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## CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Excused: Senator Avila; Senator Grall at 11:00 a.m.; Senators Baxley and Yarborough at 1:16 p.m.

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senior Rabbi Alan Litwak, Temple Sinai of North Dade, North Miami Beach:

Senator Passidomo, Majority Leader Albritton, as a personal point of privilege, my friend and congregant, Senate Minority Leader Book, and esteemed leaders, thank you for the honor of being with you this morning, particularly as we celebrate Florida’s relationship with the state and the people of Israel. I hope that the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart will be acceptable not only to the Holy One, but will serve as a guiding force as you begin today’s deliberations.

Holy One of blessing, you who are encountered in many ways and called by many names, we thank you for the opportunity to assemble today. We thank you for the freedoms that we enjoy in this great country. We thank you for the nourishment and good health that you have provided which allows us to do our sacred work. We pray for the esteemed public servants who hold positions of leadership and responsibility in this state. Let your blessing rest upon them.

Within this windowless chamber, we humbly ask for your guidance, helping the members of this body to see beyond these walls and beyond themselves—imbuing them with: an acknowledgment that all our citizens are created in your image; a love of the stranger, wherever they find themselves; a desire for intellectual honesty and openness; a commitment to be examples of wisdom, of civility, and unity; and a respect for the natural world which surrounds and sustains us.

As this body deliberates, may we invoke your name only to inspire and unify our state—never to divide it. May these leaders be an example to all the institutions of this state, serving with justice and compassion those who find themselves within its borders. Holy One of blessing—be with this body and all of us, and may you continue to look favorably upon our state. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Leah Mask of Madison; Israel Pena-Rincon of Palm Bay; and Ashlyn Riley of Wesley Chapel, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

## DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Ruby Anne Deveras of Daytona Beach, sponsored by Senator Hutson, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Deveras specializes in hematology/oncology.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Book—

By Senator Book—

**SR 1826**—A resolution designating February 29, 2024, as “Israel Day at the Capitol.”

WHEREAS, for seven decades, the United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship based on shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of friendship and mutual respect, and

WHEREAS, Florida has long had large and vibrant Israeli and Jewish communities, and

WHEREAS, student groups from universities across the state, including NolePac at Florida State University, have worked diligently to combat antisemitism on campus and strengthen the United States-Israel alliance, and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, more than 20 strategic partnerships and memoranda of understanding were established between entities in Florida and Israel, including agreements between leading universities and an extension of the Florida-Israel Innovation Partnership in which Space Florida entered into pioneering bilateral partnership with the Israel Innovation Authority to support joint aerospace research and development projects, and

WHEREAS, Florida benefits economically from the partnership with Israel, with more than \$400 million in exports from Florida to Israel in 2022, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has had a longstanding alliance with the State of Israel, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate designates February 29, 2024, as “Israel Day at the Capitol.”

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

### SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

**CS for SB 7072**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cancer funding; amending s. 381.915, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program; revising duties of the Department of Health under the program; creating the Cancer Connect Collaborative, a council, within the department for a specified purpose; authorizing the collaborative to make certain recommendations on state policy relating to cancer research or treatment; providing for membership and meetings of the collaborative; requiring the collaborative to develop a long-range comprehensive plan for the program; requiring the collaborative to solicit input from certain stakeholders in the development of the plan; requiring the collaborative to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying required components of the plan; requiring the department to provide administrative support and staff to the collaborative; requiring the collaborative to advise the department on the awarding of grants issued through the Cancer Innovation Fund; requiring the collaborative to review grant applications and make recommendations to the department for awarding grants upon the appropriation of funds to the fund; requiring the department to make the final grant allocation award; requiring the collaborative to prioritize certain applications for grant funding; revising the frequency with which the department, in conjunction with participating cancer centers, must submit a specified report to the Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council and the collaborative; requiring the department to submit the report, and any equivalent independent reports, to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date each year; revising requirements of such reports; beginning on a specified date, requiring that each allocation agreement issued by the department relating to certain cancer center payments include specified elements; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Harrell moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (517038) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 216 and 217 insert:

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4) of section 1004.435, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1004.435 Cancer control and research.—

(4) FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL; CREATION; COMPOSITION.—

(a) There is created within the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Inc., the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council. The council shall consist of ~~16~~ 15 members, which includes the chairperson, all of whom must be residents of this state. The State Surgeon General or his or her designee within the Department of Health shall be one of the ~~16~~ 15 members. Members, except those appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the President of the Senate, must be appointed by the chief executive officer of the institution or organization represented, or his or her designee. One member must be a representative of the American Cancer Society; one member must be a representative of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Miami; one member must be a representative of the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center; one member must be a representative of the Florida Nurses Association who specializes in the field of oncology and is not from an institution or organization already represented on the council; one member must be a representative of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association who specializes in the field of oncology; one member must be a member of the Florida Medical Association who specializes in the field of oncology and who represents a cancer center not already represented on the council; one member must be a representative of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Inc.; *one member must be a representative of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville*; one member must be a member of the Florida Hospital Association who specializes in the field of on-

cology and who represents a comprehensive cancer center not already represented on the council; one member must be a representative of the Association of Community Cancer Centers; one member must specialize in pediatric oncology research or clinical care appointed by the Governor; one member must specialize in oncology clinical care or research appointed by the President of the Senate; one member must be a current or former cancer patient or a current or former caregiver to a cancer patient appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member must be a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one member must be a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. At least four of the members must be individuals who are minority persons as defined by s. 288.703.

(d) The council shall meet no less than semiannually at the call of the chairperson or, in his or her absence or incapacity, at the call of the State Surgeon General. ~~Nine~~ Eight members constitute a quorum for the purpose of exercising all of the powers of the council. A vote of the majority of the members present is sufficient for all actions of the council.

And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 38 and 39 insert: amending s. 1004.435, F.S.; revising the membership of the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council; revising quorum requirements for council actions;

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 7072**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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

Nays—None

### SENATOR BOOK PRESIDING

**SB 7078**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; amending s. 381.915, F.S.; defining the term “proprietary business information”; providing an exemption from public records requirements for proprietary business information included in cancer research grant applications submitted to the Cancer Connect Collaborative and records generated by the collaborative relating to the review of such information; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for portions of collaborative meetings during which such proprietary business information is discussed; requiring that the closed portions of meetings be recorded; requiring the collaborative to maintain such recordings; authorizing the disclosure of such confidential and exempt information under certain circumstances; providing for legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Harrell moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (412066) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 37-116 and insert:

(j)1. As used in this paragraph, the term “proprietary business information” means information that:

- a. *Is owned or controlled by the applicant;*
- b. *Is intended to be private and is treated by the applicant as private;*
- c. *Has not been disclosed except as required by law or a private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public;*
- d. *Is not readily available or ascertainable through proper means from another source in the same configuration as received by the collaborative;*
- e. *Affects competitive interests, and the disclosure of such information would impair the competitive advantage of the applicant; and*
- f. *Is explicitly identified or clearly marked as proprietary business information.*

2. *Proprietary business information held by the department or the collaborative is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to information contained in final recommendations of the collaborative.*

3. *Portions of a meeting of the collaborative during which confidential and exempt proprietary business information is discussed are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. The closed portion of a meeting must be recorded, and the recording must be maintained by the collaborative. The recording is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.*

4.a. *Proprietary business information made confidential and exempt under subparagraph 2. may be disclosed with the express written consent of the applicant to whom the information pertains, or the applicant's legally authorized representative, or pursuant to a court order upon a showing of good cause.*

b. *Recordings of those portions of exempt meetings which are made confidential and exempt under subparagraph 3. may be disclosed to the department or pursuant to a court order upon a showing of good cause.*

5. *This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.*

Section 2. (1) *The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that proprietary business information held by the Department of Health or the Cancer Connect Collaborative be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature recognizes that the public disclosure of proprietary business information could injure an applicant's business interests and research efforts and stifle scientific innovation. Maintaining confidentiality is a hallmark of scientific peer review when awarding research grants. The Legislature further finds that any public benefit derived from the disclosure of such information is significantly outweighed by the public and private harm that could result from the disclosure of such proprietary business information. Further, release of such information could impair the effective and efficient administration of the grant program.*

(2) *The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that the portions of meetings of the Cancer Connect Collaborative during which confidential and exempt proprietary business information is discussed be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution. If such portions of meetings are not closed, the public records exemption is negated. Furthermore, closing meetings during such discussions allows for candid exchanges among reviewers critiquing applications. The Legislature further finds that closing access to the portions of meetings of the collaborative during which proprietary business information of grant applications is discussed serves a public good by ensuring that decisions are based upon merit without bias or undue influence. The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that recordings of exempt portions of meetings be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, because release of such recordings circumvents the protections afforded by the public meeting exemption.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 15 and insert: collaborative to maintain such recordings; providing an exemption from public records requirements for such recordings; authorizing

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **SB 7078**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 62**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to resident status for tuition purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing that a person may not lose his or her resident status for tuition purposes due to incarceration; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Osgood, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 62** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Senator Osgood recognized Representative Jervonte Edmonds, who was present in the chamber in support of CS for SB 62, related to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes.

**SB 1512**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 893.03, F.S.; adding tianeptine to the list of Schedule I controlled substances; amending ss. 893.13, 893.131, and 893.135, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Brodeur, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1512** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for 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 their budgets are 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 read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1704** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—25

Madam President	DiCeglie	Mayfield
Baxley	Garcia	Perry
Boyd	Grall	Rodriguez
Bradley	Gruters	Simon
Brodeur	Harrell	Trumbull
Broxson	Hooper	Wright
Burgess	Hutson	Yarborough
Burton	Ingoglia	
Calatayud	Martin	

Nays—12

Berman	Osgood	Rouson
Book	Pizzo	Stewart
Davis	Polsky	Thompson
Jones	Powell	Torres

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Albritton, Collins

**CS for CS for SB 1456**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to counties designated as areas of critical state concern; amending s. 380.0552, F.S.; adding certain requirements to local comprehensive plans relating to a hurricane evacuation study; amending s. 380.0666, F.S.; revising the powers of the land authority; providing requirements for conveying affordable housing homeownership units; providing lien status prioritization for certain purposes; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; excluding land designated as an area of critical state concern within a specified timeframe from award requirements made to specified sponsors or persons for the purpose of providing eligible housing as a part of a local housing assistance plan; providing for expiration and retroactive applicability; authorizing counties that have been designated as areas of critical state concern to use specified tourist development tax and tourist impact tax revenue for affordable housing for certain employees; requiring that housing financed with such funds maintain its affordable housing status for a specified timeframe; requiring that the expenditure of certain funds be subject to approval by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners of an eligible county; defining the term “accumulated surplus”; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1456** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for CS for SB 382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to continuing education requirements; amending s. 455.2123, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, a board, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation when there is no board, to allow by rule that distance learning may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements; revising the requirements that such continuing education must satisfy; amending s. 455.2124, F.S.; requiring a board, or the department when there is no board, to exempt certain individuals from completing their continuing education requirements; providing applicability; requiring the department and each affected board to adopt rules; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing requirements and an expiration date for the emergency rules; providing for the expiration of such rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Hooper, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 382** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 676**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to food delivery platforms; creating s. 509.103, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting food delivery platforms from taking or arranging for the delivery or pickup of orders from a food service establishment without the food service establishment’s consent; requiring food delivery platforms to disclose certain information to the consumer; requiring food delivery platforms to provide food service establishments with a method of contacting and responding to consumers by a specified date; providing circumstances under which a food delivery platform must remove a food service establishment’s listing on its platform; prohibiting certain actions by food delivery platforms; providing requirements for agreements between food delivery platforms and food service establishments; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue a notice to cease and desist to a food

delivery platform for violations; providing that such notice does not constitute agency action; authorizing the division to enforce such notice and collect attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances; authorizing the division to impose a specified civil penalty; requiring the division to allow a food delivery platform to cure any violation within a specified timeframe before imposing such a civil penalty; preempting regulation of food delivery platforms to the state; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Bradley moved the following amendments which were adopted:

**Amendment 1 (255056)**—Between lines 46 and 47 insert:

3. *A search engine that only facilitates an order to be picked up from a food service establishment without accepting a commission or fee for the order or connects a consumer to a food delivery platform’s website, mobile application, or payment and order processing system for the purpose of placing an order.*

**Amendment 2 (733260) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 144 and 145 insert:

Section 2. *For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sums of \$173,573 in recurring funds and \$13,922 in nonrecurring funds from the Hotel and Restaurant Trust Fund and \$113,749 in recurring funds and \$8,461 in nonrecurring funds from the Administrative Trust Fund are appropriated to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and three full-time equivalent positions with a total associated salary rate of 182,692 are authorized, for the purpose of implementing this act.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 29 and 30 insert: appropriation; providing an

On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 676**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 692**—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 current or former commissioners of the Florida Gaming Control Commission and the spouses and children of such current or former commissioners; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Hutson, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 692** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Berman	Brodeur
Albritton	Book	Broxson
Baxley	Boyd	Burgess

Burton	Hutson	Rodriguez
Calatayud	Ingoglia	Rouson
Collins	Jones	Simon
Davis	Martin	Stewart
DiCeglie	Mayfield	Thompson
Garcia	Osgood	Torres
Grall	Perry	Trumbull
Gruters	Pizzo	Wright
Harrell	Polsky	Yarborough
Hooper	Powell	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 86** was deferred.

**CS for CS for SB 808**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to treatment by a medical specialist; amending s. 112.18, F.S.; authorizing firefighters, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers to receive medical treatment by a medical specialist for certain conditions under certain circumstances; requiring firefighters, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and correctional probation officers to notify certain entities of their selection of a medical specialist; providing requirements for the firefighter’s or officer’s workers’ compensation carrier, self-insured employer, or third-party administrator; requiring that the continuing care and treatment by a medical specialist be reasonable, necessary, and related to the firefighter’s or officer’s condition and authorized by the workers’ compensation carrier, self-insured employer, or third-party administrator; specifying a reimbursement percentage for such treatment; defining the term “medical specialist”; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 808** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

**CS for SB 274**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child water safety requirements; providing a short title; creating s. 514.073, F.S.; defining terms; providing that certain organizations that care for or supervise children must require parents or legal guardians to attest to certain information in writing before taking such children to public bathing places and public swimming pools; providing requirements for such organizations when they conduct certain activities in public bathing places or public swimming pools; providing an exception; providing for disciplinary action for certain violations; providing applicability; authorizing the Department of Health to adopt rules; amending s. 515.31, F.S.; requiring the department to include specified information

as part of its publication, or video or other form of appropriate communication, which provides the public information on drowning prevention and the responsibilities of pool ownership; requiring the department to make such information available to health care facilities; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 274** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

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**CS for CS for SB 592**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to historical preservation programs; creating s. 267.0724, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to partner with the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network for a specified purpose; specifying preservation efforts that may be undertaken through the partnership; requiring the network to submit a list of member museums to the department; requiring the department to independently verify that such museums are members of the network; requiring the department and the network to determine other eligible expenditures necessary to further the partnership's mission and goals; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 592** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—31

Madam President	DiCeglie	Polsky
Albritton	Garcia	Powell
Baxley	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Broxson	Hutson	Stewart
Burgess	Ingoglia	Trumbull
Burton	Jones	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	Mayfield	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—5

Berman	Pizzo	Torres
Book	Thompson	

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley, Perry

#### THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

**CS for CS for SB 556**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protection of specified adults; creating s. 415.10341, F.S.; defining terms;

providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing financial institutions, under certain circumstances, to delay a disbursement or transaction from an account of a specified adult; specifying that a delay on a disbursement or transaction expires on a certain date; authorizing the financial institution to extend the delay under certain circumstances; authorizing a court of competent jurisdiction to shorten or extend the delay; providing construction; granting financial institutions immunity from certain liability; providing construction; requiring financial institutions to take certain actions before placing a delay on a disbursement or transaction; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rouson, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 556** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Madam President	Davis	Polsky
Albritton	DiCeglie	Powell
Baxley	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Gruters	Rouson
Book	Harrell	Simon
Boyd	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	
Collins	Pizzo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley, Hooper, Perry, Wright

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**CS for SB 168**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to congenital cytomegalovirus screenings; amending s. 383.145, F.S.; requiring certain hospitals to administer congenital cytomegalovirus screenings on newborns admitted to the hospital under specified circumstances; requiring that the screenings be initiated within a specified timeframe; providing construction; providing coverage under the Medicaid program for the screenings and any medically necessary follow-up reevaluations; requiring that newborns diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus be referred to a primary care physician for medical management, treatment, and follow-up services; requiring that children diagnosed with a congenital cytomegalovirus infection without hearing loss be referred to the Children's Medical Services Early Intervention Program and be deemed eligible for evaluation and any medically necessary follow-up reevaluations and monitoring under the program; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Polsky, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 168** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Madam President	Davis	Polsky
Albritton	DiCeglie	Powell
Baxley	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Gruters	Rouson
Book	Harrell	Simon
Boyd	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	
Collins	Pizzo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley, Hooper, Perry, Wright

**CS for CS for CS for SB 86**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Hope Cards for persons issued orders of protection; creating s. 741.311, F.S.; requiring the clerks of the circuit court, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to develop and implement the Hope Card Program; authorizing certain persons to request a Hope Card after a specified date; specifying when and how a person may request a Hope Card; requiring clerks’ offices to create a Hope Card and provide such card to petitioners within a specified time frame; prohibiting the assessment of a fee; providing requirements for the Hope Card; providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent use of a Hope Card; amending ss. 741.30, 784.046, 784.0485, and 825.1035, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Book moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (508086) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 101 and 102 insert:

Section 6. *For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$176,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Justice Administrative Commission for distribution to the clerks of the circuit court to implement this act.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 16 and 17 insert: appropriation; providing an

On motion by Senator Book, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 86**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Hooper, Perry, Wright

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENATOR BOOK**

At the direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to the recognition of Senator Lauren Book, honoring her years of service to the Senate as she approaches the completion of her term for the 35th Senate District.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

The President introduced Senator Book’s father, Ron Book; mother, Patricia Book; brother, Chase Book; sister, Samantha Book who was watching from home; and children, Kennedy and Hudson, who were present in the chamber.

