidents and take certain actions; requiring the state chief information security officer to notify the Legislature of certain incidents within a certain period; requiring that certain notification be provided in a secure environment; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations Center to provide a certain report to certain entities by a specified date; requiring the department, acting through the Florida Digital Service, to provide cybersecurity briefings to certain legislative committees; authorizing the department, acting through the Florida Digital Service, to obtain certain access to certain infrastructure and direct certain measures; requiring state agency heads to annually designate a chief information security officer by a specified date; revising the purpose of an agency's information security manager and the date by which he or she must be designated; authorizing the department to brief certain legislative committees in a closed setting on certain records that are confidential and exempt from public records requirements; requiring such legislative committees to maintain the confidential and exempt status of certain records; authorizing certain legislators to attend meetings of the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council; amending s. 282.3185, F.S.; requiring local governments to report ransomware and certain cybersecurity incidents to the Cybersecurity Operations Center within certain time periods; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations Center to immediately notify certain entities of certain incidents and take certain actions; requiring the state chief information security officer to provide certain notification to the Legislature within a certain timeframe and in a secure environment; amending s. 282.319, F.S.; revising the membership of the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1664—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hands-free driving; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising a short title; defining terms; prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner; providing an exception; requiring that sustained use of a wireless communications device by a person operating a motor vehicle be conducted through a hands-free accessory until such use is terminated; revising exceptions to the prohibition; removing obsolete provisions; providing penalties; making a technical change; amending s. 316.306, F.S.; revising penalty provisions relating to the use of wireless communication devices; conforming pro-

visions to changes made by the act; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1666—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; revising the purpose of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; revising the duties of the corporation to require that it conduct specified activities directed toward its target market; defining the term “target market”; deleting obsolete language; providing that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each appoint only one member from his or her chamber to the corporation's board of directors; making technical changes; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose of the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program; revising the functions that Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., must perform in administering a specified program; authorizing the program to prioritize grant funds; revising the uses of specified grant funds; authorizing a business to receive certain other grant funds in addition to specified grant funds; authorizing the use of grant funds to provide for a specified educational stipend; requiring the corporation and the University of Florida to enter into a grant agreement before certain funds are expended; requiring the corporation to determine the amount of the stipend; providing that specified training must occur for a specified duration; authorizing the corporation to provide certain assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to collaborate with specified state agencies and other entities for specified purposes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; creating s. 295.25, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of State from charging veterans who reside in this state fees for the filing of specified documents; amending s. 379.353, F.S.; providing free hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to certain disabled veterans; amending s. 381.78, F.S.; revising the membership, appointment, and meetings of the advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring instruction on the history and importance of Veterans' Day and Memorial Day; requiring that certain instruction consist of two 45-minute lessons that must occur within a certain timeframe; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting ss. 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and (3)(b), F.S., relating to special authorization hunting licenses and the suspension and forfeiture of licenses and permits, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.353, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator DiCeglie—

SB 1668—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and reinsurance assistance; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; specifying the retention multiple for specified contracts; deleting obsolete language; providing the adjusted retention multiple for insurers electing the 100-percent coverage level; requiring that the reimbursement contract contain a promise by the State Board of Administration to reimburse the insurer a specified percentage of its losses and applicable loss adjustment expenses; specifying the loss adjustment expense for specified contracts and rates; modifying the contract obligation of the board for a contract year; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting provisions regarding reimbursements; requiring that the hurricane loss portion of a specified formula be determined by averaging the results of certain catastrophe models; authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain formula to provide for a cash build-up factor; requiring the cash build-up factor to be frozen beginning in a specified contract year and to freeze for a specified period ending by a specified date; requiring that the savings realized as a result of the freeze of the cash build-up factor be passed to the consumers; requiring the board to file certain premiums with the Office of Insurance Regulation; requiring the office to review such premiums; prohibiting certain costs from being added to the cost of the reimbursement contracts; making technical changes; amending s. 215.5551, F.S.; revising definitions applicable to the Reinsurance to Assist Pol-

icyholders (RAP) program; defining the term “eligible RAP insurer”; deleting the definition of the term “RAP qualification ratio”; authorizing, rather than requiring, eligible RAP insurers to purchase RAP coverage under a certain program; revising reimbursement under the RAP program; revising the requirements of reimbursement contracts; deleting calculations for specified amounts of losses to determine reimbursement under the program; deleting insurer eligibility requirements; deleting provisions regarding deferral of coverage under the program; requiring that reimbursement contracts require that insurers annually pay actuarially indicated premiums; deleting a provision prohibiting premiums from being charged for participation in the program; revising obsolete dates; prohibiting transfers from exceeding a specified amount each contract year; revising reporting requirements; revising the expiration date of provisions governing the program; making technical changes; amending s. 215.5552, F.S.; revising definitions; revising the coverage layers of the Florida Optional Reinsurance Assistance (FORA) program; revising the coverage limits for certain coverage layers; increasing the maximum aggregate coverage limit for all coverage layers; revising obsolete dates; revising requirements of the reimbursement contract; deleting the calculation of payout multiples; revising the FORA layer retention calculations; revising the calculation of premiums under the program; increasing the amount that certain transfers cannot exceed in a contract year; requiring a transfer of a specified amount from the FORA Fund into the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; revising the expiration date of provisions governing the program; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Torres—