The President introduced Senator Book’s district staff, Zoraida Druckman, Sean LeHockey, and Leisa Wiseman, who were present in the chamber.

The President introduced former Representative Mike Abrams who was present in the chamber.

The President introduced Senator Book’s guests, former staff, Pat Gosney, Shirley Sharon, and Jeff Scala, who were present in the gallery. President Passidomo also recognized Senator Book’s former aide, JJ Piskadlo, who unfortunately passed away last year.

The President introduced Senator Book’s guests, Marifel Anastacio; Lauren’s Kids Board Members, Keith Kenner and Rochelle Matza; with Lauren’s Kids, Claire VanSusteren; members of the Florida Professional Firefighters, Meredith Stanfield, Bernie Bernoska, Rocco Salvatore, Brian Powell, and Bruce Anderson; Steadman Stahl of South Florida Police Benevolent Association; Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Colonel Robert Chandler and Trooper Chris Smith; Broward County Commissioner Michael Udine; Jennifer Dritt, Florida Council Against Sexual Violence; Members of the Jewish Federation of Broward County and the Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Miriam Singer, Evan Goldman, Karen Zemel, Bob Schneider, Denise Lettau, Myriam Campo-Goldman, and Margaret Hooper; and Jeffrey Zirulnick, JARC CEO, who were present in the gallery.

The President introduced former Senator Ray Rodrigues, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida, who was present in the chamber.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

A video tribute was played honoring Senator Book.

**REMARKS**

On motion by Senator Mayfield, by two-thirds vote, the following remarks by Senator Book were ordered spread upon the Journal.

**Senator Book:** Senator Ingoglia, I really hate term limits. Sorry about your bill, but this process has given me my whole life. This process was our whole life. When other kids got to go to Spring Break—somewhere on a beach having fun—we came to Tallahassee. We stayed at the Governor’s Inn—the old Governor’s Inn, Room 200 always—and we would be a part of this place and this process. It was so much fun. Many of you saw on the video of the kids—literally, they learned how to walk and talk here. My brother would ride on a trike, much to my dad’s chagrin, in the hallways here. We grew up. This was a place that we revered. It’s a process that I respect deeply and each and every one of you. When I experienced injustices in my own life—pain, difficulty—this is the place I came to have a voice, this is the place I came to fight, and this is the place I earned a voice. You get to pick the bill, and we’ll see that in a minute. I’m going to talk about it, but that first bill came about when my victim advocate said I needed to go get an HIV and AIDS test. I was tested and, thank God, it was negative. Some of you may or may not know, AIDS or HIV can lie dormant in your system before it shows up on a test. We petitioned the court to have the offender, who was sitting in a jail, who pled no contest to the things that happened over the course of many years, tested. The judge sat on the request. In the State of Florida at that time, you weren’t even entitled to ask for the results of an HIV test. Well, luckily, my dad was a lobbyist, and I was starting to find my voice. It was the closing days of the legislative session and, as Senator Burgess alluded to, you don’t really realize something big until you’re in the process—and something had to happen. So, it was the last two weeks of the process, and a bill was introduced—had never been heard before in committees—it was drafted, written, and passed in two weeks. At that time and now forevermore, an HIV and AIDS test and other STD tests, once asked for by the victim, or the victim’s family in the case of a minor, those results must be given. So, when I realized this place was not just a place I got to go to with my dad, I knew that I could make change, be different, and make a difference, and that I could use my voice to do so. So, when Senator Sobel termed out and an opportunity presented itself, I was over the moon excited to be a part of this body. When I sat here and finished and was crying so much, it’s because all I’ve ever wanted in my whole life, as a survivor of sexual abuse, was to be seen. If you’re seen, those things can’t happen, right? If they actually saw it, those things wouldn’t continue. For the first time sitting

here, knowing that I'm going, we've done all these great things—and I'm going to talk about that—but I feel seen. Each and every one of you have been a part of making a survivor feel seen, feel heard—and you do that every day in this process. It's not me—we do this all the time. Every one of you have a piece of policy that is so deeply important to you. When I started, I was not planning to lean in to the child sexual abuse stuff because I wanted to create an identity different than that. You find these people along the way, and we have the ability to right wrongs and fight injustices every day for the 21 million people in our great state. I feel blessed every day that I get to do this job, like I know each and every one of you feel. I can't believe that this is here because they were in my stomach when this started, literally. I always knew that I would have them with me because I wanted to show my children, and I wanted to show other people that you can do it no matter what. Now don't get me wrong—it was awful. I don't advise it. I don't think it's a great idea. I came here two weeks after I had a C-section. It was not the easiest thing to do. Between committee meetings, I was doing feedings, running from place to place at that point. You're right, Senator Harrell, we had two cribs. It's now Senator Broxson's office, which we shared. It became a nursery. It had two little cribs and my little chair, and we were okay. We were scared. I was terrified. The first time I picked up the microphone, I remember crying a little bit—in my heart and in my soul—because I couldn't believe what we were doing. That beginning was hard. President Negron gave me a chance that nobody else did. Everybody thought this girl's going to go to Children and Families, that's what she does, that's what she knows. President Negron said, "I'm going to give you a challenge because I think you can handle it." He made me the Chair of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. I had no idea what was going to happen. I just had these kids, I was here, and we had moved up. I remember my dad looking at me one day and saying, "Don't worry, they don't let you mess this up." This process doesn't let you mess this up too much. I see Kennedy giving me a note that says, "Let's go, Mommy, let's wrap this up." We've got a few more minutes. As Chair Broxson said, you get to be a little selfish today. I had the ability to change what that chairmanship was, and I got to work with Leader Albritton, who was writing the budget for the environment on that side. I had the honor of a lifetime writing a budget for the environment. Again, I had no idea. I have a bedazzled calculator that was given to me that I very much appreciate. I got to work with Gino Betta, who is one of the best professional staff that we have. We sat to write the budget, and I remember that I was getting ready to go to these conferences that we're now in. Back in the day, they would throw these papers and be mad about the budget. I wouldn't like to go back to the way we used to be. I remember talking to Gino, and Gino was like, "I don't think that's a good idea, but we could." Chair Albritton, you did your thing, and I did my thing. It was very quick, very easy, and I thought, okay, I can handle this. You were always my friend. I know people now know how much you care about children and human trafficking. At the time, you were in the House doing the environment stuff. You have a pure heart. You are good. You challenge me to be a better orator and not curse as much. Madam President, I come by it honestly though not Italian. Sometimes, I do it just to make you crazy. I'll try not to do that now, but I appreciated that opportunity to work with you on creating a budget. I know our committee chairs are working on that now—what an awesome responsibility that is. You were always kind. I would go back and think what can I do to make him crazy? Let's take away the stamps on the oranges and make him mad, but Gino never let that happen. So then, times progressed. I grew up, and through those first couple of sessions, we all got bigger, and we all got braver. They were really tiny. I just tried my best that first couple of years. I appreciate it.

My kids grew up here. They learned how to walk here, talk here, and negotiate. I remember Hudson and Kennedy walking around with a bill folder trying to change our street name to Sesame Street and getting co-sponsors to that bill. Anyone who came to my office for meetings or worked in my office knew that it was a circus. I always said that people who came to work for me needed to handle chaos well because this was "Chaos Central." Hudson can talk to you about Robert's Rules better than anyone, which is kind of crazy. Kennedy definitely knows how a bill becomes a law and tries to pass them in our house every day. I want to say this—over the last seven years, my kids have had incredible role models in each and every one of you. Whether it's Senator Davis working with Hudson on all the things you talk about at lunch—I know there is no rake head on the game of 21 that you were playing up in the caucus office—or tying a tie this morning. My children—every day that they are here have had incredible people guiding them to the place that they are today. Even Senator DiCeglie, in the elevator, making sure

that we're in a good mood and get to Dick's to buy fun things to play with. You've all given me an incredible gift—the entire chamber has. This place is bigger than us, and you are able to fight incredible wrongs and injustices to make a difference for many generations, to shape the future of Florida, and to forge friendships among our caucuses and across the aisle.

I want to point out that time that Senator Burgess is talking about. We met one day at a strip club. I know that sounds crazy, but it's true. There was a time where I had a bill, the human trafficking bill, that was alluded to by Chair Broxson. As many of you know, the bills that are hardest to pass are ones backed by lobbyists. Sorry, Ron Book. This was a human trafficking bill with hotels where people were being trafficked. As many of you also know, there are sometimes invisible walls here. You don't know why they're there, but you just know that your bill's not going anywhere. That was that bill for me. I was so upset about this bill not passing, and it died in grand display, as these things tend to sometimes do. I went to Senator Simpson at the time, and I said, "Senator Simpson, human trafficking is going on in your district." "Not in Pasco County," he said. And I said, "It is. If I go with your sheriff to Pasco, will you promise to let me do whatever I want to do in a bill?" He said, "Yes." I worked with the sheriff's office and put together a trip. We went to West Pasco County, and Amber Mariano was there with her dad and Senator Burgess and Senator Simpson. What we saw there led to a bill that passed, and I was able to do the things that I wanted to do. I think that is a piece of this process that is important—working across the aisle and never taking no. Knowing that it doesn't always happen when you want it, where you want it, how you want it the first time, is sometimes hard for me. If you put in the work, even with people that you don't think are the same as you, you will get it done. I look at Jay Collins, and I say we are the most unlikely of duos. We sit and work together on great pieces of policy because we come from honest places when it comes to adoption and making children safe. Whether it's at a strip club in West Pasco County or on the second floor—all of those things can happen. It's going that extra mile, doing the work, and earning it. It doesn't always happen the first time. Sometimes you have to do more than you think to make it happen, but it was a fun day and, I think, one that Senator Burgess and I will never ever forget.

I just had the ability to fight for the last, the least, the lost, and the forgotten. Advocating for women, for girls, for children, for families, for survivors, for firefighters, for first responders, for families, for gun safety, for children with disabilities, and so much more. I can't tell you. I'll look at the President, who was chairing Education at the time. It was Valentine's Day, and we had a horrific tragedy in our state—the Marjory Stoneman Douglas massacre. I remember walking into Senator Rader's office, and we're watching what's happening on CNN. Children are running, and backpacks are all over the place. At the time, Madam President, you were working on the bill relating to children who have been exposed to drugs—NAS [Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome] babies. I called you at 2 o'clock in the morning. You couldn't come because you had to do the work as many of us women often do here. I took President Galvano and Senator Simpson with us to Parkland to see what happened. They walked around the building. Had we not done that, had we not gone there, had we not reached across the aisle, we never would have had the public safety, the school safety that we have today. We would never have passed the types of legislation that we passed, which was hard. I look at our colleagues on my side of the aisle—it was not popular. I think there were only two Democrats that voted for that bill at the time. It was important, and I can't say that the crazy ride hasn't come with its crazy things, but being your Leader has been one of the most special things in my lifetime.

I'll never forget when I was coming into the legislature pregnant, not knowing what the heck I was doing. Oscar Braynon called and said, "I want you to be my Pro Tem." Coming in as a freshman, as a Pro Tem—not everybody was super pleased with that. Oscar took a chance on me, and I remember I just wanted to do a good job. I just wanted to make him proud. Arthenia Joyner called me, and I was sitting actually in their nursery. I was literally about to have my C-section two days later. I was panicking. If any of you ever get a phone call from Arthenia Joyner, it's the scariest thing in the entire world for those of you who know Arthenia Joyner. Arthenia said, "Lauren." I said, "Yes ma'am." "You have one job." I was like okay, "Keep these kids alive?" "No, your job is to take arrows for him. Your job is to have his back." I said, "Yes ma'am. I'll talk to you later," and we hung up. Taking arrows for all of you and defending and protecting you—we are the dirty dozen—has been the greatest gift of my life. I do feel very maternal about all of you



no matter how many years younger I am than each and every one of you. You're all my chickens. I get worried all the time—sometimes I get called to the principal's office more for some of my chickens than some others. It happens all the time. Not necessarily under this presidency, but remember, I've been a Leader here for more than most. It has been the honor of a lifetime, and I hope that you all feel that I have served you well. It's all I've ever wanted to do was to make this place better.

So, now all of the people who've been around for a crazy time, I have to first start with Zoraida Druckman who has been with me since the beginning of time. Again, still pregnant, at Moe's in Aventura—I think that's where we were having lunch. I was like okay, "You want to do this?" You said, "Yes." We drive each other nuts, but I appreciate you. I love you, and I am thankful for you. Sean, thank you. You keep me straight. I know what I'm doing. I look at him and say, "What line item? What appropriation? What have we done? What are we doing?" Sometimes, he knows it better than I, and I'm thankful. For our newest addition to our world, Leisa Wiseman, thank you for making sure that when we are working on policy like lethality and domestic violence, we're trying to do what's best for Floridians. I know it's frustrating when sometimes those things don't cross the finish line, but I'm thankful for you. For all of my staff who have been here throughout the years—J.J. Piskadlo—it was rough this summer because there was no better than J.J. He worked hard, he was always here, and he will be missed. Shirley—an angel who's watching—Jeff Scala, Pat Gosney, Laura, and Diane—I know you're still up there hopefully. I am thankful to all of you because again, like I said, to work in my office, you had to deal with a lot of crazy—sometimes working in one room so that a ball pit would fit, and children were running around with things all over.

To our Democrat Caucus staff—I love you guys. It was an interesting time to come in after the Leader was not anymore the Leader. You all had my back, and I think there were a lot of scary times, at least for me. I don't know about anybody else, but I was scared a lot of those times. You have all been consummate professionals. I'll start with the first man of Tallahassee, John Toman, who always has a great Spotify song list and keeps us bopping with a poem of the day. Margaret Thomas, I always know that if there's an education thing, I could turn around and be like, "What's happening here?" She always knows. Jossie Barroso Garcia, thank you for always keeping us in line and sometimes making great GIFs and videos that make us a little more hip than we are or deserve. I appreciate you. ABM Uddin is new, but thanks for the bill the other day—it's dead so don't worry about it—the one we were talking about in Caucus. It's okay. Don't worry, ABM, we got you. Emily Bruno, who is new to the crew, but I had the ability to work with her on reproductive justice. You are awesome, you are special, and I appreciate you. Dustin Paulsen, I'm not mean, I'm just honest, and I appreciate your calm. I appreciate your demeanor and what you allow us to get done in a day. I've always thought the world of Maggie Gerson and had the ability to pull some articles of cases that she worked on where she was tough as nails. She went after the worst of the worst. Senator Pizzo talks a lot about homicides, but the cases I respect you the most for are your rape cases and the women that you've protected. When that happened, I was glad to pry you away because you have made this special. Every time that I have fought to protect these folks—these dirty dozen—I know that you have my back, and that makes it better. I don't think she liked me the first year or two that we worked together, but I knew that she would always have my back. Thanks for getting me out of jail. I appreciate that.

To my caucus, Shev Jones, you're my brother, and you'll always be my brother, in this place and out of this place. Senator Osgood, I was glad when you joined our crew, and it's been wonderful to have you. I call you my "Queen of Education." I always lean over—"What are we doing on this? How do we feel about this?" I appreciate you. I appreciate the perspective you give to our members. Always remember, it's people over policy and politics, and I appreciate that. Now we got Geraldine Thompson—I remember going to see you in your district, having breakfast, and asking you about the things that are most important to you. We talked about Black history. As I got to preside today, listening to you debating about things today, the reverence I have for you, you'll never know. I think you're special; I think that you're unique. You are a treasure here. Senator Davis, you owe me some things. You're going to be a tremendous Leader for our caucus, and I'm thankful for you. You bring a sense of humor to an otherwise tough place. Senator Stewart, I love you. Sometimes, you come into committee, you're in the wrong committee, and just I'm like, "Where are we going now?" Sometimes, I don't know where you are on policy. I have got to ask, "Where are the

Republicans?" Sometimes, I know that's where we may find you. I have to tell you I love you so much. I'll never forget chairing the Environment Committee. Sometimes, when you're the Chair, you have all these folks coming to put their bills on the agenda. You want to put the bills on the agenda, but sometimes you're told you're not allowed or you shouldn't. There was a bear bill, but it was about trash cans and bears. At the time, I remember you went to the other Senator Bradley's district and drove all the way there to talk to him about the bears. I said if we have one more meeting, we'll do the bear bill. I didn't think we were going to have another meeting so I thought it was a fair, honest promise. We did because we were doing Senate Bill 10. I remember Senator Hutson did something—it wasn't something they did in the House with speaker cards—it was a little bit more innocent. He did like Yogi Bear—he didn't do this to you so you should be pleased with that—but it was all the different bear names. Senator Powell, I'm going to miss you. I already got to talk about you, but I love you. Senator Berman and Senator Polsky—these are like my little twins here. I love you both—you're like my moms here even though you say the opposite. You have taught me grace in this process. You have taught me how to be a better version of myself. Senator Berman, I was glad you were there that day. Senator Polsky, I will fight tooth and nail with you on the mat any day. I'm thankful for you. Senator Rouson, I love you. I never want to debate after Senator Rouson. He's the worst to debate after. I love the time that we spend together, but more than anything else—and I'm going to look at my brother—you, like me, carry the things that brought you to this place. I know you've got an anniversary coming up on the 17th. You talk about them, and you're honest about them. You're passionate and you're pure about them. When my family had struggles with substance abuse, you were there. You called every day and, for that, I'll always be thankful for you. Senator Pizzo, this is going to be a hard job now. I often say I'm the pitcher, you're the catcher. I knew that I needed—I'm a good cop by nature, just ask my kids—a bad cop. You are tough, and I am thankful for you because I knew when asking you to be my Pro Tem, you would not only have my back, you would have ours. Sometimes people would go, "Oh, Jason," I would go, "Yeah, but he's our Jason." Wouldn't you rather he be our Jason than their Jason? We are thankful for you. I will call you right before we're about to do this turnover in November, and say to you, "It's going to be your job to take arrows for them." I know you'll do it lovingly and willingly, so thank you. Senator Wright, you have been there—and again, the most unlikely duo—I never asked you, but you give. This is a man that couldn't get on the treadmill, but donated to Lauren's Kids. I'm thankful for you, and I appreciate you. I know that my kids are getting very irritated with me. Senator Broxson, I know I got to talk about you yesterday, but you are kind, loving, sweet, and gentle. I appreciate you. I'm not just saying that because you're the Appropriations Chair. I'm saying it because it's true. Senator Baxley, the first flowers that I ever got when my children were born were from you. This process is special, and sometimes the most unlikely duos are good pairs. Senator Boyd, I appreciated getting to sit down in your office. I am thankful for the time that you got to spend on issues that sometimes are hard for our side of the world. There were roofers in my area that were sending me things, and we got to talk through them. Senator Torres, you know, you have a pure heart, and you fight. I looked at you the other day, and I got up because somebody's chirping at one of my people. He looks at me, and he goes, "You're getting up?" Those are my people, and nobody gets to mess with our people.

Sergeant Kelly, I love you. I loved him before he came here, not in a funny way, in the most honest of ways. The Sergeant was our guy at the commission to protect children. Let me tell you something about our Sergeant. He would go and drive to every single school if they didn't fill out a survey about safety. He would walk into every single school to get answers to make sure our children and our schools were safe. That's who he is. We know what he does here—they make picture frames, they're magicians, they move furniture, they fix potties. They do all kinds of things. They are incredibly special people. You are magicians, you're the elves that make this place work, all of you, and I am thankful to you. When somebody feels like they have a tickle in their throat, there's water there. It's funny how that happens, but people don't know how this place works sometimes. It's y'all. It's guys like Patrick, who make sure that there is breakfast and there are lunches there.

I have had the awesome responsibility to have some fun staff directors—Ellen, Gino, Ryan, who are here. I've talked about how we don't often say thank you to bill drafting. They draft our amendments. I bring them cookies all the time—they need some love sometimes. They're

always just like, “Are those amendments done? What’s happening?” They’re really special people.

Everyone in the gallery today who is here—Ron Book had a list that he started working on, and when you turn in a list to Ron Book, you’re all in trouble. I have some special people that are here today. I know the President called her name out—Claire VanSusteren, who’s been with me since the beginning of time. Sometimes, it’s not fun to work with me, and I know that. I appreciate you more than you’ll ever know. There’s law enforcement here, and there’s first responders here. I’m going to call you Major Chandler because that’s what you are to me, but I know that you’re bigger and better now. I had the really cool opportunity to work on a bill with Major Chandler. It’s not Major Chandler anymore, what are you? Lt. Colonel Robert Chandler is apparently better. Lt. Colonel Chandler—you will always be major to me—named the roads for every deceased state trooper in our state from the beginning of time. I saw there’s a road designation bill that you got. I see Trooper Smith, I see Commissioner Glass, I see my firefighters.

The bill that I’m going to talk about I picked as my favorite bill. Now, I haven’t talked about these couple of people yet, but I’m going to start here. I always grew up believing that my dad could do anything, like move mountains. When I got here, he said, “You can’t mess up that badly. This place won’t let you mess up that badly.” The other Senator Bradley was working on a workers’ compensation bill. It didn’t pass that year. It was tough. Workers’ compensation bills are apparently hard to pass around here. Someone came to me—actually, it was my neighbor who is a firefighter. She had gone out on a couple of really bad calls and had seen some really tough things. She needed some counseling. She needed some help. I came to find out that under workers’ compensation, you’re not entitled to PTSD coverage without a co-occurring physical injury. I am not an attorney. I had to learn about all kinds of things. I went to Senator Bradley, and I said, “Senator Bradley, what do you think about this?” He goes, “Keep it really narrowly tailored.” He knew me enough because we got to work on the environment together. My dad was like, “You’re never going to do that. You’re a freshman. You don’t know what you’re doing.” I said, “Okay, underestimate me. That’ll be fun.” We started working. We drafted a bill. I even look at my fire guys. I’m looking at Rocco, Bryan, and Bernie. I remember looking at you both and sort of saying okay this is what we’re doing. At the time, I went over and talked to the Speaker and to the President. They’re like, this is not our priority. There’s other things we have here. I was like, “That’s fine. You can continue to do what you’re going to do. I’m going to do this.” I don’t want to say you had no faith in me, but I wasn’t sure that you thought this was going to happen. I knew that this was important, and PTSD was real. Senator Torres and I had worked on it the session before and knew that this was something that was important. We did it several years later walking around the rubble of Surfside with Senator Garcia and Senator Pizzo. I knew that what we did was right. We got to work on a lot of great pieces of policy.

Senator Burgess, I appreciate you bringing up NICA [Neurological Injury Compensation Association]. What was happening at NICA was wrong, and we were able to fix it. It was your bill, and it was really tough. You are loving, kind, and graceful, and I appreciate you allowing me to work alongside you to get that right.

Diaper tax—I was co-sponsored by the President. She had to introduce the bill for me a couple of times. I was on two weeks of maternity leave I had and, finally, got that over the finish line. I’m blessed. I get to do what I do here because I have a lot of support.

Marifel Anastacio makes these kids do what they’re supposed to do. I’m thankful to my mom. Thank you for creating the best parts of me. It’s not who you guys always see—it’s the holidays, and the cooking, and the fun things. My brother, I appreciate you for allowing me to have a hand in raising you. I appreciate you. I look at you and your son and your wife, and I am thankful every day that you’re my brother. To my sister, who is watching at home, I love her very much and am sad she can’t be with us today. She’s doing the things that she needs to do, and we’re thankful for that. To Quentin, who’s watching, we love you. Ron Book, for being a pain in the butt—I know you all know that too. Maybe sometimes you guys are afraid to say it, but I am who I am because of you. To my kids, you two are the best thing that has ever happened to me in my whole wide life. You’re the closest thing I’ve ever been to God.

You really are. You’re special, you’re funny, you’re crazy, and you keep me on my toes. I know that coming here was tough. They went to school here. A lot of people don’t know we moved them, and they went to Creative Preschool. Dr. Phelps’ wife ran the school, and they went to Creative. We have had a time. I know that Mama’s missed a lot. I know I’ve missed some things like your awards last week. I know I’ve missed some tennis and baseball, but I’m back. So know that y’all are in trouble. I’m back, and I’ve missed you. As you continue to grow and understand the world around you, you’ve seen things that have worked and things that haven’t. While I may have missed a couple of things, it was because I wanted to make the world a better place, and our slice in it a better place for you and your friends. I love you both very, very much.

Madam President, I want to thank you. Working alongside you has been tough sometimes. You are an incredible president. You preside over this chamber in a way that I could never imagine. You have a lot of people at your side pulling at you. You have a lot of people on our side pulling at you. You have people outside this place pulling at you. I know you try to do the right thing for each and every one of us. When I come to you about things that are difficult or troublesome, or issues, you calm me down, explain the policy, and ways to make it better. When there are things that can’t be done, they can’t be done. When things can be done, you make them happen. I will always appreciate you for that because I know that it’s hard. I hope that I didn’t disappoint you in running the chamber today. I’ll do it anytime you’d like. Again, I want to say thank you to everyone who is here in this chamber and up in the gallery. I can’t tell you what it means to me. Commissioner Udine, thank you. Sabrina Javanella, thank you. Thank you for being a part of this. Thank you for when there was injustices for coming and using your voice. I see friends, I see family up there, and community organizations.

When I was getting ready to do this, I sat down with a bunch of different people to learn from and you have taught me. I’m thankful for that. All right, I promise I’ll turn it over now.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Senate, the President presented Senator Book with a framed ceremonial copy of SB 376 (2018) Workers’ Compensation Benefits for First Responders, ch. 2018-124, Laws of Florida, which was sponsored by Senator Book and became law during her legislative career. This bill from the 2018 Regular Session revises the standard employment-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) for first responders, including volunteers or employees serving as law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

#### RECESS

The President declared the Senate in recess at 1:16 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 2:00 p.m. A quorum present—35:

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

**SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, continued**

**CS for CS for CS for SB 536**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community-based child welfare agencies; amending s. 409.016, F.S.; defining the term “management functions”; amending s. 409.987, F.S.; revising requirements for contracts the Department of Children and Families has with community-based care lead agencies; providing duties for board members of lead agencies; requiring that lead agencies ensure that board members participate in certain annual training; requiring the posting of a fidelity bond; revising the definition of the term “conflict of interest”; defining the term “related party”; requiring the lead agency’s board of directors to disclose to the department any known actual or potential conflicts of interest; prohibiting a lead agency from entering into a contract or being a party to any transaction with related parties if a conflict of interest is not properly disclosed; prohibiting a lead agency from entering into a contract or being a party to any transaction with related parties for officer-level or director-level staffing to perform management functions; requiring the contract with the department and the lead agency to specify the administrative functions and services that the lead agency may subcontract; authorizing a lead agency to enter into certain contracts or be a party to certain transactions, provided that a certain requirement for fees, rates, and prices paid is met and any conflict of interest is properly disclosed; requiring department contracts to impose contractual penalties on lead agencies for undisclosed conflicts of interest; providing applicability; requiring certain contracts to be reprocured; authorizing the department to recoup lead agency expenses for the execution of certain contracts; amending s. 409.988, F.S.; revising lead agency duties; repealing s. 409.991, F.S., relating to allocation of funds for community-based care lead agencies; creating s. 409.9913, F.S.; defining the terms “core services funding” and “operational and fixed costs”; requiring the department, in collaboration with the lead agencies and providers of child welfare services, to develop a specific funding methodology for the allocation of core services which must meet certain criteria; requiring the lead agencies and providers of child welfare services to submit to the department certain financial information; requiring the department to submit to the Governor and the Legislature certain reports by specified dates; providing construction; authorizing the department to include certain rates and total allocations in certain reports; requiring the Legislature to allocate funding to the lead agencies with due consideration of the specified funding methodology, beginning with a specified fiscal year; prohibiting the department from changing a lead agency’s allocation of funds provided in the General Appropriations Act without legislative approval; authorizing the department to approve certain risk pool funding for a lead agency; requiring the department to submit to the Governor and the Legislature certain monthly reports for a specified period of time; amending s. 409.992, F.S.; revising requirements for lead agency practices in the procurement of commodities and contractual services; requiring the department to impose certain penalties for a lead agency’s noncompliance with applicable procurement law; requiring the contract between the department and the lead agency to specify the rights and obligations with regard to real property held by the lead agency during the term of the contract; providing applicability of certain limitations on the salaries of community-based care lead agency administrative employees; amending s. 409.994, F.S.; revising the conditions under which the department may petition a court for the appointment of a receiver for a community-based care lead agency; amending s. 409.996, F.S.; revising requirements for contracts between the department and lead agencies; revising the actions the department may take under certain circumstances; making a technical change; providing duties of the department; requiring the department, by specified dates, to submit certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Garcia moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (714268)**—Delete line 189 and insert:  
*venture not approved by the department.*

Senator Garcia moved the following substitute amendment which was adopted:

**Substitute Amendment 2 (749944)**—Delete line 189 and insert:  
*venture. Lead agencies that hold more than one lead agency contract with the department may request an exemption from the department for specific related party requirements.*

Senator Garcia moved the following amendments which were adopted:

**Amendment 3 (501280) (with title amendment)**—Delete line 211 and insert:  
*administrative functions that the lead agency may*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 24 and insert: *administrative functions that the lead*

**Amendment 4 (960044)**—Delete line 279 and insert:  
*perform necessary child welfare services. Beginning July 1, 2024, any new request to*

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Garcia moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 5 (741254)**—Delete line 95 and insert:  
*carrying out oversight duties of the lead agency; or*

On motion by Senator Garcia, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 536**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

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Consideration of **CS for SB 484** and **CS for SB 870** was deferred.

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**SENATOR PERRY PRESIDING**

**SB 958**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government employees; amending s. 145.11, F.S.; revising the base salary used to calculate the compensation of county tax collectors; amending s. 409.1664, F.S.; defining the term “tax collector employee”; providing that tax collector employees are eligible to receive specified monetary benefits from the state for adopting children within the child welfare system; authorizing tax collector employees to apply for the monetary benefits if certain conditions are met; requiring such employees to apply to the Department of Children and Families to obtain the benefits; revising construction; authorizing the department to adopt specified rules; creating s. 445.09, F.S.; authorizing specified tax collectors to budget for and pay specified bonuses to employees, pending a specified approval; amending s. 1001.47, F.S.; revising the base salary used to calculate the compensation of district school superintendents; making a technical change; amending s. 1003.48, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to contract with a county tax collector’s office to administer road tests on school grounds at one or more schools within the district; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **SB 958** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Albritton	Brodeur	Calatayud
Berman	Broxson	Collins
Boyd	Burgess	Davis
Bradley	Burton	DiCeglie

Garcia	Mayfield	Simon
Gruters	Osgood	Stewart
Harrell	Perry	Thompson
Hooper	Pizzo	Torres
Hutson	Polsky	Trumbull
Ingoglia	Powell	Wright
Jones	Rodriguez	
Martin	Rouson	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Madam President

**CS for CS for SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; preempting the regulation of electric vehicle charging stations to the state; prohibiting local governmental entities from enacting or enforcing such regulations; amending ss. 482.111, 482.151, and 482.155, F.S.; providing that a pest control operator's certificate, a special identification card, and certain limited certifications for pesticide applicators, respectively, expire a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal requirements for such certificates and cards; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; revising the tasks, pesticides, and equipment that individual commercial landscape maintenance personnel with limited certifications may perform and use; revising the initial and renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; providing that a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel expires a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take disciplinary action against a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications, cheats on a required examination, or violates certain procedures under certain circumstances; amending s. 482.191, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee's exam attempt; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 482.226, F.S.; requiring pest control licensees to provide property owners or their agents with a signed report that meets certain requirements after each inspection; amending s. 487.031, F.S.; prohibiting a person from swearing to or affirming a false statement on certain pesticide applicator license applications, cheating on a required examination, or violating certain procedures; making technical changes; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee's exam attempt; requiring the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; authorizing Class "G" licensees to qualify for multiple calibers of firearms in one re-qualification class under certain circumstances; creating s. 493.6127, F.S.; authorizing the department to appoint tax collectors to accept new, renewal, and replacement license applications under certain circumstances; requiring the department to establish by rule the types of licenses the tax collectors may accept; providing an application process for tax collectors who wish to perform such functions; providing that certain confidential information contained in the records of an appointed tax collector retains its confidentiality; prohibiting any person not appointed to do so from accepting an application for a license for a fee or compensation; authorizing tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees; requiring the tax collectors to remit certain fees to the department for deposit in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund; providing penalties; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the term "street address"; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; deleting certain fees; amending s. 496.406, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which charitable organizations or sponsors are exempt from specified provisions; revising the information that charitable organizations and

sponsors must provide to the department when claiming certain exemptions; amending s. 496.407, F.S.; revising the information charitable organizations or sponsors are required to provide to the department when initially registering or annually renewing a registration; revising circumstances under which the department may extend the time for filing a required financial statement; amending ss. 496.409, 496.410, 496.4101, 496.411, 496.4121, and 496.425, F.S.; revising the information that professional fundraising consultants must include in applications for registration or renewals of registration, that professional solicitors must include in applications for registration, renewals of registration, and solicitation notices provided to the department and that professional solicitors are required to maintain in their records, that must be included in certain solicitor license applications, that disclosures of charitable organizations or sponsors soliciting in this state must include, that must be displayed on certain collection receptacles, and that a person desiring to solicit funds within a facility must provide in an application to the department and must display prominently on his or her badge or insignia, respectively, to include street addresses; reenacting and amending s. 500.03, F.S.; defining the term "cultivated meat"; creating s. 500.452, F.S.; prohibiting the manufacture for sale, sale, holding or offering for sale, or distribution of cultivated meat in this state; providing criminal penalties; providing for disciplinary action and additional licensing penalties; providing that such products are subject to certain actions and orders; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from placing a shipper's goods in a self-service storage unit or self-contained unit not owned by the mover unless certain conditions are met; repealing s. 531.67, F.S., relating to the scheduled expiration of certain provisions related to weights, measurements, and standards; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; revising the information that must be provided to the department on a motor vehicle repair shop registration application; providing that the registration fee must be calculated for each location; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; revising the cost of repair work which requires a motor vehicle repair shop to provide a customer with a written repair estimate; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the amount up to which the department is authorized to use to repair or build structures; amending s. 570.69, F.S.; defining the term "center"; deleting the definition of the term "museum"; amending s. 570.691, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 570.692, F.S.; renaming the Florida Agricultural Museum as the Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center; creating s. 581.189, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the willful destruction, harvest, or sale of saw palmetto berries without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or legal representative and a permit from the department; specifying the information that the landowner's written permission must include; requiring an authorized saw palmetto berry dealer to maintain certain information for a specified timeframe; authorizing law enforcement officers or authorized employees of the department to seize or order to be held for a specified timeframe saw palmetto berries harvested, sold, or exposed for sale in violation of specified provisions; declaring that unlawfully harvested saw palmetto berries constitute contraband and are subject to seizure and disposal; authorizing law enforcement agencies that seize such saw palmetto berries to sell the berries and retain the proceeds to implement certain provisions; providing that such law enforcement agencies are exempt from certain provisions; requiring the law enforcement agencies to submit certain information annually to the department; providing criminal penalties; providing that individuals convicted of such violations are responsible for specified costs; defining the term "convicted"; providing construction; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 581.217, F.S.; redefining the term "hemp extract"; amending s. 585.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "livestock" to include poultry; amending s. 790.0625, F.S.; authorizing certain tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees for certain concealed weapon or firearm license applications; authorizing such tax collectors to print and deliver replacement licenses to licensees under certain circumstances; authorizing such tax collectors to provide fingerprinting and photography services; amending s. 810.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "posted land" to include land classified as agricultural which has specified signs placed at specified points; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for trespassing with the intent to commit a crime on commercial agricultural property under certain circumstances; defining the term "commercial agricultural property"; amending s. 1003.24, F.S.;

providing that a student’s participation in a 4-H or Future Farmers of America activity is an excused absence from school; defining the term “4-H representative”; amending ss. 379.3004, 812.014, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 493.6115(6), F.S., relating to weapons and firearms, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 493.6113, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 496.4055(2), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 559.907(1)(b), F.S., relating to the charges for motor vehicle repair estimates, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 559.905, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 468.382(6), 534.47(3), 767.01, and 767.03, F.S., relating to the definition of the term “livestock” for auctions, livestock markets, dog owner’s liability for damages to livestock, and defenses for killing dogs, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 585.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Polsky moved the following amendment which failed:

**Amendment 1 (343968) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 1072-1073 and insert:

- (6) *This section does not prohibit the production of cultivated meat for scientific or academic research.*
- (7) *The department may adopt rules to implement this section.*
- (8) *This section expires July 1, 2029.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 110-111 and insert: certain actions and orders; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for expiration; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting

Senator Collins moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 2 (626714) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 1420-1431.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 159-160 and insert: department to adopt rules; amending s.