SB 1670—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited English-proficient voter assistance; creating s. 97.027, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a supervisor of elections or a political subdivision that administers an election to provide certain language-related assistance to a limited English-proficient voter under certain circumstances, record such voter’s language preference, and conduct specified surveys of such voters; requiring a supervisor of elections or political subdivision to provide elections and voting materials of a certain quality in a covered language; requiring the manual translation of English language text; authorizing the use of automatic translation services under certain circumstances; requiring that elections and voting materials prepared in a covered language be made available at the same time as comparable English language materials; requiring a supervisor of elections and a political subdivision to operate and provide public notice of a language assistance hotline; providing requirements for the hotline; requiring a supervisor of elections and a political subdivision to provide certain notices in a covered language under certain circumstances; requiring a supervisor of elections or a political subdivision to replicate certain signs and posters in certain covered languages and display or distribute such signs and posters in the same form and manner as English language signs and provide specified voter registration status and information to limited English-proficient voters; requiring a governmental entity responsible for redistricting to provide certain translation services and translated materials; providing requirements for such translation services; requiring that translation services provided under the act be in compliance with certain federal laws; authorizing voters and specified entities to bring an action against a supervisor of elections or a political subdivision; providing that such actions are subject to expedited pretrial and trial proceedings and must receive a calendar preference to avoid prejudice with regard to the limited English-proficient voter; requiring a court to grant certain relief upon making specified determinations; requiring the court to order the implementation of specified remedies; authorizing the plaintiff to recover attorney fees and costs if the plaintiff prevails under a specified circumstance; prohibiting a prevailing defendant from recovering attorney fees and costs unless certain circumstances exist; requiring a supervisor of elections or a political subdivision to collect specified data and annually, by a specified date, publish a report including the data collected; creating the Language Access Advisory Council within the Department of State; providing the purpose of the council; requiring the Secretary of State to appoint certain members to the council; requiring the Secretary of State to consider specified criteria in making such appointments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1672—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of state chartered banks; amending s. 213.12, F.S.; providing that community banks have the same immunity from taxation as specified credit unions; providing a definition of “community bank”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1674—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the restrictive confinement of inmates; providing a short title; creating s. 944.022, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; specifying requirements for and limitations and restrictions on the use of restrictive housing; providing documentation requirements for staff members directly involved in using restrictive housing for an individual; specifying conditions required in restrictive housing; requiring that an explanation of the restrictive confinement policy be provided by facility staff to each individual placed in custody; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1676—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and intent; creating the Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities; providing for membership and staff support; providing requirements for meetings; specifying duties; providing for powers; requiring the executive director of the Department of Law Enforcement to issue subpoenas; authorizing the task force to seek assistance from state agencies and to access certain exempt or confidential and exempt information or records; providing requirements for such access; requiring a report; providing for sunset of the task force and the repeal of provisions; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxes, fines, and fees; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; deleting a provision allowing the indigent care and trauma center surtax to be levied without a majority vote of electors; repealing s. 319.32, F.S., relating to fees for certificates of title and disposition thereof; repealing s. 339.0801, F.S., relating to allocation of increased revenues; amending s. 319.20, F.S.; restoring provisions relating to the payment of funds collected by a county officer into the State Treasury; amending ss. 215.211, 319.23, 319.24, 319.27, 319.28, 319.29, 319.323, 319.324, 320.04, and 379.209, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 320.08 and 320.08001, F.S., relating to license taxes; repealing ss. 320.08015, 320.0802, 320.0804, and 320.08046, F.S., relating to surcharges on license taxes; repealing ss. 320.08047, 320.081, 320.10, 320.14, 320.15, 320.20, 320.405, and 339.0803, F.S., relating to a voluntary contribution for organ and tissue donor education, collection and distribution of annual license tax on certain units, exemptions, fractional license tax, refund of license tax, disposition of license tax moneys, International Registration Plan records and hearings, and allocation of increased revenues, respectively; amending ss. 193.075, 212.05, 212.0601, 215.22, 215.615, 282.709, 311.07, 311.09, 316.251, 316.261, 316.515, 316.545, 316.550, 320.01, 320.03, 320.055, 320.06, 320.0609, 320.0655, 320.0657, 320.0659, 320.07, 320.0705, 320.071, 320.072, 320.0801, 320.0803, 320.08035, 320.0805, 320.08056, 320.08058, 320.08068, 320.0815,

320.0821, 320.083, 320.0843, 320.0847, 320.086, 320.0863, 320.0875, 320.089, 320.0891, 320.0892, 320.0893, 320.0894, 320.102, 320.13, 320.133, 320.203, 320.27, 320.57, 320.771, 322.025, 322.0255, 339.139, 553.382, and 765.5155, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; eliminating fees for original, renewal, and replacement driver licenses and identification cards, certain driver license endorsements, reinstatement of driver licenses, and certain requests for review or hearing; removing provisions relating to collection, deposit, and use of such fees; amending ss. 322.051, 322.14, 322.17, 322.18, 322.251, 322.29, and 1003.48, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 601.15, F.S.; revising a specified assessment on citrus; revising procedures for payment of certain assessments; amending ss. 601.041, 601.13, 601.152, and 601.155, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 97.05831, F.S., relating to voter registration applications made available to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; repealing s. 258.0145, F.S., relating to military, law enforcement, and firefighter state park fee discounts; repealing s. 379.2213, F.S., relating to management area permit revenues; repealing s. 379.3502, F.S., relating to nontransferable recreational hunting and fishing licenses and permits; repealing ss. 379.3503 and 379.3504, F.S., relating to providing false statements and information on recreational hunting and fishing applications, licenses, and permits; repealing s. 379.3511, F.S., relating to the appointment of subagents for the sale of recreational hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits; repealing s. 379.3512, F.S., relating to competitive bidding for the sale of licenses, permits, and authorizations; repealing s. 379.352, F.S., relating to recreational licenses, permits, and authorizations to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, and marine life; repealing s. 379.353, F.S., relating to exemptions from fees and requirements for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and permits; repealing s. 379.354, F.S., relating to recreational hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and authorizations; repealing s. 379.356, F.S., relating to fish pond licenses; repealing s. 379.357, F.S., relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission license program for tarpon; repealing s. 379.3581, F.S., relating to hunter safety course requirements; repealing s. 379.359, F.S., relating to voluntary contributions to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.; repealing s. 938.04, F.S., relating to court costs for criminal offenses to provide compensation to victims of crimes; repealing s. 938.06, F.S., relating to court costs for criminal offenses to fund crime stoppers programs; repealing s. 938.15, F.S., relating to criminal justice education for local governments; amending ss. 16.555 and 212.06, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 258.014, F.S.; removing the authority of the Division of Parks and Recreation within the Department of Environmental Protection to set fees for the use of state parks; amending ss. 258.0142, 318.18, 318.21, 327.73, 379.203, 379.207, 379.208, 379.2201, 379.2255, 379.363, 379.3501, 379.3582, 379.3712, 379.3751, 379.401, 790.0655, 938.01, and 943.25, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation; the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1680—A bill to be entitled An act relating to artificial intelligence transparency; creating s. 282.802, F.S.; creating the Government Technology Modernization Council within the Department of Management Services for a specified purpose; providing for council membership, meetings, and duties; requiring the council to submit specified reports to the Governor and Legislature; defining the term “state agency”; creating s. 501.174, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain entities and persons to create safety and transparency standards for content generated by artificial intelligence; requiring disclosures for certain communications, interactions, images, likenesses, and content; providing that certain political advertisements are subject to specified requirements and enforcement; prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence in the creation of obscene material under certain conditions; providing applicability; requiring certain state agencies to provide certain disclosures; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring an action for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing civil penalties; providing that the act does not establish private causes of action; providing that certain entities and persons are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 501.174, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs and law enforcement agencies of certain artificial intelligence transparency violations; providing construction; providing exceptions; providing that certain information received by the department remains confidential and exempt upon completion or inactive status of an investigation; defining the term “proprietary 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 Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1684—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property tax discount for disabled veterans; amending s. 196.082, F.S.; revising eligibility for a tax discount for certain disabled veterans; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Collins—