On motion by Senator Collins, further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1084**, as amended, was deferred.

**CS for SB 776**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to temporary cash assistance eligibility; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; providing that benefits may not be denied to certain victims of human trafficking; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Powell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 776** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

**CS for SJR 1560**—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to exempt certain tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.

*Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:*

That the following amendment to Section 3 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein:

(1) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of property subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

(2) The assessed value of solar devices or renewable energy source devices subject to tangible personal property tax may be exempt from ad valorem taxation, subject to limitations provided by general law.

(3) *Tangible personal property that is located on property classified as agricultural land, as specified by general law; used on such property in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities; and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the agricultural land shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.*

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

## ARTICLE XII

### SCHEDULE

*Ad valorem exemption for tangible personal property on land classified as agricultural.—This section and the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII, which authorizes the Legislature to provide for a tax exemption for certain tangible personal property, apply beginning with the 2026 tax roll.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3

#### ARTICLE XII

**AUTHORIZING LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY ON AGRICULTURAL LAND FROM TAXATION.—**Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, beginning with the 2026 tax roll, to exempt tangible personal property located on land classified as agricultural, used on such property in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the land from ad valorem taxation.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SJR 1560** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional three-fifths vote of the membership and, certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Madam President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Albritton	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Gruters	Powell
Boyd	Harrell	Rodriguez
Bradley	Hooper	Rouson
Brodeur	Hutson	Simon
Broxson	Ingolia	Stewart
Burgess	Jones	Thompson
Burton	Martin	Torres
Calatayud	Mayfield	Trumbull
Collins	Osgood	Wright
Davis	Perry	

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1262** was deferred.

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1224**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dependent children; amending s. 39.001, F.S.; revising the purposes of ch. 39, F.S.; requiring the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office and

circuit guardian ad litem offices to participate in the development of a certain state plan; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.00145, F.S.; authorizing a child's attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.00146, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0016, F.S.; requiring a child's guardian ad litem be included in the coordination of certain educational services; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 39.013, F.S.; requiring the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a child at the earliest possible time; authorizing a guardian ad litem to represent a child in other proceedings to secure certain services and benefits; amending s. 39.01305, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0132, F.S.; authorizing a child's attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.0136, F.S.; revising the parties who may request a continuance in a proceeding; amending s. 39.01375, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0139, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; requiring that certain confidential records be released to the guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 39.402, F.S.; requiring parents to consent to provide certain information to the guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.4022, F.S.; revising the participants who must be invited to a multidisciplinary team staffing; amending s. 39.4023, F.S.; requiring that notice of a multidisciplinary team staffing be provided to a child's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.407, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.4085, F.S.; providing a goal of permanency; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 39.502 and 39.522, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.6012, F.S.; requiring a case plan to include written descriptions of certain activities; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 39.6036, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office to work with certain children to identify a supportive adult to enter into a specified agreement; requiring such agreement be documented in the child's court file; requiring the office to coordinate with the Office of Continuing Care for a specified purpose; amending s. 39.621, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.6241, F.S.; requiring a guardian ad litem to advise the court regarding certain information and to ensure a certain agreement has been documented in the child's court file; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring certain notice be given to an attorney ad litem; requiring a court to give a guardian ad litem an opportunity to address the court in certain proceedings; requiring the court to inquire and determine if a child has a certain agreement documented in his or her court file at a specified hearing; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.801, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.807, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent a child in certain proceedings; revising a guardian ad litem's responsibilities and authorities; deleting provisions relating to bonds and service of pleadings or papers; amending s. 39.808, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.815, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 39.820, F.S., relating to definitions of the terms "guardian ad litem" and "guardian advocate"; amending s. 39.821, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.822, F.S.; declaring that a guardian ad litem is a fiduciary and must provide independent representation of a child; revising responsibilities of a guardian ad litem; requiring that guardians ad litem have certain access to the children they represent; providing actions that a guardian ad litem does and does not have to fulfill; making technical changes; amending s. 39.827, F.S.; authorizing a child's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.8296, F.S.; revising the duties and appointment of the executive director of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office; requiring the training program for guardians ad litem to be maintained and updated regularly; deleting provisions regarding the training curriculum and the establishment of a curriculum committee; requiring the office to provide oversight and technical assistance to attorneys ad litem; specifying certain requirements of the office; amending s. 39.8297, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 414.56, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Continuing Care; creating s. 1009.898, F.S.; authorizing, subject to appropriation, the Fostering Prosperity program to provide certain grants to youth and young adults who are aging out of foster care; requiring that such grants remain available for a certain period of time after reunification of a young adult with his or her parent; requiring the

State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; amending ss. 29.008, 39.6011, 40.24, 43.16, 61.402, 110.205, 320.08058, 943.053, 985.43, 985.441, 985.455, 985.461, and 985.48, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 39.302, 39.521, 61.13, 119.071, 322.09, 394.495, 627.746, 934.255, and 960.065, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Burton moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (557258) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1), paragraph (j) of subsection (3), and paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 39.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and screening.—

(1) PURPOSES OF CHAPTER.—The purposes of this chapter are:

(j) To ensure that, when reunification or adoption is not possible, the child will be prepared for alternative permanency goals or placements, to include, but not be limited to, long-term foster care, independent living, custody to a relative on a permanent basis with or without legal guardianship, or custody to a foster parent or legal custodian on a permanent basis with or without legal guardianship. *Permanency for a child who is transitioning from foster care to independent living includes naturally occurring, lifelong, kin-like connections between the child and a supportive adult.*

(3) GENERAL PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN.—It is a purpose of the Legislature that the children of this state be provided with the following protections:

(j) The ability to contact their guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem, if *one is* appointed, by having that individual's name entered on all orders of the court.

(10) PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH.—

(a) The office shall develop a state plan for the promotion of adoption, support of adoptive families, and prevention of abuse, abandonment, and neglect of children. The Department of Children and Families, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Law Enforcement, the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office*, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall participate and fully cooperate in the development of the state plan at both the state and local levels. Furthermore, appropriate local agencies and organizations shall be provided an opportunity to participate in the development of the state plan at the local level. Appropriate local groups and organizations shall include, but not be limited to, community mental health centers; *circuit guardian ad litem offices programs for children under the circuit court*; the school boards of the local school districts; the Florida local advocacy councils; community-based care lead agencies; private or public organizations or programs with recognized expertise in working with child abuse prevention programs for children and families; private or public organizations or programs with recognized expertise in working with children who are sexually abused, physically abused, emotionally abused, abandoned, or neglected and with expertise in working with the families of such children; private or public programs or organizations with expertise in maternal and infant health care; multidisciplinary Child Protection Teams; child day care centers; law enforcement agencies; and the circuit courts, ~~when guardian ad litem programs are not available in the local area~~. The state plan to be provided to the Legislature and the Governor shall include, as a minimum, the information required of the various groups in paragraph (b).

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 39.00145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.00145 Records concerning children.—

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all records in a child's case record must be made available for inspection, upon request, to the child who is the subject of the case record and to the child's caregiver, guardian ad litem, or attorney *ad litem*, if *one is appointed*.

(a) A complete and accurate copy of any record in a child's case record must be provided, upon request and at no cost, to the child who is the subject of the case record and to the child's caregiver, guardian ad litem, or attorney *ad litem*, if *one is appointed*.

(b) The department shall release the information in a manner and setting that are appropriate to the age and maturity of the child and the nature of the information being released, which may include the release of information in a therapeutic setting, if appropriate. This paragraph does not deny the child access to his or her records.

(c) If a child or the child's caregiver, guardian ad litem, or attorney *ad litem*, if *one is appointed*, requests access to the child's case record, any person or entity that fails to provide any record in the case record under assertion of a claim of exemption from the public records requirements of chapter 119, or fails to provide access within a reasonable time, is subject to sanctions and penalties under s. 119.10.

(d) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "caregiver" is limited to parents, legal custodians, permanent guardians, or foster parents; employees of a residential home, institution, facility, or agency at which the child resides; and other individuals legally responsible for a child's welfare in a residential setting.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 39.00146, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.00146 Case record face sheet.—

(2) The case record of every child under the supervision or in the custody of the department or the department's authorized agents, including community-based care lead agencies and their subcontracted providers, must include a face sheet containing relevant information about the child and his or her case, including at least all of the following:

(a) General case information, including, but not limited to, *all of the following*:

1. The child's name and date of birth.;
2. The current county of residence and the county of residence at the time of the referral.;
3. The reason for the referral and any family safety concerns.;
4. The personal identifying information of the parents or legal custodians who had custody of the child at the time of the referral, including name, date of birth, and county of residence.;
5. The date of removal from the home. ~~;~~
6. The name and contact information of the attorney or attorneys assigned to the case in all capacities, including the attorney or attorneys that represent the department and the parents, and the guardian ad litem, ~~if one has been appointed~~.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 39.0016, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.0016 Education of abused, neglected, and abandoned children; agency agreements; children having or suspected of having a disability.—

(2) AGENCY AGREEMENTS.—

(b) The department shall enter into agreements with district school boards or other local educational entities regarding education and related services for children known to the department who are of school age and children known to the department who are younger than school age but who would otherwise qualify for services from the district school board. Such agreements ~~must~~ *shall* include, but are not limited to:

1. A requirement that the department shall:
  - a. Ensure that children known to the department are enrolled in school or in the best educational setting that meets the needs of the child. The agreement ~~must shall~~ provide for continuing the enrollment of a child known to the department at the school of origin when possible if it is in the best interest of the child, with the goal of minimal disruption of education.
  - b. Notify the school and school district in which a child known to the department is enrolled of the name and phone number of the child known to the department caregiver and caseworker for child safety purposes.
  - c. Establish a protocol for the department to share information about a child known to the department with the school district, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, since the sharing of information will assist each agency in obtaining education and related services for the benefit of the child. The protocol must require the district school boards or other local educational entities to access the department's Florida Safe Families Network to obtain information about children known to the department, consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g.
  - d. Notify the school district of the department's case planning for a child known to the department, both at the time of plan development and plan review. Within the plan development or review process, the school district may provide information regarding the child known to the department if the school district deems it desirable and appropriate.
  - e. Show no prejudice against a caregiver who desires to educate at home a child placed in his or her home through the child welfare system.
2. A requirement that the district school board shall:
  - a. Provide the department with a general listing of the services and information available from the district school board to facilitate educational access for a child known to the department.
  - b. Identify all educational and other services provided by the school and school district which the school district believes are reasonably necessary to meet the educational needs of a child known to the department.
  - c. Determine whether transportation is available for a child known to the department when such transportation will avoid a change in school assignment due to a change in residential placement. Recognizing that continued enrollment in the same school throughout the time the child known to the department is in out-of-home care is preferable unless enrollment in the same school would be unsafe or otherwise impractical, the department, the district school board, and the Department of Education shall assess the availability of federal, charitable, or grant funding for such transportation.
  - d. Provide individualized student intervention or an individual educational plan when a determination has been made through legally appropriate criteria that intervention services are required. The intervention or individual educational plan must include strategies to enable the child known to the department to maximize the attainment of educational goals.
3. A requirement that the department and the district school board shall cooperate in accessing the services and supports needed for a child known to the department who has or is suspected of having a disability to receive an appropriate education consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state implementing laws, rules, and assurances. Coordination of services for a child known to the department who has or is suspected of having a disability may include:
  - a. Referral for screening.
  - b. Sharing of evaluations between the school district and the department where appropriate.
  - c. Provision of education and related services appropriate for the needs and abilities of the child known to the department.

- d. Coordination of services and plans between the school and the residential setting to avoid duplication or conflicting service plans.
- e. Appointment of a surrogate parent, consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and pursuant to subsection (3), for educational purposes for a child known to the department who qualifies.
- f. For each child known to the department 14 years of age and older, transition planning by the department and all providers, including the department's independent living program staff *and the guardian ad litem of the child*, to meet the requirements of the local school district for educational purposes.

(3) CHILDREN HAVING OR SUSPECTED OF HAVING A DISABILITY.—

(b)1. Each district school superintendent or dependency court must appoint a surrogate parent for a child known to the department who has or is suspected of having a disability, as defined in s. 1003.01(9), when:

- a. After reasonable efforts, no parent can be located; or
- b. A court of competent jurisdiction over a child under this chapter has determined that no person has the authority under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, including the parent or parents subject to the dependency action, or that no person has the authority, willingness, or ability to serve as the educational decisionmaker for the child without judicial action.

2. A surrogate parent appointed by the district school superintendent or the court must be at least 18 years old and have no personal or professional interest that conflicts with the interests of the student to be represented. Neither the district school superintendent nor the court may appoint an employee of the Department of Education, the local school district, a community-based care provider, the Department of Children and Families, or any other public or private agency involved in the education or care of the child as appointment of those persons is prohibited by federal law. This prohibition includes group home staff and therapeutic foster parents. However, a person who acts in a parental role to a child, such as a foster parent or relative caregiver, is not prohibited from serving as a surrogate parent if he or she is employed by such agency, willing to serve, and knowledgeable about the child and the exceptional student education process. The surrogate parent may be a court-appointed guardian ad litem or a relative or nonrelative adult who is involved in the child's life regardless of whether that person has physical custody of the child. Each person appointed as a surrogate parent must have the knowledge and skills acquired by successfully completing training using materials developed and approved by the Department of Education to ensure adequate representation of the child.

3. ~~If a guardian ad litem has been appointed for a child,~~ The district school superintendent must first consider the child's guardian ad litem when appointing a surrogate parent. The district school superintendent must accept the appointment of the court if he or she has not previously appointed a surrogate parent. Similarly, the court must accept a surrogate parent duly appointed by a district school superintendent.

4. A surrogate parent appointed by the district school superintendent or the court must be accepted by any subsequent school or school district without regard to where the child is receiving residential care so that a single surrogate parent can follow the education of the child during his or her entire time in state custody. Nothing in this paragraph or in rule shall limit or prohibit the continuance of a surrogate parent appointment when the responsibility for the student's educational placement moves among and between public and private agencies.

5. For a child known to the department, the responsibility to appoint a surrogate parent resides with both the district school superintendent and the court with jurisdiction over the child. If the court elects to appoint a surrogate parent, notice shall be provided as soon as practicable to the child's school. At any time the court determines that it is in the best interests of a child to remove a surrogate parent, the court may appoint a new surrogate parent for educational decisionmaking purposes for that child.



6. The surrogate parent shall continue in the appointed role until one of the following occurs:

a. The child is determined to no longer be eligible or in need of special programs, except when termination of special programs is being contested.

b. The child achieves permanency through adoption or legal guardianship and is no longer in the custody of the department.

c. The parent who was previously unknown becomes known, whose whereabouts were unknown is located, or who was unavailable is determined by the court to be available.

d. The appointed surrogate no longer wishes to represent the child or is unable to represent the child.

e. The superintendent of the school district in which the child is attending school, the Department of Education contract designee, or the court that appointed the surrogate determines that the appointed surrogate parent no longer adequately represents the child.

f. The child moves to a geographic location that is not reasonably accessible to the appointed surrogate.

7. The appointment and termination of appointment of a surrogate under this paragraph shall be entered as an order of the court with a copy of the order provided to the child's school as soon as practicable.

8. The person appointed as a surrogate parent under this paragraph must:

a. Be acquainted with the child and become knowledgeable about his or her disability and educational needs.

b. Represent the child in all matters relating to identification, evaluation, and educational placement and the provision of a free and appropriate education to the child.

c. Represent the interests and safeguard the rights of the child in educational decisions that affect the child.

9. The responsibilities of the person appointed as a surrogate parent shall not extend to the care, maintenance, custody, residential placement, or any other area not specifically related to the education of the child, unless the same person is appointed by the court for such other purposes.

10. A person appointed as a surrogate parent shall enjoy all of the procedural safeguards afforded a parent with respect to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of a student with a disability or a student who is suspected of having a disability.

11. A person appointed as a surrogate parent shall not be held liable for actions taken in good faith on behalf of the student in protecting the special education rights of the child.

Section 5. Present subsections (8) through (30) and (31) through (87) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) through (31) and (34) through (90), respectively, present subsections (9), (36), and (58) are amended, and new subsections (8), (32), and (33) are added to that section, to read:

39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(8) “Attorney ad litem” means an attorney appointed by the court to represent a child in a dependency case who has an attorney-client relationship with the child under the rules regulating *The Florida Bar*.

(10)(9) “Caregiver” means the parent, legal custodian, permanent guardian, adult household member, or other person responsible for a child’s welfare as defined in subsection (57) (54).

(32) “Guardian ad litem” means a person or an entity that is a fiduciary appointed by the court to represent a child in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding to which the child is a party, including, but not limited to, under this chapter, which uses a best interest standard for decisionmaking and advocacy. For purposes of this chapter, the term

includes, but is not limited to, the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office, which includes all circuit guardian ad litem offices and the duly certified volunteers, staff, and attorneys assigned by the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office to represent children; a court-appointed attorney; or a responsible adult who is appointed by the court. A guardian ad litem is a party to the judicial proceeding as a representative of the child and serves until the jurisdiction of the court over the child terminates or until excused by the court.

(33) “Guardian advocate” means a person appointed by the court to act on behalf of a drug-dependent newborn under part XI of this chapter.

(39)(36) “Institutional child abuse or neglect” means situations of known or suspected child abuse or neglect in which the person allegedly perpetrating the child abuse or neglect is an employee of a public or private school, public or private day care center, residential home, institution, facility, or agency or any other person at such institution responsible for the child’s welfare as defined in subsection (57) (54).

(61)(58) “Party” means the parent or parents of the child, the petitioner, the department, the guardian ad litem or the representative of the guardian ad litem program when the program has been appointed, and the child. The presence of the child may be excused by order of the court when presence would not be in the child’s best interest. Notice to the child may be excused by order of the court when the age, capacity, or other condition of the child is such that the notice would be meaningless or detrimental to the child.

Section 6. Subsection (11) of section 39.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.013 Procedures and jurisdiction; right to counsel; guardian ad litem.—

(11) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem at the earliest possible time to represent a child throughout the proceedings, including any appeals. The guardian ad litem may represent the child in proceedings outside of the dependency case to secure the services and benefits that provide for the care, safety, and protection of the child encourage the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office to provide greater representation to those children who are within 1 year of transferring out of foster care.

Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 39.01305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01305 Appointment of an attorney for a dependent child with certain special needs.—

(1)

(b) The Legislature recognizes the existence of organizations that provide attorney representation to children in certain jurisdictions throughout the state. Further, the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program provides best interest representation for dependent children in every jurisdiction in accordance with state and federal law. The Legislature, therefore, does not intend that funding provided for representation under this section supplant proven and existing organizations representing children. Instead, the Legislature intends that funding provided for representation under this section be an additional resource for the representation of more children in these jurisdictions, to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter, with the cooperation of existing local organizations or through the expansion of those organizations. The Legislature encourages the expansion of pro bono representation for children. This section is not intended to limit the ability of a pro bono attorney to appear on behalf of a child.

Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 39.0132, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.0132 Oaths, records, and confidential information.—

(3) The clerk shall keep all court records required by this chapter separate from other records of the circuit court. All court records required by this chapter may shall not be open to inspection by the public. All records may shall be inspected only upon order of the court by persons deemed by the court to have a proper interest therein, except that, subject to the provisions of s. 63.162, a child, and the parents of the child and their attorneys, the guardian ad litem, criminal conflict and

civil regional counsels, law enforcement agencies, ~~and~~ the department and its designees, ~~and the attorney ad litem, if one is appointed, shall~~ always have the right to inspect and copy any official record pertaining to the child. The Justice Administrative Commission may inspect court dockets required by this chapter as necessary to audit compensation of court-appointed attorneys. If the docket is insufficient for purposes of the audit, the commission may petition the court for additional documentation as necessary and appropriate. The court may permit authorized representatives of recognized organizations compiling statistics for proper purposes to inspect and make abstracts from official records, under whatever conditions upon their use and disposition the court may deem proper, and may punish by contempt proceedings any violation of those conditions.

Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 39.0136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.0136 Time limitations; continuances.—

(3) The time limitations in this chapter do not include:

(a) Periods of delay resulting from a continuance granted at the request of the child's counsel, ~~or the child's guardian ad litem, or attorney ad litem, if one is appointed, if the child is of sufficient capacity to express reasonable consent, at the request or with the consent of the child.~~ The court must consider the best interests of the child when determining periods of delay under this section.

Section 10. Subsection (7) of section 39.01375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01375 Best interest determination for placement.—The department, community-based care lead agency, or court shall consider all of the following factors when determining whether a proposed placement under this chapter is in the child's best interest:

(7) The recommendation of the child's guardian ad litem, ~~if one has been appointed.~~

Section 11. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of section 39.0139, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.0139 Visitation or other contact; restrictions.—

(4) HEARINGS.—A person who meets any of the criteria set forth in paragraph (3)(a) who seeks to begin or resume contact with the child victim shall have the right to an evidentiary hearing to determine whether contact is appropriate.

(a) ~~Prior to the hearing, the court shall appoint an attorney ad litem or a guardian ad litem for the child if one has not already been appointed. The guardian ad litem and any attorney ad litem, if one is or guardian ad litem appointed, must shall have special training in the dynamics of child sexual abuse.~~

(b) At the hearing, the court may receive and rely upon any relevant and material evidence submitted to the extent of its probative value, including written and oral reports or recommendations from the Child Protection Team, the child's therapist, the child's guardian ad litem, or the child's attorney ad litem, *if one is appointed*, even if these reports, recommendations, and evidence may not be admissible under the rules of evidence.

Section 12. Paragraphs (d) and (t) of subsection (2) of section 39.202, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect; exception.—

(2) Except as provided in subsection (4), access to such records, excluding the name of, or other identifying information with respect to, the reporter which *may only shall* be released *only* as provided in subsection (5), *may only shall* be granted *only* to the following persons, officials, and agencies:

(d) The parent or legal custodian of any child who is alleged to have been abused, abandoned, or neglected; *the child; the child's guardian ad litem; the child's attorney ad litem, if one is appointed; or, and the child, and their attorneys, including* any attorney representing a child in civil

or criminal proceedings. This access *must shall* be made available no later than 60 days after the department receives the initial report of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. However, any information otherwise made confidential or exempt by law *may shall* not be released pursuant to this paragraph.

(t) Persons with whom the department is seeking to place the child or to whom placement has been granted, including foster parents for whom an approved home study has been conducted, the designee of a licensed child-caring agency as defined in s. 39.01 ~~s. 39.01(41)~~, an approved relative or nonrelative with whom a child is placed pursuant to s. 39.402, preadoptive parents for whom a favorable preliminary adoptive home study has been conducted, adoptive parents, or an adoption entity acting on behalf of preadoptive or adoptive parents.

Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (11), and paragraph (a) of subsection (14) of section 39.402, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.402 Placement in a shelter.—

(8)

(c) At the shelter hearing, the court shall:

1. Appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the best interest of the child, ~~unless the court finds that such representation is unnecessary;~~

2. Inform the parents or legal custodians of their right to counsel to represent them at the shelter hearing and at each subsequent hearing or proceeding, and the right of the parents to appointed counsel, pursuant to the procedures set forth in s. 39.013;

3. Give the parents or legal custodians an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence; and

4. Inquire of those present at the shelter hearing as to the identity and location of the legal father. In determining who the legal father of the child may be, the court shall inquire under oath of those present at the shelter hearing whether they have any of the following information:

a. Whether the mother of the child was married at the probable time of conception of the child or at the time of birth of the child.

b. Whether the mother was cohabiting with a male at the probable time of conception of the child.

c. Whether the mother has received payments or promises of support with respect to the child or because of her pregnancy from a man who claims to be the father.

d. Whether the mother has named any man as the father on the birth certificate of the child or in connection with applying for or receiving public assistance.

e. Whether any man has acknowledged or claimed paternity of the child in a jurisdiction in which the mother resided at the time of or since conception of the child or in which the child has resided or resides.

f. Whether a man is named on the birth certificate of the child pursuant to s. 382.013(2).

g. Whether a man has been determined by a court order to be the father of the child.

h. Whether a man has been determined to be the father of the child by the Department of Revenue as provided in s. 409.256.

(11)

(b) The court shall request that the parents consent to provide access to the child's medical records and provide information to the court, the department or its contract agencies, and ~~the any~~ guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem, *if one is appointed*, for the child. If a parent is unavailable or unable to consent or withholds consent and the court determines access to the records and information is necessary to provide services to the child, the court shall issue an order granting access. The court may also order the parents to provide all known medical in-

formation to the department and to any others granted access under this subsection.

(c) The court shall request that the parents consent to provide access to the child's child care records, early education program records, or other educational records and provide information to the court, the department or its contract agencies, and ~~the any~~ guardian ad litem or attorney *ad litem*, if one is appointed, for the child. If a parent is unavailable or unable to consent or withholds consent and the court determines access to the records and information is necessary to provide services to the child, the court shall issue an order granting access.

(14) The time limitations in this section do not include:

(a) Periods of delay resulting from a continuance granted at the request or with the consent of the child's ~~counsel or the child's~~ guardian ad litem or attorney *ad litem*, if one is ~~has been~~ appointed by the court, ~~or, if the child is of sufficient capacity to express reasonable consent, at the request or with the consent of the child's attorney or the child's~~ guardian ad litem, if one has been appointed by the court, and the child.

Section 14. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of section 39.4022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.4022 Multidisciplinary teams; staffings; assessments; report.—

(4) PARTICIPANTS.—

(a) Collaboration among diverse individuals who are part of the child's network is necessary to make the most informed decisions possible for the child. A diverse team is preferable to ensure that the necessary combination of technical skills, cultural knowledge, community resources, and personal relationships is developed and maintained for the child and family. The participants necessary to achieve an appropriately diverse team for a child may vary by child and may include extended family, friends, neighbors, coaches, clergy, coworkers, or others the family identifies as potential sources of support.

1. Each multidisciplinary team staffing must invite the following members:

a. The child, unless he or she is not of an age or capacity to participate in the team, ~~and the child's guardian ad litem~~;

b. The child's family members and other individuals identified by the family as being important to the child, provided that a parent who has a no contact order or injunction, is alleged to have sexually abused the child, or is subject to a termination of parental rights may not participate;

c. The current caregiver, provided the caregiver is not a parent who meets the criteria of one of the exceptions under sub-subparagraph b.;

d. A representative from the department other than the Children's Legal Services attorney, when the department is directly involved in the goal identified by the staffing;

e. A representative from the community-based care lead agency, when the lead agency is directly involved in the goal identified by the staffing;

f. The case manager for the child, or his or her case manager supervisor; and

g. A representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice, if the child is dually involved with both the department and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

2. The multidisciplinary team must make reasonable efforts to have all mandatory invitees attend. However, the multidisciplinary team staffing may not be delayed if the invitees in subparagraph 1. fail to attend after being provided reasonable opportunities.

(b) Based on the particular goal the multidisciplinary team staffing identifies as the purpose of convening the staffing as provided under subsection (5), the department or lead agency may also invite to the meeting other professionals, including, but not limited to:

1. A representative from Children's Medical Services;

2. ~~A guardian ad litem, if one is appointed;~~

~~3. A school personnel representative who has direct contact with the child;~~

3.4. A therapist or other behavioral health professional, if applicable;

~~4.5. A mental health professional with expertise in sibling bonding, if the department or lead agency deems such expert is necessary; or~~

~~5.6. Other community providers of services to the child or stakeholders, when applicable.~~

Section 15. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 39.4023, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.4023 Placement and education transitions; transition plans.—

(3) PLACEMENT TRANSITIONS.—

(d) *Transition planning.*—

1. If the supportive services provided pursuant to paragraph (c) have not been successful to make the maintenance of the placement suitable or if there are other circumstances that require the child to be moved, the department or the community-based care lead agency must convene a multidisciplinary team staffing as required under s. 39.4022 before the child's placement is changed, or within 72 hours of moving the child in an emergency situation, for the purpose of developing an appropriate transition plan.

2. A placement change may occur immediately in an emergency situation without convening a multidisciplinary team staffing. However, a multidisciplinary team staffing must be held within 72 hours after the emergency situation arises.

3. The department or the community-based care lead agency must provide written notice of the planned move at least 14 days before the move or within 72 hours after an emergency situation, to the greatest extent possible and consistent with the child's needs and preferences. The notice must include the reason a placement change is necessary. A copy of the notice must be filed with the court and be provided to *all of the following*:

a. The child, unless he or she, due to age or capacity, is unable to comprehend the written notice, which will necessitate the department or lead agency to provide notice in an age-appropriate and capacity-appropriate alternative manner.;

b. The child's parents, unless prohibited by court order.;

c. The child's out-of-home caregiver.;

d. The guardian ad litem, ~~if one is appointed~~;

e. The attorney *ad litem* for the child, if one is appointed, ~~and~~

f. The attorney for the department.

4. The transition plan must be developed through cooperation among the persons included in subparagraph 3., and such persons must share any relevant information necessary for its development. Subject to the child's needs and preferences, the transition plan must meet the requirements of s. 409.1415(2)(b)8. and exclude any placement changes that occur between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.

5. The department or the community-based care lead agency shall file the transition plan with the court within 48 hours after the creation of such plan and provide a copy of the plan to the persons included in subparagraph 3.

(4) EDUCATION TRANSITIONS.—

(c) *Minimizing school changes.*—

1. Every effort must be made to keep a child in the school of origin if it is in the child's best interest. Any placement decision must include thoughtful consideration of which school a child will attend if a school change is necessary.

2. Members of a multidisciplinary team staffing convened for a purpose other than a school change must determine the child's best interest regarding remaining in the school or program of origin if the child's educational options are affected by any other decision being made by the multidisciplinary team.

3. The determination of whether it is in the child's best interest to remain in the school of origin, and if not, of which school the child will attend in the future, must be made in consultation with the following individuals, including, but not limited to, the child; the parents; the caregiver; the child welfare professional; the guardian ad litem, ~~if appointed~~; the educational surrogate, if appointed; child care and educational staff, including teachers and guidance counselors; and the school district representative or foster care liaison. A multidisciplinary team member may contact any of these individuals in advance of a multidisciplinary team staffing to obtain his or her recommendation. An individual may remotely attend the multidisciplinary team staffing if one of the identified goals is related to determining an educational placement. The multidisciplinary team may rely on a report from the child's current school or program district and, if applicable, any other school district being considered for the educational placement if the required school personnel are not available to attend the multidisciplinary team staffing in person or remotely.

4. The multidisciplinary team and the individuals listed in subparagraph 3. must consider, at a minimum, all of the following factors when determining whether remaining in the school or program of origin is in the child's best interest or, if not, when selecting a new school or program:

- a. The child's desire to remain in the school or program of origin.
- b. The preference of the child's parents or legal guardians.
- c. Whether the child has siblings, close friends, or mentors at the school or program of origin.
- d. The child's cultural and community connections in the school or program of origin.
- e. Whether the child is suspected of having a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or has begun receiving interventions under this state's multitiered system of supports.
- f. Whether the child has an evaluation pending for special education and related services under IDEA or s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- g. Whether the child is a student with a disability under IDEA who is receiving special education and related services or a student with a disability under s. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 who is receiving accommodations and services and, if so, whether those required services are available in a school or program other than the school or program of origin.
- h. Whether the child is an English Language Learner student and is receiving language services and, if so, whether those required services are available in a school or program other than the school or program of origin.
- i. The impact a change to the school or program of origin would have on academic credits and progress toward promotion.
- j. The availability of extracurricular activities important to the child.
- k. The child's known individualized educational plan or other medical and behavioral health needs and whether such plan or needs are able to be met at a school or program other than the school or program of origin.
- l. The child's permanency goal and timeframe for achieving permanency.
- m. The child's history of school transfers and how such transfers have impacted the child academically, emotionally, and behaviorally.

n. The length of the commute to the school or program from the child's home or placement and how such commute would impact the child.

o. The length of time the child has attended the school or program of origin.

5. The cost of transportation cannot be a factor in making a best interest determination.

Section 16. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 39.407, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.407 Medical, psychiatric, and psychological examination and treatment of child; physical, mental, or substance abuse examination of person with or requesting child custody.—

(3)

(f)1. The department shall fully inform the court of the child's medical and behavioral status as part of the social services report prepared for each judicial review hearing held for a child for whom psychotropic medication has been prescribed or provided under this subsection. As a part of the information provided to the court, the department shall furnish copies of all pertinent medical records concerning the child which have been generated since the previous hearing. On its own motion or on good cause shown by any party, including ~~the any~~ guardian ad litem, ~~attorney~~, or attorney ad litem, ~~if one is who has been appointed to represent the child or the child's interests~~, the court may review the status more frequently than required in this subsection.

2. The court may, in the best interests of the child, order the department to obtain a medical opinion addressing whether the continued use of the medication under the circumstances is safe and medically appropriate.

Section 17. Paragraphs (m), (t), and (u) of subsection (1) of section 39.4085, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.4085 Goals for dependent children; responsibilities; education; Office of the Children's Ombudsman.—

(1) The Legislature finds that the design and delivery of child welfare services should be directed by the principle that the health and safety of children, including the freedom from abuse, abandonment, or neglect, is of paramount concern and, therefore, establishes the following goals for children in shelter or foster care:

(m) To receive meaningful case management and planning that will quickly return the child to his or her family or move the child on to other forms of permanency. *For a child who is transitioning from foster care to independent living, permanency includes establishing naturally occurring, lifelong, kin-like connections between the child and a supportive adult.*

(t) To have a guardian ad litem appointed ~~to represent, within reason, their best interests~~ and, if appropriate, an attorney ad litem ~~appointed to represent their legal interests~~; the guardian ad litem ~~or~~ and attorney ad litem, *if one is appointed, shall* have immediate and unlimited access to the children they represent.

(u) To have all their records available for review by their guardian ad litem ~~or~~ and attorney ad litem, *if one is appointed*, if they deem such review necessary.

This subsection establishes goals and not rights. This subsection does not require the delivery of any particular service or level of service in excess of existing appropriations. A person does not have a cause of action against the state or any of its subdivisions, agencies, contractors, subcontractors, or agents, based upon the adoption of or failure to provide adequate funding for the achievement of these goals by the Legislature. This subsection does not require the expenditure of funds to meet the goals established in this subsection except those funds specifically appropriated for such purpose.