SJR 1686—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to revise the requirements for a discount from the amount of ad valorem tax owed on homestead property for certain disabled veterans and to provide an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Osgood—

SB 1688—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career-themed courses; amending s. 1003.491, F.S.; revising the requirements for a specified school district strategic plan to include certain information; amending s. 1003.492, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to include specified data in an annual review of K-12 and postsecondary career and technical education offerings; amending s. 1003.4935, F.S.; requiring school districts to provide specified information to students and parents during middle school course selection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Pre-K -12; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Yarborough—

SB 1690—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; amending s. 562.13, F.S.; revising applicability; creating s. 787.30, F.S.; prohibiting the employment of persons younger than 21 years of age in adult entertainment establishments; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1692—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preventing contaminants of emerging concern from discharging into wastewater facilities and waters of the state; creating s. 376.92, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the PFAS and 1,4-dioxane pretreatment initiative within

the Department of Environmental Protection for a specified purpose; providing requirements for certain wastewater facilities with industrial pretreatment programs which begin implementing an industrial pretreatment program after a specified date; authorizing the department to expand the initiative; providing discharge limits and surface water quality standards for industrial users beginning on a specified date; providing that such limits and standards are effective until the department adopts specified rules and such rules are ratified by the Legislature; requiring the department to incorporate such limits and standards into certain permitting requirements; requiring the department to create a schedule for ongoing sampling, reporting, and compliance; providing requirements for enforcement actions for violations after a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1694—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida State Guard; amending s. 251.001, F.S.; providing that the Florida State Guard is composed of volunteers instead of members; defining terms; requiring the Governor to commission all officers of the Florida State Guard; requiring applicants to submit a full set of fingerprints to a specified entity; requiring such entity to forward such fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for a specified purpose; requiring the department to forward such fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a specified purpose; requiring the Florida State Guard to pay the fees for processing and retaining such fingerprints; requiring that any arrest record identified be reported to the Division of the State Guard; deleting a provision requiring that certain applicants be subject to certain standards; deleting a requirement that all training programs for the Florida State Guard be equivalent to a certain training; authorizing the director of the Florida State Guard to order volunteers to duty for specified purposes in certain circumstances; revising the conditions during which the Governor may activate the Florida State Guard; authorizing, rather than requiring, the division to reimburse volunteers for certain expenses; revising the protections that apply to volunteers; providing that, upon the request of a Florida State Guard volunteer, the Department of Legal Affairs may defend the volunteer in any action or proceeding for any act that occurred during the volunteer's scope of duty; providing construction; authorizing the ordering of such defendant to full active duty with full active duty compensation for a specified duration; providing that, if a plaintiff dismisses the suit or if a verdict or judgment finds in the defendant's favor, the court must award attorney fees and costs to such defendant; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1696—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an annual study of the use of restrictive housing; creating s. 944.022, F.S.; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an annual study on the use of restrictive housing for all prisoners in the state correctional system; specifying the types of restrictive housing placements to be studied; requiring that the annual study include specified data per certain age groups and categories as it relates to the uses of restrictive housing, to include the frequency and duration, demographic information, the conditions of restrictive housing, mental health, economic data, and program questions; requiring state agencies and contractors that receive state funds to comply with requests from the office; requiring the office, beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Burton—

SB 1698—A bill to be entitled An act relating to food and hemp products; amending s. 581.217, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising definitions; defining the term “total delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration”; providing conditions for the manufacture, delivery, hold, offer for sale, distribution, or sale of hemp extract; prohibiting businesses and food establishments from possessing hemp extract products that are attractive to children; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from granting permission to remove or use certain hemp extract products until it determines that such hemp extract products comply with state law; prohibiting event organizers from promoting, advertising, or facilitating certain events; requiring organizers of certain events to provide a list of certain vendors to the department, verify that vendors are only selling hemp products from approved sources, and ensure that such vendors are properly permitted; providing for administrative fines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator DiCeglie—

SB 1700—A bill to be entitled An act relating to independent hospital districts; creating s. 189.0762, F.S.; providing definitions; providing requirements for the conversion of an independent hospital district to a nonprofit entity; requiring a certain evaluation by an independent entity; providing qualifications for such independent entity; providing for notice of public meetings and publication of certain documents; requiring that the evaluation of the conversion be completed and a final report presented to the governing body of the district within a specified timeframe; requiring that the final report be published on the district's website; requiring certification of the final report; requiring the governing body of the district to determine by a supermajority vote whether conversion is in the best interests of its residents within a specified timeframe; providing for negotiation of an agreement between each affected county and the governing body of the independent hospital district; providing requirements for such agreement; providing for disposition of all assets and liabilities of the district; prohibiting members of the board of commissioners for an affected county from serving on the board of the succeeding nonprofit entity; authorizing members of the governing body of the independent hospital district to serve on the board of the succeeding nonprofit entity; requiring disclosure of all conflicts of interest; requiring that certain documents be published on the websites of the district and each county that is a party to the agreement for a specified timeframe; authorizing the governing body of the independent hospital district to approve by supermajority vote the conversion of the district to a nonprofit entity; requiring each board of commissioners for each affected county to approve the agreement at a public meeting; requiring a referendum under certain circumstances; requiring the independent hospital district to file a copy of the agreement with and provide certain notification to the Department of Commerce within a specified timeframe; providing for dissolution of the district within a specified timeframe; requiring independent hospital districts to conduct an evaluation for certain purposes; providing evaluation requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to treatment of inmates; creating s. 944.092, F.S.; specifying certain rights of inmates in the correctional system; requiring that a written copy of the rights be provided to each inmate upon his or her entry into the correctional system; authorizing relief from deprivation of rights; amending s. 947.149, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “permanently incapacitated inmate” for purposes of conditional medical release; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Yarborough—

SB 1704—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sheriffs in consolidated governments; amending s. 30.49, F.S.; authorizing sheriffs in a consolidated government, as well as all other sheriffs, to transfer funds after his or her budget is approved by the board of county commissioners, city council, or budget commission; amending s. 30.53, F.S.; preserving the independence of a sheriff in a consolidated government concerning certain powers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Yarborough—

SB 1706—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums within a portion of a building or within a multiple parcel building; amending s. 718.103, F.S.; revising the definition of “condominium property”; amending s. 718.202, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 718.407, F.S.; providing that a condominium may be created within a portion of a building or within a multiple parcel building; providing for the common elements of such condominium; providing requirements for the declaration of condominium and other recorded instruments; authorizing an association to inspect and copy certain books and records and to receive an annual budget; requiring a specified statement be included in a contract for sale of a unit of the condominium; requiring a seller of a unit of the condominium to provide a specified disclosure summary to a purchaser; providing that a multiple parcel building is not a subdivision of land if the land is not subdivided; amending s. 718.503, F.S.; requiring certain persons to provide specified disclosures to purchasers under certain circumstances; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Yarborough—

SB 1708—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public safety programs; amending ss. 30.15 and 166.0493, F.S.; requiring certain public safety programs to provide training on a broad range of victims and common crimes affecting persons, property, and businesses in the area; requiring that certain symbols or signage meet specified requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Yarborough—

SB 1710—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead tax exemptions; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; providing that repair and maintenance of specified property is not a change, an addition, or an improvement amending ss. 196.011, 196.075, and 196.161, F.S.; revising the interest rate and penalty that applies to property owners who unlawfully receive a homestead exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1712—A bill to be entitled An act relating to peer support for first responders; amending s. 111.09, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “first responder” to include correctional officers and correctional probation officers for the provision of peer support; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1714—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juror sanctions; amending s. 40.23, F.S.; revising available sanctions for any person who is duly summoned to attend court as a juror and fails to attend without any sufficient excuse; prohibiting a court from imposing a term of imprisonment on any person who fails to attend as a juror without any sufficient excuse and is found in contempt of court unless the person is able to obtain legal representation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Boyd—

SB 1716—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; providing that certain accounts for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation revenues, assets, liability, losses, and expenses are now maintained as the Citizens account; revising the requirements for certain coverages by the corporation; requiring the inclusion of quota share primary insurance in certain policies; deleting provisions relating to legislative goals; revising the definition of the term “assessments”; deleting provisions relating to emergency assessments upon determination of projected deficits; deleting provisions relating to funds available to the corporation as sources of revenue and bonds; deleting definitions; deleting provisions relating to the duties of the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office; deleting provisions relating to disposition of excess amounts of assessments and surcharges; defining terms; providing nonapplicability of certain provisions relating to personal lines residential risks coverage by the corporation; requiring insurers to pay, under certain circumstances, producing agents a certain amount or fee if the agents are unable to accept appointment due to failure to be licensed as surplus lines agents; providing nonapplicability of such payment requirement; revising eligibility for commercial lines residential risks coverage by the corporation; providing that commercial lines residential risks are not eligible for coverage by the corporation under certain circumstances; providing that comparisons of comparable coverages under certain personal lines residential risks and commercial lines residential risks do not apply to policies that do not cover primary residences; revising the corporation’s plan of operation; revising the required statements from applicants for coverage; revising the duties of the executive director of the corporation; authorizing the executive director to assign and appoint designees; deleting a nonapplicability provision relating to bond requirements; providing circumstances under which coverage rates are considered not competitive; revising the duties of the Office of Insurance Regulation relating to coverage rates; authorizing the corporation to pursue administrative challenges relating to coverage rates; revising requirements for coverage rate increases and coverage rates; authorizing assessed insureds of certain insurers to be relieved from assessments under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to certain insurer assessment deferments; deleting provisions relating to the intangibles of and coverage by the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association and the corporation coastal account; authorizing the corporation and certain persons to make specified information obtained from underwriting files and confidential claims files available to licensed surplus lines agents; prohibiting such agents from using such information for specified purposes; revising the flood coverage requirements for personal lines residential policyholders; providing nonapplicability of provisions relating to take-out offers that are part of applications to participate in depopulation; authorizing the corporation to share its claims data with a specified entity; deleting provisions relating to resolutions of disputes and to determinations of risks ineligible for coverage; amending s. 627.3511, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending s. 627.3518, F.S.; providing nonapplicability of provisions relating to noneligibility for coverage by the corporation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1718—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wind energy facility siting; creating s. 377.708, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting construction, operation, or expansion of wind energy facilities and offshore wind energy facilities in this state; authorizing injunctive relief; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1720—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marine encroachment on military operations; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; requiring local governments to cooperate with certain major military installations and ranges to encourage compatible land use in associated areas; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1722—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child protective investigations; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “abuse”; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; prohibiting the initiation of a child protective investigation or removal of a child from his or her residence solely based on a parent’s religious beliefs or ideology; revising the information that child protective investigators must give to the subject of an investigation; requiring the investigator to submit a written summary to the subject of the investigation confirming certain information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1724—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the financial strength of property insurers; amending s. 624.315, F.S.; defining the terms “financial strength rating” and “independent ratings agency”; revising the requirements of a certain report prepared by the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission; requiring the office to maintain certain information relating to the financial strength ratings of property insurers transacting business in this state and to make such information available upon request; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Martin—

SB 1726—A bill to be entitled An act relating to access by insureds to claim-related documents; creating s. 627.41375, F.S.; defining the term “claim-related documents”; requiring insurers to notify the insureds and certain parties that the insureds may obtain copies of all claim-related documents upon request; requiring insurers to provide to the insureds, the insureds’ agents and attorneys, copies of all claim-related documents within a specified timeframe after receiving requests; providing exceptions; providing construction; authorizing civil actions and recovery of insureds’ attorney fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1728—A bill to be entitled An act relating to single-sex student organizations; creating s. 1006.7511, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; providing the rights of members of single-sex

student organizations and single-sex student organizations; providing construction; providing penalties; requiring the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to adopt rules and regulations, respectively; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education Postsecondary; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1730—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Audit Enforcement Commission; creating s. 218.395, F.S.; creating the Audit Enforcement Commission for a specified purpose; providing membership of the commission; requiring the Auditor General to conduct a follow-up audit within a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the Auditor General to report certain findings to the Legislative Auditing Committee, which shall hold a public hearing for a specified purpose; requiring the Audit Enforcement Commission to hold a public hearing, review certain matters, take testimony, and make certain determinations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Wright—