Section 18. Subsection (8) of section 39.502, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.502 Notice, process, and service.—

(8) It is not necessary to the validity of a proceeding covered by this part that the parents be present if their identity or residence is unknown after a diligent search has been made; *however, but in this event* the petitioner ~~shall~~ file an affidavit of diligent search prepared by the person who made the search and inquiry, and the court ~~must~~ *may* appoint a guardian ad litem for the child *if a guardian ad litem has not previously been appointed.*

Section 19. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 39.522, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.522 Postdisposition change of custody.—

(3)

(c)1. The department or community-based care lead agency must notify a current caregiver who has been in the physical custody placement for at least 9 consecutive months and who meets all the established criteria in paragraph (b) of an intent to change the physical custody of the child, and a multidisciplinary team staffing must be held in accordance with ss. 39.4022 and 39.4023 at least 21 days before the intended date for the child's change in physical custody, unless there is an emergency situation as defined in s. 39.4022(2)(b). If there is not a unanimous consensus decision reached by the multidisciplinary team, the department's official position must be provided to the parties within the designated time period as provided for in s. 39.4022.

2. A caregiver who objects to the department's official position on the change in physical custody must notify the court and the department or community-based care lead agency of his or her objection and the intent to request an evidentiary hearing in writing in accordance with this section within 5 days after receiving notice of the department's official position provided under subparagraph 1. The transition of the child to the new caregiver may not begin before the expiration of the 5-day period within which the current caregiver may object.

3. Upon the department or community-based care lead agency receiving written notice of the caregiver's objection, the change to the child's physical custody must be placed in abeyance and the child may not be transitioned to a new physical placement without a court order, unless there is an emergency situation as defined in s. 39.4022(2)(b).

4. Within 7 days after receiving written notice from the caregiver, the court must conduct an initial case status hearing, at which time the court must *do all of the following:*

a. Grant party status to the current caregiver who is seeking permanent custody and has maintained physical custody of that child for at least 9 continuous months for the limited purpose of filing a motion for a hearing on the objection and presenting evidence pursuant to this subsection.;

~~b. Appoint an attorney for the child who is the subject of the permanent custody proceeding, in addition to the guardian ad litem, if one is appointed;~~

b.e. Advise the caregiver of his or her right to retain counsel for purposes of the evidentiary hearing. ~~and~~

~~c.d.~~ Appoint a court-selected neutral and independent licensed professional with expertise in the science and research of child-parent bonding.

Section 20. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 39.6012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.6012 Case plan tasks; services.—

(1) The services to be provided to the parent and the tasks that must be completed are subject to the following:

(c) If there is evidence of harm as defined in s. 39.01(37)(g) ~~or 39.01(34)(g)~~, the case plan must include as a required task for the parent whose actions caused the harm that the parent submit to a substance abuse disorder assessment or evaluation and participate and comply with treatment and services identified in the assessment or evaluation as being necessary.

(3) In addition to any other requirement, if the child is in an out-of-home placement, the case plan must include:

(c) When appropriate, for a child who is 13 years of age or older, a written description of the programs and services that will help the child prepare for the transition from foster care to independent living. *The written description must include age-appropriate activities for the child's development of relationships, coping skills, and emotional well-being.*

Section 21. Section 39.6036, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

39.6036 *Supportive adults for children transitioning out of foster care.*—

(1) *The Legislature finds that a committed, caring adult provides a lifeline for a child transitioning out of foster care to live independently. Accordingly, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office help children connect with supportive adults with the hope of creating an ongoing relationship that lasts into adulthood.*

(2) *The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office shall work with a child who is transitioning out of foster care to identify at least one supportive adult with whom the child can enter into a formal agreement for an ongoing relationship and document such agreement in the child's court file. If the child cannot identify a supportive adult, the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office shall work in coordination with the Office of Continuing Care to identify at least one supportive adult with whom the child can enter into a formal agreement for an ongoing relationship and document such agreement in the child's court file.*

Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) of section 39.621, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.621 Permanency determination by the court.—

(10) The permanency placement is intended to continue until the child reaches the age of majority and may not be disturbed absent a finding by the court that the circumstances of the permanency placement are no longer in the best interest of the child.

(c) The court shall base its decision concerning any motion by a parent for reunification or increased contact with a child on the effect of the decision on the safety, well-being, and physical and emotional health of the child. Factors that must be considered and addressed in the findings of fact of the order on the motion must include:

1. The compliance or noncompliance of the parent with the case plan;

2. The circumstances which caused the child's dependency and whether those circumstances have been resolved;

3. The stability and longevity of the child's placement;

4. The preferences of the child, if the child is of sufficient age and understanding to express a preference;

5. The recommendation of the current custodian; and

6. ~~Any~~ *The recommendation of the guardian ad litem, if one has been appointed.*

Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 39.6241, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.6241 Another planned permanent living arrangement.—

(2) The department and the guardian ad litem must provide the court with a recommended list and description of services needed by the child, such as independent living services and medical, dental, educational, or psychological referrals, and a recommended list and description of services needed by his or her caregiver. *The guardian ad litem must also advise the court whether the child has been connected with a supportive adult and, if the child has been connected with a supportive adult, whether the child has entered into a formal agreement with the adult. If the child has entered into a formal agreement pursuant to s. 39.6036, the guardian ad litem must ensure that the agreement is documented in the child's court file.*

Section 24. Paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (1), paragraph (c) of subsection (2), subsection (3), and paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 39.701, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.701 Judicial review.—

(1) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—

(b)1. The court shall retain jurisdiction over a child returned to his or her parents for a minimum period of 6 months ~~after following~~ the reunification, but, at that time, based on a report of the social service agency and the guardian ad litem, ~~if one has been appointed~~, and any other relevant factors, the court shall make a determination as to whether supervision by the department and the court's jurisdiction shall continue or be terminated.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., the court must retain jurisdiction over a child if the child is placed in the home with a parent or caregiver with an in-home safety plan and such safety plan remains necessary for the child to reside safely in the home.

(f) Notice of a judicial review hearing or a citizen review panel hearing, and a copy of the motion for judicial review, if any, must be served by the clerk of the court upon all of the following persons, if available to be served, regardless of whether the person was present at the previous hearing at which the date, time, and location of the hearing was announced:

1. The social service agency charged with the supervision of care, custody, or guardianship of the child, if that agency is not the movant.
2. The foster parent or legal custodian in whose home the child resides.
3. The parents.
4. The guardian ad litem for the child, ~~or the representative of the guardian ad litem program if the program has been appointed.~~
5. The attorney *ad litem* for the child, *if one is appointed*.
6. The child, if the child is 13 years of age or older.
7. Any preadoptive parent.
8. Such other persons as the court may direct.

(2) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.—

(c) *Review determinations.*—The court and any citizen review panel shall take into consideration the information contained in the social services study and investigation and all medical, psychological, and educational records that support the terms of the case plan; testimony by the social services agency, the parent, the foster parent or caregiver, the guardian ad litem, ~~the~~ or surrogate parent for educational decisionmaking if one has been appointed for the child, and any other person deemed appropriate; and any relevant and material evidence submitted to the court, including written and oral reports to the extent of their probative value. These reports and evidence may be received by the court in its effort to determine the action to be taken with regard to the child and may be relied upon to the extent of their probative value, even though not competent in an adjudicatory hearing. In its deliberations, the court and any citizen review panel shall seek to determine:

1. If the parent was advised of the right to receive assistance from any person or social service agency in the preparation of the case plan.
2. If the parent has been advised of the right to have counsel present at the judicial review or citizen review hearings. If not so advised, the court or citizen review panel shall advise the parent of such right.
3. If a guardian ad litem needs to be appointed for the child in a case in which a guardian ad litem has not previously been appointed ~~or if there is a need to continue a guardian ad litem in a case in which a guardian ad litem has been appointed.~~
4. Who holds the rights to make educational decisions for the child. If appropriate, the court may refer the child to the district school su-

perintendent for appointment of a surrogate parent or may itself appoint a surrogate parent under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and s. 39.0016.

5. The compliance or lack of compliance of all parties with applicable items of the case plan, including the parents' compliance with child support orders.

6. The compliance or lack of compliance with a visitation contract between the parent and the social service agency for contact with the child, including the frequency, duration, and results of the parent-child visitation and the reason for any noncompliance.

7. The frequency, kind, and duration of contacts among siblings who have been separated during placement, as well as any efforts undertaken to reunite separated siblings if doing so is in the best interests of the child.

8. The compliance or lack of compliance of the parent in meeting specified financial obligations pertaining to the care of the child, including the reason for failure to comply, if applicable.

9. Whether the child is receiving safe and proper care according to s. 39.6012, including, but not limited to, the appropriateness of the child's current placement, including whether the child is in a setting that is as family-like and as close to the parent's home as possible, consistent with the child's best interests and special needs, and including maintaining stability in the child's educational placement, as documented by assurances from the community-based care lead agency that:

a. The placement of the child takes into account the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.

b. The community-based care lead agency has coordinated with appropriate local educational agencies to ensure that the child remains in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.

10. A projected date likely for the child's return home or other permanent placement.

11. When appropriate, the basis for the unwillingness or inability of the parent to become a party to a case plan. The court and the citizen review panel shall determine if the efforts of the social service agency to secure party participation in a case plan were sufficient.

12. For a child who has reached 13 years of age but is not yet 18 years of age, the adequacy of the child's preparation for adulthood and independent living. For a child who is 15 years of age or older, the court shall determine if appropriate steps are being taken for the child to obtain a driver license or learner's driver license.

13. If amendments to the case plan are required. Amendments to the case plan must be made under s. 39.6013.

14. If the parents and caregivers have developed a productive relationship that includes meaningful communication and mutual support.

(3) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN 16 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE.—At each review hearing held under this subsection, the court shall give the child *and the guardian ad litem* the opportunity to address the court and provide any information relevant to the child's best interest, particularly in relation to independent living transition services. The foster parent *or*, legal custodian, ~~or guardian ad litem~~ may also provide any information relevant to the child's best interest to the court. In addition to the review and report required under paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a), respectively, *and the review and report required under s. 39.822(2)(a)2.*, the court shall:

(a) Inquire about the life skills the child has acquired and whether those services are age appropriate, at the first judicial review hearing held subsequent to the child's 16th birthday. At the judicial review hearing, the department shall provide the court with a report that includes specific information related to the life skills that the child has acquired since the child's 13th birthday or since the date the child came into foster care, whichever came later. For any child who may meet the requirements for appointment of a guardian advocate under s. 393.12 or a guardian under chapter 744, the updated case plan must be developed

in a face-to-face conference with the child, if appropriate; the child's attorney *ad litem*, if one is appointed; the child's, ~~any court-appointed~~ guardian ad litem; the temporary custodian of the child; and the parent of the child, if the parent's rights have not been terminated.

(b) The court shall hold a judicial review hearing within 90 days after a child's 17th birthday. The court shall issue an order, separate from the order on judicial review, that the disability of nonage of the child has been removed under ss. 743.044-743.047 for any disability that the court finds is in the child's best interest to remove. The department shall include in the social study report for the first judicial review that occurs after the child's 17th birthday written verification that the child has:

1. A current Medicaid card and all necessary information concerning the Medicaid program sufficient to prepare the child to apply for coverage upon reaching the age of 18, if such application is appropriate.

2. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate and, if the child does not have a valid driver license, a Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051.

3. A social security card and information relating to social security insurance benefits if the child is eligible for those benefits. If the child has received such benefits and they are being held in trust for the child, a full accounting of these funds must be provided and the child must be informed as to how to access those funds.

4. All relevant information related to the Road-to-Independence Program under s. 409.1451, including, but not limited to, eligibility requirements, information on participation, and assistance in gaining admission to the program. If the child is eligible for the Road-to-Independence Program, he or she must be advised that he or she may continue to reside with the licensed family home or group care provider with whom the child was residing at the time the child attained his or her 18th birthday, in another licensed family home, or with a group care provider arranged by the department.

5. An open bank account or the identification necessary to open a bank account and to acquire essential banking and budgeting skills.

6. Information on public assistance and how to apply for public assistance.

7. A clear understanding of where he or she will be living on his or her 18th birthday, how living expenses will be paid, and the educational program or school in which he or she will be enrolled.

8. Information related to the ability of the child to remain in care until he or she reaches 21 years of age under s. 39.013.

9. A letter providing the dates that the child is under the jurisdiction of the court.

10. A letter stating that the child is in compliance with financial aid documentation requirements.

11. The child's educational records.

12. The child's entire health and mental health records.

13. The process for accessing the child's case file.

14. A statement encouraging the child to attend all judicial review hearings.

15. Information on how to obtain a driver license or learner's driver license.

(c) At the first judicial review hearing held subsequent to the child's 17th birthday, if the court determines pursuant to chapter 744 that there is a good faith basis to believe that the child qualifies for appointment of a guardian advocate, limited guardian, or plenary guardian for the child and that no less restrictive decisionmaking assistance will meet the child's needs:

1. The department shall complete a multidisciplinary report which must include, but is not limited to, a psychosocial evaluation and edu-

cational report if such a report has not been completed within the previous 2 years.

2. The department shall identify one or more individuals who are willing to serve as the guardian advocate under s. 393.12 or as the plenary or limited guardian under chapter 744. Any other interested parties or participants may make efforts to identify such a guardian advocate, limited guardian, or plenary guardian. The child's biological or adoptive family members, including the child's parents if the parents' rights have not been terminated, may not be considered for service as the plenary or limited guardian unless the court enters a written order finding that such an appointment is in the child's best interests.

3. Proceedings may be initiated within 180 days after the child's 17th birthday for the appointment of a guardian advocate, plenary guardian, or limited guardian for the child in a separate proceeding in the court division with jurisdiction over guardianship matters and pursuant to chapter 744. The Legislature encourages the use of pro bono representation to initiate proceedings under this section.

4. In the event another interested party or participant initiates proceedings for the appointment of a guardian advocate, plenary guardian, or limited guardian for the child, the department shall provide all necessary documentation and information to the petitioner to complete a petition under s. 393.12 or chapter 744 within 45 days after the first judicial review hearing after the child's 17th birthday.

5. Any proceedings seeking appointment of a guardian advocate or a determination of incapacity and the appointment of a guardian must be conducted in a separate proceeding in the court division with jurisdiction over guardianship matters and pursuant to chapter 744.

(d) If the court finds at the judicial review hearing after the child's 17th birthday that the department has not met its obligations to the child as stated in this part, in the written case plan, or in the provision of independent living services, the court may issue an order directing the department to show cause as to why it has not done so. If the department cannot justify its noncompliance, the court may give the department 30 days within which to comply. If the department fails to comply within 30 days, the court may hold the department in contempt.

(e) If necessary, the court may review the status of the child more frequently during the year before the child's 18th birthday. At the last review hearing before the child reaches 18 years of age, and in addition to the requirements of subsection (2), the court shall:

1. Address whether the child plans to remain in foster care, and, if so, ensure that the child's transition plan includes a plan for meeting one or more of the criteria specified in s. 39.6251 and determine if the child has entered into a formal agreement for an ongoing relationship with a supportive adult.

2. Ensure that the transition plan includes a supervised living arrangement under s. 39.6251.

3. Ensure the child has been informed of:

a. The right to continued support and services from the department and the community-based care lead agency.

b. The right to request termination of dependency jurisdiction and be discharged from foster care.

c. The opportunity to reenter foster care under s. 39.6251.

4. Ensure that the child, if he or she requests termination of dependency jurisdiction and discharge from foster care, has been informed of:

a. Services or benefits for which the child may be eligible based on his or her former placement in foster care, including, but not limited to, the assistance of the Office of Continuing Care under s. 414.56.

b. Services or benefits that may be lost through termination of dependency jurisdiction.

c. Other federal, state, local, or community-based services or supports available to him or her.

(4) REVIEW HEARINGS FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE.—During each period of time that a young adult remains in foster care, the court shall review the status of the young adult at least every 6 months and must hold a permanency review hearing at least annually.

(e)I. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if a young adult has chosen to remain in extended foster care after he or she has reached 18 years of age, the department may not close a case and the court may not terminate jurisdiction until the court finds, following a hearing, that the following criteria have been met:

a. Attendance of the young adult at the hearing; or

b. Findings by the court that:

(I)a. The young adult has been informed by the department of his or her right to attend the hearing and has provided written consent to waive this right; and

(II)b. The young adult has been informed of the potential negative effects of early termination of care, the option to reenter care before reaching 21 years of age, the procedure for, and limitations on, reentering care, and the availability of alternative services, and has signed a document attesting that he or she has been so informed and understands these provisions; or

(III)e. The young adult has voluntarily left the program, has not signed the document in sub-subparagraph b., and is unwilling to participate in any further court proceeding.

2. In all permanency hearings or hearings regarding the transition of the young adult from care to independent living, the court shall consult with the young adult regarding the proposed permanency plan, case plan, and individual education plan for the young adult and ensure that he or she has understood the conversation. *The court shall also inquire of the young adult regarding his or her relationship with the supportive adult with whom the young adult has entered into a formal agreement for an ongoing relationship, if such agreement exists.*

Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 39.801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.801 Procedures and jurisdiction; notice; service of process.—

(3) Before the court may terminate parental rights, in addition to the other requirements set forth in this part, the following requirements must be met:

(a) Notice of the date, time, and place of the advisory hearing for the petition to terminate parental rights; if applicable, instructions for appearance through audio-video communication technology; and a copy of the petition must be personally served upon the following persons, specifically notifying them that a petition has been filed:

1. The parents of the child.
2. The legal custodians of the child.
3. If the parents who would be entitled to notice are dead or unknown, a living relative of the child, unless upon diligent search and inquiry no such relative can be found.
4. Any person who has physical custody of the child.
5. Any grandparent entitled to priority for adoption under s. 63.0425.