SB 1732—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans’ assistance; creating s. 295.235, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, subject to appropriation, to expand outreach programs connecting veterans, families, and their survivors to certain services, benefits, and support; requiring the department to host public events for such purpose; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature which contains specified information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1734—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; expanding an existing public records exemption relating to human trafficking victims seeking expunction of certain records related to an offense listed in s. 775.084(1)(b)1., F.S.; providing for future review and repeal of the expanded exemption; providing for the reversion of specified provisions if the exemption is not saved from repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; reenacting ss. 397.417(4)(e), 943.0585(6)(b), and 943.059(6)(b), F.S., relating to background screenings, the effect of expunction orders, and the effect of sealing orders, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 943.0583, F.S., in references thereto; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunction of records of victims of human trafficking; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “official documentation”; requiring a court vacating one or more certain convictions to include in its order to expunge an order for the return of all fines, fees, and restitution paid by the petitioner; requiring the clerk of the court, upon receipt of such an order, to return all such amounts to the petitioner; deleting a provision requiring a certain standard of proof for a determination made without certain official documentation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1738—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 17.69, F.S.; creating the Defending Freedom Fighters Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services; providing for funding sources and specifying the purpose of the trust fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing for carryover of certain funds; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring certain application forms to include an option to contribute to the Defending Freedom Fighters Trust Fund; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Judiciary; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1740—A bill to be entitled An act relating to grants for victims of political discrimination; creating s. 17.691, F.S.; defining the term “qualified person”; requiring that a specified trust fund be used to provide grants to qualified persons to pay for specified expenses; providing construction; requiring the Department of Financial Services to distribute grants in a specified manner; providing the maximum amount that a qualified person may receive; requiring the department to adopt rules; authorizing emergency rulemaking; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Judiciary; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1742—A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; amending ss. 125.01055 and 166.04151, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, inclusionary housing ordinances to require developers to provide a specified number or percentage of affordable housing units; deleting the authorization for a developer to contribute to a housing fund or other alternatives in lieu of building affordable housing units; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

SB 1744—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Ingolia—

SB 1746—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public employees; amending s. 447.207, F.S.; revising a prohibition on dues to certain mass transit employees; amending s. 447.301, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring certain public employees of an employee organization to submit executed forms to the bargaining agent; revising applicability; amending s. 447.303, F.S.; providing that specified employee organizations have the right to have its dues and uniform assessments deducted and collected by the employer from the salaries of those employees who authorized such deduction and collection; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; revising the application employee organizations must submit to register as certified bargaining agents; requiring applications for renewal of registration to include current annual financial statements prepared by an independent certified public accountant; revising the information that must be included in such applications; revising the timeframe in which a certain bargaining agents must submit specified information and documentation; requiring certain employee organizations to petition the Public Employees Relations Commission for recertification; revising applicability; authorizing the commission to, and in a specified circumstance requiring the commission to, investigate an employee organization’s application for registration renewal; requiring the commission to deny such applications under specified circumstances; making technical changes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1748—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tourist development tax; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; prohibiting a plan for tourist development from allocating more than a certain percentage of the tax revenue to an individual project unless the governing board of the county approves such use by supermajority vote; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1750—A bill to be entitled An act relating to international drug reference pricing; creating s. 499.044, F.S.; providing legislative policy; requiring prescription drug manufacturer permit holders to annually report certain international price data to the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing for administrative enforcement by a specified fine and permit suspension; requiring the agency to contract with an entity to designate reference price source countries and establish the reference prices for prescription drugs based on certain criteria; requiring the agency contractor to reevaluate the designated reference prices source countries annually and revise, as needed; requiring the agency contractor to weigh the reference price benchmark value of such countries in two or more tiers, using specified criteria; providing applicability; defining the term “real gross domestic product per capita”; requiring the agency contractor to analyze specified data to compare prices among source countries using a specified exchange rate source; requiring the agency contractor to establish the reference price for prescribed drugs or products; requiring that such price be the lowest price after making certain adjustments; requiring the agency contractor to update the reference prices annually and permitting reevaluation and updates at any time in certain circumstances; requiring the agency contractor to provide the reference prices by a specified date each year; requiring the agency to publish the prices online within a specified time; amending s. 465.0244, F.S.; requiring pharmacies to charge no more than the reference price for cash-paying patients; providing applicability; amending s. 627.6044, F.S.; requiring certain health insurers to provide reimbursement for certain prescription drugs no higher than the reference price; providing applicability; requiring health insurers to use certain savings to offset certain payer costs; requiring each health insurer to document anticipated savings and premium reductions in rate filings following the availability of reference prices; requiring each health insurer to assess the actuarial effect of the reference pricing program for each insurer product for each plan year; requiring each health insurer to submit an annual report on the assessed effect of such program to the Office of Insurance Regulation or the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing applicability; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation and the Agency for Health Care Administration to annually submit a joint report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 641.30, F.S.; requiring every health maintenance organization to comply with the provisions of a specified section; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Health Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Ingolia—

SB 1752—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 101.5605, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of State from approving certain voting systems; amending s. 101.5607, F.S.; requiring the department to make certain information and materials available to the public on its website within a certain timeframe; deleting a provision specifying applicability of a public records exemption to certain software on file with the department; creating s. 101.592, F.S.; requiring the county canvassing board to conduct a manual count in certain precincts before certification of certain elections; providing for the random selection of precincts subject to the manual count by the Secretary of State; requiring the Secretary of State to inform the county canvassing board of the randomly selected precincts in advance of the election;

prohibiting the disclosure of the randomly selected precincts before election day; specifying requirements for the manual count; requiring specified public access and notice to the manual count; specifying applicable procedures for the manual count; providing duties of the county canvassing board in conducting the manual count; requiring the Secretary of State to order a countywide manual recount if certain conditions are met; providing applicability; authorizing the Secretary of State to make certain referrals to the Office of Election Crimes and Security for investigation; amending s. 101.62, F.S.; providing limitations on a voter's eligibility for requesting a vote-by-mail ballot; providing that a vote-by-mail ballot request is limited to a single election; requiring a person making a vote-by-mail ballot request to disclose the absent voter's basis for voting by mail; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.64, F.S.; revising the voter's certificate on the vote-by-mail mailing envelope to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.65, F.S.; revising instructions to absent electors to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; revising the timeframe during which early voting must be provided by the supervisor of elections; amending s. 101.662, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.69, F.S.; deleting authorization for the placement of secure ballot intake stations at early voting sites and sites that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 101.6921, F.S.; revising the voter's certificate on the mailing envelope of special vote-by-mail ballots to certain first-time voters to conform to changes made by the act; amending ss. 101.6103 and 101.694, F.S.; conforming cross-references; rescinding vote-by-mail ballot requests for certain elections as of a specified date; requiring a supervisor of elections to provide certain notice to voters with pending vote-by-mail ballot requests; specifying requirements for such notice; providing applicability; requiring the department to initiate emergency rulemaking for a specified purpose within a certain timeframe; specifying the duration of any emergency rules adopted; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1754—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Office of the Blue Economy; amending s. 20.60, F.S.; establishing the Office of the Blue Economy within the Department of Commerce; creating s. 288.93, F.S.; defining the term “blue economy”; providing duties of the Office of the Blue Economy; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1756—A bill to be entitled An act relating to blue economy evaluation; amending s. 403.928, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, beginning on a specified date, to biennially include an evaluation of the state's blue economy in its annual assessment; providing evaluation requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individuals with disabilities; amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to develop and implement an online application process; specifying requirements for the online application process; defining the term “complete application”; revising timeframes within which the agency must make eligibility determinations for services; lowering the age that a caregiver must be for an individual to be placed in a certain preenrollment category; amending s. 393.0651, F.S.; revising which types of clients are eligible for an individual support plan; clarifying the timeframe within which a family or individual support plan must be developed; requiring waiver support coordinators to inform the

client or client's parent or guardian, as appropriate, of certain information when developing or reviewing the family or individual support plan; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 1760—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonviolent drug offenders converting fines and fees into community service; creating s. 948.016, F.S.; defining the term “nonviolent”; specifying eligibility for nonviolent drug offenders to convert fines and fees into community service hours; specifying the conversion rate; providing requirements for the completion of community service hours; requiring the clerk of the court to create a form; requiring court notification and the provision of documents and information to nonviolent drug offenders; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 1762—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Resilient Communities Grant Program; creating s. 394.6571, F.S.; creating the program within the Department of Children and Families; providing the purpose of the program; providing legislative intent; authorizing counties and municipalities to apply for participation in the program; requiring counties and municipalities to work with the local managing entity before applying to participate in the program; authorizing counties and municipalities to establish committees to develop certain strategic goals and benchmarks; requiring the Florida Certification Board and managing entities to develop criteria for the review of submitted applications and award grant funding; providing that the certification may include certain criteria; providing for the award of grants to certified counties or municipalities, subject to the availability of state funds; specifying that program funding is contingent upon legislative appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1764—A bill to be entitled An act relating to car racing penalties; amending s. 316.191, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “conviction”; increasing the fine for violations of prohibitions against drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; revising applicability of the penalty for second violations of prohibitions against drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; increasing the fine for any such violations; authorizing an arresting law enforcement agency to seize any vehicle used in connection with any violation, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing penalties for impeding, obstructing, or interfering with an emergency vehicle while participating in a drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; revising applicability of the penalty for third or subsequent violations of prohibitions against drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; increasing the fine for any such violations; revising circumstances under which a motor vehicle used in connection with any violation may be impounded; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1766—A bill to be entitled An act relating to flood damage prevention; providing a short title; creating s. 553.845, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; providing specified maximum voluntary freeboard requirements for new construction and substantial

improvements to existing construction; prohibiting voluntary freeboard from being used in the calculation of the maximum allowable height for certain construction; authorizing local governments to adopt by ordinance a minimum freeboard requirement or a maximum voluntary freeboard that exceeds certain requirements; requiring the Florida Building Commission to develop and adopt by rule minimum freeboard requirements by a specified date and to incorporate such requirements into the next edition of the Florida Building Code; requiring the commission to review the freeboard requirements in the Florida Building Code every 5 years beginning on a specified date and to make certain recommendations to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 1768—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic payment of public records fees; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; requiring an agency subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic option for payment of fees associated with a public records request; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1770—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax-filing extensions; amending ss. 212.11 and 220.222, F.S.; authorizing an automatic extension for filing returns and remitting taxes on sales, use, and other transactions and for filing state income tax returns, respectively, when specified states of emergency are declared; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1772—A bill to be entitled An act relating to soil and water conservation districts; dissolving specified soil and water conservation districts and transferring district assets and liabilities to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; dissolving specified soil and water conservation districts and transferring district assets and liabilities to specified counties; amending s. 582.01, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 582.055, F.S.; requiring the department to provide for reimbursement of travel expenses for soil and water conservation district board members; amending s. 582.06, F.S.; revising provisions for the establishment, composition, membership, organization, and responsibilities of the Soil and Water Conservation Council; amending s. 582.10, F.S.; establishing regional soil and water conservation districts beginning on a specified date; amending s. 582.16, F.S.; providing for the transfer of certain contractual obligations for real property interests, equipment, vehicles, other personal property, and records; providing an exception; amending s. 582.18, F.S.; providing for the appointment of district supervisors; creating s. 582.181, F.S.; providing for soil and water conservation district governing boards; amending s. 582.19, F.S.; revising provisions for the qualifications and tenure of soil and water conservation district supervisors; amending s. 582.195, F.S.; revising provisions for mandatory meeting of soil and water conservation district supervisors; creating s. 582.196, F.S.; authorizing certain compensation for soil and water conservation district board supervisors; amending s. 582.20, F.S.; revising the powers of soil and water conservation district supervisors; amending s. 582.295, F.S.; providing for the reassignment of assets of certain dissolved soil and water conservation districts; amending s. 582.30, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 582.11, F.S., relating to hearings regarding the creation of soil and water conservation districts; repealing ss. 582.12, 582.13, and 582.14, F.S., relating to referendums for the creation of soil and water conservation districts; repealing s. 582.15, F.S., relating to the organization of soil and water conservation districts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Community Affairs; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1774—A bill to be entitled An act relating to automated external defibrillators at parks and youth recreation or sports facilities; creating ss. 125.0295 and 166.0496, F.S.; requiring that functioning automated external defibrillators be on the premises of specified facilities; providing requirements for training on the use of automated external defibrillators; providing notification requirements; providing volunteers immunity from liability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1776—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education for athletic coaches; amending ss. 943.0438 and 1006.20, F.S.; requiring independent sanctioning authorities and the Florida High School Athletic Association, respectively, to adopt guidelines to educate certain persons on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures; requiring athletic coaches to hold a current certificate of successful completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending ss. 1006.165 and 1012.55, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Education Pre-K-12; and Rules.

By Senator Collins—

SB 1778—A bill to be entitled An act relating to escrow accounts for improvements to residential real property; amending s. 713.345, F.S.; requiring contractors and qualified companies that receive a specified amount of money for improvements to residential real property to place such payments in an escrow account with specified institutions or persons; providing an exception; requiring the contractor or qualified company to provide certain written information within a specified timeframe to the owner of the residential real property being improved; authorizing the contractor or qualified company to keep funds received from different owners in the same account under certain circumstances; providing that the institution or person with whom funds were deposited is not required to make certain inquiries; providing that funds deposited into an escrow account remain the property of the owner; authorizing the contractor or qualified company to withdraw funds before the substantial completion of work in certain circumstances; authorizing the owner of the residential real property to request in a specified manner an accounting report from the contractor or qualified company; requiring the contractor or qualified company to provide such accounting report within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; creating a rebuttable presumption; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1780—A bill to be entitled An act relating to defamation, false light, and unauthorized publication of name or likenesses; amending s. 90.5015, F.S.; providing that provisions concerning journalist's privilege do not apply to defamation claims when the defendant is a professional journalist or media entity; amending s. 770.05, F.S.; defining the term "defamation or privacy tort"; revising provisions concerning venue for certain actions; amending s. 770.08, F.S.; revising provisions limiting the choice of venue in specified actions; creating s. 770.09, F.S.; exempting certain claims from specified provisions concerning offers of judgment and demands for judgment in civil actions; providing for award of attorney fees and costs to prevailing plaintiffs in such actions; creating s. 770.105, F.S.; specifying that certain persons may not be considered public figures for purposes of certain actions; creating s.