6. Any prospective parent who has been identified under s. 39.503 or s. 39.803, unless a court order has been entered pursuant to s. 39.503(4) or (9) or s. 39.803(4) or (9) which indicates no further notice is required. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if there is not a legal father, notice of the petition for termination of parental rights must be provided to any known prospective father who is identified under oath before the court or who is identified by a diligent search of the Florida Putative Father Registry. Service of the notice of the petition for termination of parental rights is not required if the prospective father executes an affidavit of nonpaternity or a consent to termination of his parental rights which is accepted by the court after notice and oppor-

tunity to be heard by all parties to address the best interests of the child in accepting such affidavit.

7. The guardian ad litem for the child ~~or the representative of the guardian ad litem program, if the program has been appointed.~~

A party may consent to service or notice by e-mail by providing a primary e-mail address to the clerk of the court. The document containing the notice to respond or appear must contain, in type at least as large as the type in the balance of the document, the following or substantially similar language: “FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.”

Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 39.807, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.807 Right to counsel; guardian ad litem.—

(2)(a) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the ~~best interest of the child~~ in any termination of parental rights proceedings and shall ascertain at each stage of the proceedings whether a guardian ad litem has been appointed.

(b) The guardian ad litem has the ~~following~~ responsibilities *and authority specified in s. 39.822:*

~~1. To investigate the allegations of the petition and any subsequent matters arising in the case and,~~

(c) Unless excused by the court, *the guardian ad litem must* ~~to~~ file a written report. This report must include a statement of the wishes of the child and the recommendations of the guardian ad litem and must be provided to all parties and the court at least 72 hours before the disposition hearing.

~~2. To be present at all court hearings unless excused by the court.~~

~~3. To represent the best interests of the child until the jurisdiction of the court over the child terminates or until excused by the court.~~

~~(e) A guardian ad litem is not required to post bond but shall file an acceptance of the office.~~

~~(d) A guardian ad litem is entitled to receive service of pleadings and papers as provided by the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure.~~

(d)(e) This subsection does not apply to any voluntary relinquishment of parental rights proceeding.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 39.808, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.808 Advisory hearing; pretrial status conference.—

(2) At the hearing the court shall inform the parties of their rights under s. 39.807, ~~shall~~ appoint counsel for the parties in accordance with legal requirements, and ~~shall~~ appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the ~~interests of the~~ child if one has not already been appointed.

Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 39.815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.815 Appeal.—

(2) An attorney for the department shall represent the state upon appeal. When a notice of appeal is filed in the circuit court, the clerk shall notify the attorney for the department, ~~together with the attorney for the parent, the guardian ad litem, and the any attorney ad litem for the child, if one is appointed.~~

Section 29. *Section 39.820, Florida Statutes, is repealed.*

Section 30. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 39.821, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



## 39.821 Qualifications of guardians ad litem.—

(1) Because of the special trust or responsibility placed in a guardian ad litem, the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program* may use any private funds collected by the *office program*, or any state funds so designated, to conduct a security background investigation before certifying a volunteer to serve. A security background investigation must include, but need not be limited to, employment history checks, checks of references, local criminal history records checks through local law enforcement agencies, and statewide criminal history records checks through the Department of Law Enforcement. Upon request, an employer shall furnish a copy of the personnel record for the employee or former employee who is the subject of a security background investigation conducted under this section. The information contained in the personnel record may include, but need not be limited to, disciplinary matters and the reason why the employee was terminated from employment. An employer who releases a personnel record for purposes of a security background investigation is presumed to have acted in good faith and is not liable for information contained in the record without a showing that the employer maliciously falsified the record. A security background investigation conducted under this section must ensure that a person is not certified as a guardian ad litem if the person has an arrest awaiting final disposition for, been convicted of, regardless of adjudication, entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under the provisions listed in s. 435.04. All applicants must undergo a level 2 background screening pursuant to chapter 435 before being certified to serve as a guardian ad litem. In analyzing and evaluating the information obtained in the security background investigation, the *office program* must give particular emphasis to past activities involving children, including, but not limited to, child-related criminal offenses or child abuse. The *office program* has sole discretion in determining whether to certify a person based on his or her security background investigation. The information collected pursuant to the security background investigation is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1).

(3) It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person to willfully, knowingly, or intentionally fail, by false statement, misrepresentation, impersonation, or other fraudulent means, to disclose in any application for a volunteer position or for paid employment with the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program*, any material fact used in making a determination as to the applicant's qualifications for such position.

Section 31. Section 39.822, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 39.822 Appointment of guardian ad litem for abused, abandoned, or neglected child.—

(1) A guardian ad litem shall be appointed by the court at the earliest possible time to represent the child in any child abuse, abandonment, or neglect judicial proceeding, whether civil or criminal. A guardian ad litem is a fiduciary and must provide independent representation of the child using a best interest standard of decision-making and advocacy.

(2)(a) A guardian ad litem must:

1. Be present at all court hearings unless excused by the court.
2. Investigate issues related to the best interest of the child who is the subject of the appointment, review all disposition recommendations and changes in placement, and, unless excused by the court, file written reports and recommendations in accordance with general law.
3. Represent the child until the court's jurisdiction over the child terminates or until excused by the court.
4. Advocate for the child's participation in the proceedings and to report the child's preferences to the court, to the extent the child has the ability and desire to express his or her preferences.
5. Perform other duties that are consistent with the scope of the appointment.

(b) A guardian ad litem shall have immediate and unlimited access to the children he or she represents.

(c) A guardian ad litem is not required to post bond but must file an acceptance of the appointment.

(d) A guardian ad litem is entitled to receive service of pleadings and papers as provided by the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure.

(3) Any person participating in a civil or criminal judicial proceeding resulting from such appointment shall be presumed prima facie to be acting in good faith and in so doing shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might be incurred or imposed.

(4)(2) In those cases in which the parents are financially able, the parent or parents of the child shall reimburse the court, in part or in whole, for the cost of provision of guardian ad litem representation services. Reimbursement to the individual providing guardian ad litem representation is not services shall not be contingent upon successful collection by the court from the parent or parents.

(5)(3) Upon presentation by a guardian ad litem of a court order appointing the guardian ad litem:

(a) An agency, as defined in chapter 119, shall allow the guardian ad litem to inspect and copy records related to the best interests of the child who is the subject of the appointment, including, but not limited to, records made confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) or s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The guardian ad litem shall maintain the confidential or exempt status of any records shared by an agency under this paragraph.

(b) A person or an organization, other than an agency under paragraph (a), shall allow the guardian ad litem to inspect and copy any records related to the best interests of the child who is the subject of the appointment, including, but not limited to, confidential records.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "records related to the best interests of the child" includes, but is not limited to, medical, mental health, substance abuse, child care, education, law enforcement, court, social services, and financial records.

~~(4) The guardian ad litem or the program representative shall review all disposition recommendations and changes in placements, and must be present at all critical stages of the dependency proceeding or submit a written report of recommendations to the court. Written reports must be filed with the court and served on all parties whose whereabouts are known at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.~~

Section 32. Subsection (4) of section 39.827, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 39.827 Hearing for appointment of a guardian advocate.—

(4) The hearing under this section ~~must~~ shall remain confidential and closed to the public. The clerk shall keep all court records required by this part separate from other records of the circuit court. All court records required by this part ~~are~~ shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). All Records ~~may only~~ shall be inspected ~~only~~ upon order of the court by persons deemed by the court to have a proper interest therein, except that a child and the parents or custodians of the child and their attorneys, the guardian ad litem, and the department and its designees, and the attorney ad litem, if one is appointed, shall always have the right to inspect and copy any official record pertaining to the child. The court may permit authorized representatives of recognized organizations compiling statistics for proper purposes to inspect and make abstracts from official records, under whatever conditions upon their use and disposition the court may deem proper, and may punish by contempt proceedings any violation of those conditions. All information obtained pursuant to this part in the discharge of official duty by any judge, employee of the court, or authorized agent of the department is ~~shall be~~ confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and ~~may~~ shall not be disclosed to anyone other than the authorized personnel of the court or the department and its designees, except upon order of the court.

Section 33. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 39.8296, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.8296 Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office; legislative findings and intent; creation; appointment of executive director; duties of office.—

## (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

(a) The Legislature finds that for the past 20 years, the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program* has been the only mechanism for best interest representation for children in Florida who are involved in dependency proceedings.

(b) The Legislature also finds that while the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program* has been supervised by court administration within the circuit courts since the *office's program's* inception, there is a perceived conflict of interest created by the supervision of program staff by the judges before whom they appear.

(d) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to place the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office Program* in an appropriate place and provide a statewide infrastructure to increase functioning and standardization among the local *offices programs* currently operating in the 20 judicial circuits.

(2) STATEWIDE GUARDIAN AD LITEM OFFICE.—There is created a Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office within the Justice Administrative Commission. The Justice Administrative Commission shall provide administrative support and service to the office to the extent requested by the executive director within the available resources of the commission. The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Justice Administrative Commission in the performance of its duties, but the employees of the office are governed by the classification plan and salary and benefits plan approved by the Justice Administrative Commission.

(a) The head of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office is the executive director, who shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of a minimum of three eligible applicants submitted by a Guardian ad Litem Qualifications Committee. The Guardian ad Litem Qualifications Committee shall be composed of five persons, two persons appointed by the Governor, two persons appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and one person appointed by the Statewide Guardian ad Litem *Office Association*. The committee shall provide for statewide advertisement and the receiving of applications for the position of executive director. The Governor shall appoint an executive director from among the recommendations, or the Governor may reject the nominations and request the submission of new nominees. The executive director must have knowledge in dependency law and knowledge of social service delivery systems available to meet the needs of children who are abused, neglected, or abandoned. The executive director shall serve on a full-time basis and shall personally, or through representatives of the office, carry out the purposes and functions of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office in accordance with state and federal law *and the state's long-established policy of prioritizing children's best interests*. The executive director shall report to the Governor. The executive director shall serve a 3-year term, subject to removal for cause by the Governor. Any person appointed to serve as the executive director may be permitted to serve more than one term *without the necessity of convening the Guardian ad Litem Qualifications Committee*.

(b) The Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office shall, within available resources, have oversight responsibilities for and provide technical assistance to all guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem *offices programs* located within the judicial circuits.

1. The office shall identify the resources required to implement methods of collecting, reporting, and tracking reliable and consistent case data.

2. The office shall review the current guardian ad litem *offices programs* in Florida and other states.

3. The office, in consultation with local guardian ad litem offices, shall develop statewide performance measures and standards.

4. The office shall develop *and maintain* a guardian ad litem training program, *which must be updated regularly, which shall include, but is not limited to, training on the recognition of and responses to head trauma and brain injury in a child under 6 years of age. The office shall establish a curriculum committee to develop the training program specified in this subparagraph. The curriculum committee shall include, but not be limited to, dependency judges, directors of circuit guardian ad litem programs, active certified guardians ad litem,*

*a mental health professional who specializes in the treatment of children, a member of a child advocacy group, a representative of a domestic violence advocacy group, an individual with a degree in social work, and a social worker experienced in working with victims and perpetrators of child abuse.*

5. The office shall review the various methods of funding guardian ad litem *offices programs*, maximize the use of those funding sources to the extent possible, and review the kinds of services being provided by circuit guardian ad litem *offices programs*.

6. The office shall determine the feasibility or desirability of new concepts of organization, administration, financing, or service delivery designed to preserve the civil and constitutional rights and fulfill other needs of dependent children.

7. *The office shall ensure that each child has an attorney assigned to his or her case and, within available resources, is represented using multidisciplinary teams that may include volunteers, pro bono attorneys, social workers, and mentors.*

8. *The office shall provide oversight and technical assistance to attorneys ad litem, including, but not limited to, all of the following:*

*a. Develop an attorney ad litem training program in collaboration with dependency court stakeholders, including, but not limited to, dependency judges, representatives from legal aid providing attorney ad litem representation, and an attorney ad litem appointed from a registry maintained by the chief judge. The training program must be updated regularly with or without convening the stakeholders group.*

*b. Offer consultation and technical assistance to chief judges in maintaining attorney registries for the selection of attorneys ad litem.*

*c. Assist with recruitment, training, and mentoring of attorneys ad litem as needed.*

9.7. ~~In an effort to promote normalcy and establish trust between a court-appointed volunteer guardian ad litem and a child alleged to be abused, abandoned, or neglected under this chapter, a guardian ad litem may transport a child. However, a guardian ad litem volunteer may not be required by a guardian ad litem circuit office or ordered by or directed by the program or a court to transport a child.~~

10.8. ~~The office shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court an interim report describing the progress of the office in meeting the goals as described in this section. The office shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court a proposed plan including alternatives for meeting the state's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem needs. This plan may include recommendations for less than the entire state, may include a phase-in system, and shall include estimates of the cost of each of the alternatives. Each year the office shall provide a status report and provide further recommendations to address the need for guardian ad litem representation services and related issues.~~

Section 34. Section 39.8297, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.8297 County funding for guardian ad litem employees.—

(1) A county and the executive director of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office may enter into an agreement by which the county agrees to provide funds to the local guardian ad litem office in order to employ persons who will assist in the operation of the guardian ad litem *office program* in the county.

(2) The agreement, at a minimum, must provide that:

(a) Funding for the persons who are employed will be provided on at least a fiscal-year basis.

(b) The persons who are employed will be hired, supervised, managed, and terminated by the executive director of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office. The statewide office is responsible for compliance with all requirements of federal and state employment laws, and shall fully indemnify the county from any liability under such laws, as authorized by s. 768.28(19), to the extent such liability is the result of

the acts or omissions of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office or its agents or employees.

(c) The county is the employer for purposes of s. 440.10 and chapter 443.

(d) Employees funded by the county under this section and other county employees may be aggregated for purposes of a flexible benefits plan pursuant to s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Persons employed under this section may be terminated after a substantial breach of the agreement or because funding to the *guardian ad litem office program* has expired.

(3) Persons employed under this section may not be counted in a formula or similar process used by the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office to measure personnel needs of a judicial circuit's guardian ad litem *office program*.

(4) Agreements created pursuant to this section do not obligate the state to allocate funds to a county to employ persons in the guardian ad litem *office program*.

Section 35. Subsection (6) is added to section 414.56, Florida Statutes, to read:

414.56 Office of Continuing Care.—The department shall establish an Office of Continuing Care to ensure young adults who age out of the foster care system between 18 and 21 years of age, or 22 years of age with a documented disability, have a point of contact until the young adult reaches the age of 26 in order to receive ongoing support and care coordination needed to achieve self-sufficiency. Duties of the office include, but are not limited to:

(6) *In coordination with the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, identifying supportive adults for children transitioning out of foster care to live independently in accordance with s. 39.6036.*

Section 36. Section 1009.898, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.898 *Fostering Prosperity grants.—*

(1) *Subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose by the Legislature, the Fostering Prosperity program shall administer the following grants to youth and young adults aging out of foster care:*

(a) *Grants to provide financial literacy instruction using a curriculum developed by the Department of Financial Services in consultation with the Department of Education.*

(b) *Grants to provide CLT, SAT, or ACT preparation, including one-on-one support and fee waivers for the examinations.*

(c) *Grants to youth and young adults planning to pursue trade careers or paid apprenticeships.*

(2) *If a young adult who is aging out of foster care is reunited with his or her parent, the grants must remain available for the young adult for up to 1 year after reunification.*

(3) *The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this section.*

Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 29.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29.008 County funding of court-related functions.—

(1) Counties are required by s. 14, Art. V of the State Constitution to fund the cost of communications services, existing radio systems, existing multiagency criminal justice information systems, and the cost of construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of facilities for the circuit and county courts, public defenders' offices, state attorneys' offices, guardian ad litem offices, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions. For purposes of this section, the term "circuit and county courts" includes the offices and staffing of the guardian ad litem *offices programs*, and the term "public defenders' offices" includes the offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel. The county designated under s. 35.05(1) as

the headquarters for each appellate district shall fund these costs for the appellate division of the public defender's office in that county. For purposes of implementing these requirements, the term:

(a) "Facility" means reasonable and necessary buildings and office space and appurtenant equipment and furnishings, structures, real estate, easements, and related interests in real estate, including, but not limited to, those for the purpose of housing legal materials for use by the general public and personnel, equipment, or functions of the circuit or county courts, public defenders' offices, state attorneys' offices, and court-related functions of the office of the clerks of the circuit and county courts and all storage. The term "facility" includes all wiring necessary for court reporting services. The term also includes access to parking for such facilities in connection with such court-related functions that may be available free or from a private provider or a local government for a fee. The office space provided by a county may not be less than the standards for space allotment adopted by the Department of Management Services, except this requirement applies only to facilities that are leased, or on which construction commences, after June 30, 2003. County funding must include physical modifications and improvements to all facilities as are required for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon mutual agreement of a county and the affected entity in this paragraph, the office space provided by the county may vary from the standards for space allotment adopted by the Department of Management Services.

1. As of July 1, 2005, equipment and furnishings shall be limited to that appropriate and customary for courtrooms, hearing rooms, jury facilities, and other public areas in courthouses and any other facility occupied by the courts, state attorneys, public defenders, guardians ad litem, and criminal conflict and civil regional counsel. Court reporting equipment in these areas or facilities is not a responsibility of the county.

2. Equipment and furnishings under this paragraph in existence and owned by counties on July 1, 2005, except for that in the possession of the clerks, for areas other than courtrooms, hearing rooms, jury facilities, and other public areas in courthouses and any other facility occupied by the courts, state attorneys, and public defenders, shall be transferred to the state at no charge. This provision does not apply to any communications services as defined in paragraph (f).

(b) "Construction or lease" includes, but is not limited to, all reasonable and necessary costs of the acquisition or lease of facilities for all judicial officers, staff, jurors, volunteers of a tenant agency, and the public for the circuit and county courts, the public defenders' offices, state attorneys' offices, and for performing the court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts. This includes expenses related to financing such facilities and the existing and future cost and bonded indebtedness associated with placing the facilities in use.

(c) "Maintenance" includes, but is not limited to, all reasonable and necessary costs of custodial and groundskeeping services and renovation and reconstruction as needed to accommodate functions for the circuit and county courts, the public defenders' offices, and state attorneys' offices and for performing the court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county court and for maintaining the facilities in a condition appropriate and safe for the use intended.