770.11, F.S.; specifying that a fact finder may infer actual malice in certain circumstances; providing that certain allegations are defamatory per se; providing statutory damages to prevailing plaintiffs who are the subject of such allegations; creating s. 770.12, F.S.; creating a presumption that a statement by an anonymous source is presumptively false for purposes of a defamation action; providing requirements if a defendant in a defamation action refuses to identify an anonymous source; creating s. 770.13, F.S.; providing that a public figure does not need to show actual malice to prevail in a defamation action in certain circumstances; creating s. 770.15, F.S.; providing that a person who gives publicity to a matter concerning a natural person that places that person before the public in a false light may be liable for damages in certain circumstances; amending s. 720.304, F.S.; revising a provision on award of attorney fees in certain actions by property owners; amending s. 768.295, F.S.; revising a provision on award of attorney fees in strategic lawsuits against public participation; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Judiciary; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Martin—

SB 1782—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the judicial system; amending s. 40.24, F.S.; revising the base rate and timeframes for juror compensation; authorizing judges to increase the juror compensation rate for certain jurors; amending s. 40.32, F.S.; specifying that the juror compensation rate is funded by specified court costs; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 57.042, F.S.; requiring the losing party in civil actions to reimburse the court for specified juror compensation costs; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; providing for the award of costs and attorney fees in certain actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Judiciary; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1784—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health and substance abuse; amending s. 394.455, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.4572, F.S.; providing an exception to background screening requirements for certain licensed physicians and nurses; amending s. 394.459, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; specifying a timeframe for recording restrictions in a patient's clinical file; amending s. 394.4599, F.S.; revising written notice requirements relating to filing petitions for involuntary services; amending s. 394.461, F.S.; authorizing the state to establish that a transfer evaluation was performed by providing the court with a copy of the evaluation before the close of the state's case in chief; prohibiting the court from considering substantive information in the transfer evaluation unless the evaluator testifies at the hearing; requiring the Department of Children and Families to post a specified report on its website; deleting requirements to submit the report to specified parties; amending s. 394.4615, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.462, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; revising requirements relating to voluntary admissions to a facility for examination and treatment; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, law enforcement officers to take certain persons into custody for involuntary examinations; requiring written reports by a law enforcement officer to contain certain information; revising the types of documents that the department is required to receive and maintain and that are considered part of the clinical record; requiring the department to post a specified report on its website by a specified date; revising requirements for releasing a patient from a receiving facility; revising when the examination period begins for a patient at a receiving facility; revising requirements for petitions for involuntary services; requiring the department and the Agency for Health Care Administration to analyze certain data, identify patterns and trends, and make recommendations to decrease avoidable admissions; authorizing recommendations to be addressed in a specified manner; requiring the department to publish a specified report on its

website by a certain date; making technical changes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.4655, F.S.; defining the terms “court”, “criminal county court”, and “involuntary outpatient placement”; authorizing a criminal county court to order an individual to involuntary outpatient treatment; deleting provisions relating to involuntary outpatient services; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; defining terms; revising the criteria for ordering a person for involuntary inpatient placement; providing that a patient may be recommended and retained for involuntary services; requiring recommendations for services be supported by the opinions of certain medical professionals within a specified timeframe; revising who may file a petition for involuntary services; requiring such petitions to be filed in the county where the patient is located; providing criteria for what must be in a petition for involuntary services; requiring a service provider to provide a treatment plan if the patient meets the criteria for involuntary services; requiring copies of such petitions be given to specified individuals; requiring the court to appoint counsel for the patient, if the patient meets certain criteria; revising provisions relating to continuances of hearings; revising requirements for hearings on involuntary services; revising the conditions under which a court may waive the requirement for a patient to be present at an involuntary inpatient placement hearing; requiring facilities to make certain clinical records available to a state attorney within a specified timeframe; specifying that such records remain confidential and may not be used for certain purposes; requiring the court to allow testimony from certain individuals; requiring the court to consider testimony and evidence regarding a patient's competence to consent to services and treatment; requiring the court to appoint a guardian advocate if the patient is found to be incompetent; authorizing the court to order a patient to involuntary inpatient or outpatient services, depending on the services available to the patient in his or her community; requiring service providers to document efforts taken to secure appropriate services for the patient; prohibiting courts from ordering individuals with developmental disabilities to be involuntarily placed in a state treatment facility; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.468, F.S.; revising requirements for discharge planning; amending ss. 394.495 and 394.496, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.499, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for children's crisis stabilization unit/juvenile addictions receiving facility services; amending s. 394.875, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting a limitation on the size of a crisis stabilization unit; deleting a requirement for the department to implement a certain demonstration project; amending s. 394.9085, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 397.305, F.S.; revising the purpose of ch. 397, F.S.; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 397.401, F.S.; prohibiting certain service providers from exceeding their licensed capacity by more than a specified percentage or for more than a specified number of days; amending s. 397.4073, F.S.; providing an exception to background screening requirements for certain licensed physicians and nurses; amending s. 397.501, F.S.; revising notice requirements for the right to counsel; amending s. 397.581, F.S.; revising actions that constitute unlawful activities relating to assessment and treatment; amending s. 397.675, F.S.; revising the criteria for involuntary admissions for purposes of assessment and stabilization, and for involuntary treatment; amending s. 397.681, F.S.; revising where involuntary treatment petitions for substance abuse impaired persons must be filed; revising the portion of such proceedings over which a general or special magistrate may preside; providing an exception to a respondent's right to counsel relating to petitions for involuntary treatment; revising the circumstances under which courts are required to appoint counsel for respondents without regard to respondents' wishes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 397.6751, F.S.; revising service provider responsibilities relating to involuntary admissions; amending s. 397.6818, F.S.; revising provisions relating to court determinations for petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization; renumbering and amending s. 397.693, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a person may be the subject of court-ordered involuntary treatment; renumbering and amending s. 397.695, F.S.; authorizing the court or a law enforcement agency to waive or prohibit any service of process fees for petitioners determined to be indigent; renumbering and amending s. 397.6951, F.S.; revising the information required to be included in a petition for involuntary treatment services; authorizing a petitioner to include a certificate or

report of a qualified professional with such petition; requiring such certificate or report to contain certain information; requiring that certain additional information be included if an emergency exists; renumbering and amending s. 397.6955, F.S.; revising when the office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel represents a person; revising when a hearing must be held on a petition for involuntary treatment; requiring law enforcement agencies to effect service for initial treatment hearings; providing an exception; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 397.6957, F.S.; expanding the exemption from the requirement that a respondent be present at a hearing on a petition for involuntary treatment services; requiring the court to hear testimony from family members familiar with the respondent's history; authorizing the court to order drug tests and to permit witnesses to attend and testify remotely at the hearing through certain means; deleting a provision requiring the court to appoint a guardian advocate under certain circumstances; prohibiting a respondent from being involuntarily ordered into treatment unless certain requirements are met; providing requirements relating to involuntary assessment and stabilization orders; providing requirements relating to involuntary treatment hearings; requiring that the assessment of a respondent occur within a specified timeframe; providing an exception; authorizing service providers to petition the court in writing for an extension of the observation period; providing service requirements for such petitions; authorizing the service provider to continue to hold the respondent if the court grants the petition; requiring a qualified professional to transmit his or her report to the clerk of the court within a specified timeframe; requiring the clerk of the court to enter the report into the court file; providing requirements for the report; providing that the report's filing satisfies the requirements for release of certain individuals if it contains admission and discharge information; providing for the petition's dismissal under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to initiate involuntary proceedings and have the respondent evaluated by the under certain circumstances; requiring that a treatment order, if issued, must include certain findings; amending s. 397.6975, F.S.; authorizing certain entities to file a petition for renewal of an involuntary treatment services order; revising the timeframe during which the court is required to schedule a hearing; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 397.6977, F.S.; providing that discharge planning and procedures for a respondent's release from involuntary treatment services address minimum requirements; amending ss. 409.972, 464.012, and 744.2007, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 916.13, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to complete and submit a competency evaluation report to the circuit court to determine if a defendant adjudicated incompetent to proceed meets the criteria for involuntary civil commitment if it is determined that the defendant will not or is unlikely to regain competency; requiring a qualified professional to sign such report under penalty of perjury; defining the term "competency evaluation report to the circuit court"; providing requirements for such report; requiring a defendant who meets the criteria for involuntary examination and court witnesses to appear remotely for hearing; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 397.6811, F.S., relating to involuntary assessment and stabilization; repealing s. 397.6814, F.S., relating to petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization; repealing s. 397.6815, F.S., relating to involuntary assessment and stabilization procedures; repealing s. 397.6819, F.S., relating to the responsibilities of licensed service providers with regard to involuntary assessment and stabilization; repealing s. 397.6821, F.S., relating to extensions of time for completion of involuntary assessment and stabilization; repealing s. 397.6822, F.S., relating to the disposition of individuals after involuntary assessment; repealing s. 397.6978, F.S., relating to the appointment of guardian advocates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator DiCeglie—

SB 1786—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional licensure and certification; amending s. 472.0101, F.S.; authorizing the practice of a profession as a substitute for certain professional or occupational degrees for certain foreign-trained professionals; amending

s. 472.013, F.S.; revising education and work experience requirements for taking the surveyor and mapper licensure examination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1788—A bill to be entitled An act relating to age verification for social media platform accounts; creating s. 501.1736, F.S.; defining terms; requiring social media platforms to prohibit certain minors from creating new accounts, use reasonable age-verification methods to verify the ages of account holders, to terminate certain accounts and provide additional options for termination of such accounts, and to disclose specified policies and provide specified resources, measures, and disclaimers; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing penalties; providing for private causes of actions; providing that certain social media platforms are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1790—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 501.1736, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs and law enforcement agencies of certain data privacy violations; defining the term "proprietary 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 Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1792—A bill to be entitled An act relating to online access to materials harmful to minors; creating s. 501.1737, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application that contains a substantial portion of such material to perform reasonable age verification methods and methods for reporting unauthorized or unlawful access; prohibiting the retention of certain personal identifying information; providing applicability and construction; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring an action for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing civil penalties; providing for private causes of action; providing that certain commercial entities are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Grall—

SB 1794—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 501.1737, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs and law enforcement agencies of certain data privacy violations; providing a definition; 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 Judiciary; and Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1796—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government impact fees and exactions; amending s. 163.3180, F.S.; requiring local governments that impose nonmonetary exactions to provide a specified amount of compensation; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; requiring that any impact fee be collected only if the property subject to the fee receives the service for which the fee is assessed; requiring certain local governments and special districts to establish impact fee zones or impact fee districts for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Trumbull—

SB 1798—A bill to be entitled An act relating to home health care services; amending s. 400.487, F.S.; authorizing contract staff to provide specified visits for a home health agency under certain circumstances; amending s. 408.032, F.S.; revising the definition of “health care facility” to include a home health agency; amending s. 409.905, F.S.; authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse to order or write prescriptions for certain Medicaid services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Health Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

Senate Bills 7000-7018—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Judiciary—

SB 7020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the delivery of notices; amending s. 1.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “registered mail” for purposes of construction of the Florida Statutes; defining the term “return receipt requested” for purposes of construction of the Florida Statutes; providing for construction and retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

SB 7022—Not referenced.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

SB 7024—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employer contributions to fund retiree benefits; amending s. 121.71, F.S.; revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By the Committee on Agriculture—

SB 7026—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 570.822, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing that such information may be released in an aggregated and anonymized format; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Book and Stewart—

CS for SB 84—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers by a specified date; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Harrell—

CS for SB 434—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 Margaritaville license plate; providing for distribution of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Stewart—

CS for SB 764—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retention of sexual offense evidence; amending s. 943.326, F.S.; requiring that specified sexual offense evidence be retained by specified entities for a minimum number of years after the collection date; requiring that such evidence be stored anonymously in a secure, environmentally safe manner, and with a documented chain of custody; providing an effective date.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST READING

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 693 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

By Representative(s) Borrero, Gregory—

HCR 693—A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 703 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

By Representative(s) Sirois, Gregory—

HCR 703—A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

ADJOURNMENT

The Journal of January 10 was corrected and approved.

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourned at 9:02 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 18 or upon call of the President.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Book—CS for SB 186; Broxson—CS for SB 580; Collins—CS for SB 346, CS for SB 494; Davis—SB 848; DiCeglie—SB 1172; Harrell—SB 7018

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