(d) "Utilities" means all electricity services for light, heat, and power; natural or manufactured gas services for light, heat, and power; water and wastewater services and systems, stormwater or runoff services and systems, sewer services and systems, all costs or fees associated with these services and systems, and any costs or fees associated with the mitigation of environmental impacts directly related to the facility.

(e) "Security" includes but is not limited to, all reasonable and necessary costs of services of law enforcement officers or licensed security guards and all electronic, cellular, or digital monitoring and screening devices necessary to ensure the safety and security of all persons visiting or working in a facility; to provide for security of the facility, including protection of property owned by the county or the state; and for security of prisoners brought to any facility. This includes bailiffs while providing courtroom and other security for each judge and other quasi-judicial officers.

(f) “Communications services” are defined as any reasonable and necessary transmission, emission, and reception of signs, signals, writings, images, and sounds of intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical, audio equipment, or other electromagnetic systems and includes all facilities and equipment owned, leased, or used by judges, clerks, public defenders, state attorneys, guardians ad litem, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and all staff of the state courts system, state attorneys’ offices, public defenders’ offices, and clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions. Such system or services shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Telephone system infrastructure, including computer lines, telephone switching equipment, and maintenance, and facsimile equipment, wireless communications, cellular telephones, pagers, and video teleconferencing equipment and line charges. Each county shall continue to provide access to a local carrier for local and long distance service and shall pay toll charges for local and long distance service.

2. All computer networks, systems and equipment, including computer hardware and software, modems, printers, wiring, network connections, maintenance, support staff or services including any county-funded support staff located in the offices of the circuit court, county courts, state attorneys, public defenders, guardians ad litem, and criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; training, supplies, and line charges necessary for an integrated computer system to support the operations and management of the state courts system, the offices of the public defenders, the offices of the state attorneys, the guardian ad litem offices, the offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts; and the capability to connect those entities and reporting data to the state as required for the transmission of revenue, performance accountability, case management, data collection, budgeting, and auditing purposes. The integrated computer system shall be operational by July 1, 2006, and, at a minimum, permit the exchange of financial, performance accountability, case management, case disposition, and other data across multiple state and county information systems involving multiple users at both the state level and within each judicial circuit and be able to electronically exchange judicial case background data, sentencing scoresheets, and video evidence information stored in integrated case management systems over secure networks. Once the integrated system becomes operational, counties may reject requests to purchase communications services included in this subparagraph not in compliance with standards, protocols, or processes adopted by the board established pursuant to former s. 29.0086.

3. Courier messenger and subpoena services.

4. Auxiliary aids and services for qualified individuals with a disability which are necessary to ensure access to the courts. Such auxiliary aids and services include, but are not limited to, sign language interpretation services required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act other than services required to satisfy due-process requirements and identified as a state funding responsibility pursuant to ss. 29.004-29.007, real-time transcription services for individuals who are hearing impaired, and assistive listening devices and the equipment necessary to implement such accommodations.

(g) “Existing radio systems” includes, but is not limited to, law enforcement radio systems that are used by the circuit and county courts, the offices of the public defenders, the offices of the state attorneys, and for court-related functions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts. This includes radio systems that were operational or under contract at the time Revision No. 7, 1998, to Art. V of the State Constitution was adopted and any enhancements made thereafter, the maintenance of those systems, and the personnel and supplies necessary for operation.

(h) “Existing multiagency criminal justice information systems” includes, but is not limited to, those components of the multiagency criminal justice information system as defined in s. 943.045, supporting the offices of the circuit or county courts, the public defenders’ offices, the state attorneys’ offices, or those portions of the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions that are used to carry out the court-related activities of those entities. This includes upgrades and maintenance of the current equipment, maintenance and upgrades of supporting technology infrastructure and associated staff, and services and expenses to assure continued informa-

tion sharing and reporting of information to the state. The counties shall also provide additional information technology services, hardware, and software as needed for new judges and staff of the state courts system, state attorneys’ offices, public defenders’ offices, guardian ad litem offices, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions.

Section 38. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 39.6011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.6011 Case plan development.—

(1) The department shall prepare a draft of the case plan for each child receiving services under this chapter. A parent of a child may not be threatened or coerced with the loss of custody or parental rights for failing to admit in the case plan of abusing, neglecting, or abandoning a child. Participating in the development of a case plan is not an admission to any allegation of abuse, abandonment, or neglect, and it is not a consent to a finding of dependency or termination of parental rights. The case plan shall be developed subject to the following requirements:

(a) The case plan must be developed in a face-to-face conference with the parent of the child, ~~the any~~ court-appointed guardian ad litem, and, if appropriate, the child and the temporary custodian of the child.

Section 39. Subsection (8) of section 40.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40.24 Compensation and reimbursement policy.—

(8) In circuits that elect to allow jurors to donate their jury service fee upon conclusion of juror service, each juror may irrevocably donate all of the juror’s compensation to the 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) organization specified by the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office program* or to a domestic violence shelter as specified annually on a rotating basis by the clerk of court in the circuit for the juror’s county of residence. The funds collected may not reduce or offset the amount of compensation that the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office program* or domestic violence shelter would otherwise receive from the state. The clerk of court shall ensure that all jurors are given written notice at the conclusion of their service that they have the option to so donate their compensation, and that the applicable program specified by the *Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office program* or a domestic violence shelter receives all funds donated by the jurors. Any *circuit guardian ad litem office program* receiving donations of juror compensation must expend such moneys on services for children for whom guardians ad litem have been appointed.

Section 40. Subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section 43.16, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

43.16 Justice Administrative Commission; membership, powers and duties.—

(5) The duties of the commission shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The maintenance of a central state office for administrative services and assistance when possible to and on behalf of the state attorneys and public defenders of Florida, the capital collateral regional counsel of Florida, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program*.

(b) Each state attorney, public defender, and criminal conflict and civil regional counsel and the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* shall continue to prepare necessary budgets, vouchers that represent valid claims for reimbursement by the state for authorized expenses, and other things incidental to the proper administrative operation of the office, such as revenue transmittals to the Chief Financial Officer and automated systems plans, but will forward such items to the commission for recording and submission to the proper state officer. However, when requested by a state attorney, a public defender, a criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, or the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program*, the commission will either assist in the preparation of budget requests, voucher schedules, and other forms and reports or accomplish the entire project involved.

(6) The commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:

(a) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in s. 11.45(1).

(b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

(c) Support economical and efficient operations.

(d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

(e) Safeguard assets.

(7) ~~The provisions contained in~~ This section ~~is shall be~~ supplemental to ~~those of~~ chapter 27, relating to state attorneys, public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and capital collateral regional counsel; to ~~those of~~ chapter 39, relating to the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program*; or to other laws pertaining hereto.

Section 41. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (4) of section 61.402, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

61.402 Qualifications of guardians ad litem.—

(1) A person appointed as a guardian ad litem pursuant to s. 61.401 must be:

(a) Certified by the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* pursuant to s. 39.821;

(b) Certified by a not-for-profit legal aid organization as defined in s. 68.096; or

(c) An attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

(4) Nothing in this section requires the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* or a not-for-profit legal aid organization to train or certify guardians ad litem appointed under this chapter.

Section 42. Paragraph (x) of subsection (2) of section 110.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.205 Career service; exemptions.—

(2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not covered by this part include the following:

(x) All officers and employees of the Justice Administrative Commission, Office of the State Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, regional offices of capital collateral counsel, offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office*, including the circuit guardian ad litem ~~offices programs~~.

Section 43. Paragraph (b) of subsection (96) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(96) GUARDIAN AD LITEM LICENSE PLATES.—

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, Inc., a direct-support organization and a nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Up to 10 percent of the proceeds may be used for administrative costs and the marketing of the plate. The remainder of the proceeds must be used in this state to support the mission and efforts of the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* to represent abused, abandoned, and neglected children and advocate for their best interests; recruit and retain volunteer child advocates; and meet the unique needs of the dependent children the program serves.

Section 44. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 943.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.053 Dissemination of criminal justice information; fees.—

(3)

(e) The fee per record for criminal history information provided pursuant to this subsection and s. 943.0542 is \$24 per name submitted, except that the fee for the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office program* and vendors of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Department of Elderly Affairs is \$8 for each name submitted; the fee for a state criminal history provided for application processing as required by law to be performed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is \$15 for each name submitted; and the fee for requests under s. 943.0542, which implements the National Child Protection Act, is \$18 for each volunteer name submitted. An office of the public defender or an office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel may not be assessed a fee for Florida criminal history information or wanted person information.

Section 45. Subsection (2) of section 985.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.43 Predisposition reports; other evaluations.—

(2) The court shall consider the child's entire assessment and predisposition report and shall review the records of earlier judicial proceedings before making a final disposition of the case. If the child is under the jurisdiction of a dependency court, the court may receive and consider any information provided by the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* and the child's attorney ad litem, if *one is* appointed. The court may, by order, require additional evaluations and studies to be performed by the department; the county school system; or any social, psychological, or psychiatric agency of the state. The court shall order the educational needs assessment completed under s. 985.18(2) to be included in the assessment and predisposition report.

Section 46. Subsection (4) of section 985.441, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.441 Commitment.—

(4) The department may transfer a child, when necessary to appropriately administer the child's commitment, from one facility or program to another facility or program operated, contracted, subcontracted, or designated by the department, including a postcommitment nonresidential conditional release program, except that the department may not transfer any child adjudicated solely for a misdemeanor to a residential program except as provided in subsection (2). The department shall notify the court that committed the child to the department and any attorney of record for the child, in writing, of its intent to transfer the child from a commitment facility or program to another facility or program of a higher or lower restrictiveness level. If the child is under the jurisdiction of a dependency court, the department shall also provide notice to the dependency court, ~~and~~ the Department of Children and Families, ~~and, if appointed,~~ the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, Program* and the child's attorney ad litem, *if one is appointed*. The court that committed the child may agree to the transfer or may set a hearing to review the transfer. If the court does not respond within 10 days after receipt of the notice, the transfer of the child shall be deemed granted.

Section 47. Subsection (3) of section 985.455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.455 Other dispositional issues.—

(3) Any commitment of a delinquent child to the department must be for an indeterminate period of time, which may include periods of temporary release; however, the period of time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense, except that the duration of a minimum-risk nonresidential commitment for an offense that is a misdemeanor of the second degree, or is equivalent to a misdemeanor of the second degree, may be for a period not to exceed 6 months. The duration of the child's placement in a commitment program of any restrictiveness level shall be based on objective performance-based treatment planning. The child's treatment plan progress and adjustment-related issues shall be reported to the court quarterly, unless the court requests monthly reports. If the child

is under the jurisdiction of a dependency court, the court may receive and consider any information provided by the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program* or the child's attorney ad litem, if *one is* appointed. The child's length of stay in a commitment program may be extended if the child fails to comply with or participate in treatment activities. The child's length of stay in the program shall not be extended for purposes of sanction or punishment. Any temporary release from such program must be approved by the court. Any child so committed may be discharged from institutional confinement or a program upon the direction of the department with the concurrence of the court. The child's treatment plan progress and adjustment-related issues must be communicated to the court at the time the department requests the court to consider releasing the child from the commitment program. The department shall give the court that committed the child to the department reasonable notice, in writing, of its desire to discharge the child from a commitment facility. The court that committed the child may thereafter accept or reject the request. If the court does not respond within 10 days after receipt of the notice, the request of the department shall be deemed granted. This section does not limit the department's authority to revoke a child's temporary release status and return the child to a commitment facility for any violation of the terms and conditions of the temporary release.

Section 48. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 985.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.461 Transition to adulthood.—

(4) As part of the child's treatment plan, the department may provide transition-to-adulthood services to children released from residential commitment. To support participation in transition-to-adulthood services and subject to appropriation, the department may:

(b) Use community reentry teams to assist in the development of a list of age-appropriate activities and responsibilities to be incorporated in the child's written case plan for any youth who is under the custody or supervision of the department. Community reentry teams may include representatives from school districts, law enforcement, workforce development services, community-based service providers, the *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office Program*, and the youth's family. Such community reentry teams must be created within existing resources provided to the department. Activities may include, but are not limited to, life skills training, including training to develop banking and budgeting skills, interviewing and career planning skills, parenting skills, personal health management, and time management or organizational skills; educational support; employment training; and counseling.

Section 49. Subsection (11) of section 985.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.48 Juvenile sexual offender commitment programs; sexual abuse intervention networks.—

(11) Membership of a sexual abuse intervention network shall include, but is not limited to, representatives from:

- (a) Local law enforcement agencies;
- (b) Local school boards;
- (c) Child protective investigators;
- (d) The office of the state attorney;
- (e) The office of the public defender;
- (f) The juvenile division of the circuit court;
- (g) Professionals licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, s. 490.0145, or s. 491.0144 providing treatment for juvenile sexual offenders or their victims;
- (h) The *Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office program*;
- (i) The Department of Juvenile Justice; and
- (j) The Department of Children and Families.

Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 39.302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.302 Protective investigations of institutional child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.—

(1) The department shall conduct a child protective investigation of each report of institutional child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. Upon receipt of a report that alleges that an employee or agent of the department, or any other entity or person covered by s. 39.01(39) or (57) ~~s. 39.01(36) or (54)~~, acting in an official capacity, has committed an act of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, the department shall initiate a child protective investigation within the timeframe established under s. 39.101(2) and notify the appropriate state attorney, law enforcement agency, and licensing agency, which shall immediately conduct a joint investigation, unless independent investigations are more feasible. When conducting investigations or having face-to-face interviews with the child, investigation visits shall be unannounced unless it is determined by the department or its agent that unannounced visits threaten the safety of the child. If a facility is exempt from licensing, the department shall inform the owner or operator of the facility of the report. Each agency conducting a joint investigation is entitled to full access to the information gathered by the department in the course of the investigation. A protective investigation must include an interview with the child's parent or legal guardian. The department shall make a full written report to the state attorney within 3 business days after making the oral report. A criminal investigation shall be coordinated, whenever possible, with the child protective investigation of the department. Any interested person who has information regarding the offenses described in this subsection may forward a statement to the state attorney as to whether prosecution is warranted and appropriate. Within 15 days after the completion of the investigation, the state attorney shall report the findings to the department and shall include in the report a determination of whether or not prosecution is justified and appropriate in view of the circumstances of the specific case.

Section 51. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 39.521, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.521 Disposition hearings; powers of disposition.—

(1) A disposition hearing shall be conducted by the court, if the court finds that the facts alleged in the petition for dependency were proven in the adjudicatory hearing, or if the parents or legal custodians have consented to the finding of dependency or admitted the allegations in the petition, have failed to appear for the arraignment hearing after proper notice, or have not been located despite a diligent search having been conducted.

(c) When any child is adjudicated by a court to be dependent, the court having jurisdiction of the child has the power by order to:

1. Require the parent and, when appropriate, the legal guardian or the child to participate in treatment and services identified as necessary. The court may require the person who has custody or who is requesting custody of the child to submit to a mental health or substance abuse disorder assessment or evaluation. The order may be made only upon good cause shown and pursuant to notice and procedural requirements provided under the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure. The mental health assessment or evaluation must be administered by a qualified professional as defined in s. 39.01, and the substance abuse assessment or evaluation must be administered by a qualified professional as defined in s. 397.311. The court may also require such person to participate in and comply with treatment and services identified as necessary, including, when appropriate and available, participation in and compliance with a mental health court program established under chapter 394 or a treatment-based drug court program established under s. 397.334. Adjudication of a child as dependent based upon evidence of harm as defined in s. 39.01(37)(g) ~~s. 39.01(34)(g)~~ demonstrates good cause, and the court shall require the parent whose actions caused the harm to submit to a substance abuse disorder assessment or evaluation and to participate and comply with treatment and services identified in the assessment or evaluation as being necessary. In addition to supervision by the department, the court, including the mental health court program or the treatment-based drug court program, may oversee the progress and compliance with treatment by a person who has custody or is requesting custody of the child. The court may impose appropriate available sanctions for noncompliance upon a person who has custody or

is requesting custody of the child or make a finding of noncompliance for consideration in determining whether an alternative placement of the child is in the child's best interests. Any order entered under this subparagraph may be made only upon good cause shown. This subparagraph does not authorize placement of a child with a person seeking custody of the child, other than the child's parent or legal custodian, who requires mental health or substance abuse disorder treatment.

2. Require, if the court deems necessary, the parties to participate in dependency mediation.

3. Require placement of the child either under the protective supervision of an authorized agent of the department in the home of one or both of the child's parents or in the home of a relative of the child or another adult approved by the court, or in the custody of the department. Protective supervision continues until the court terminates it or until the child reaches the age of 18, whichever date is first. Protective supervision shall be terminated by the court whenever the court determines that permanency has been achieved for the child, whether with a parent, another relative, or a legal custodian, and that protective supervision is no longer needed. The termination of supervision may be with or without retaining jurisdiction, at the court's discretion, and shall in either case be considered a permanency option for the child. The order terminating supervision by the department must set forth the powers of the custodian of the child and include the powers ordinarily granted to a guardian of the person of a minor unless otherwise specified. Upon the court's termination of supervision by the department, further judicial reviews are not required if permanency has been established for the child.

4. Determine whether the child has a strong attachment to the prospective permanent guardian and whether such guardian has a strong commitment to permanently caring for the child.

Section 52. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 61.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61.13 Support of children; parenting and time-sharing; powers of court.—

(2)

(c) The court shall determine all matters relating to parenting and time-sharing of each minor child of the parties in accordance with the best interests of the child and in accordance with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, except that modification of a parenting plan and time-sharing schedule requires a showing of a substantial and material change of circumstances.

1. It is the public policy of this state that each minor child has frequent and continuing contact with both parents after the parents separate or the marriage of the parties is dissolved and to encourage parents to share the rights and responsibilities, and joys, of child-rearing. Unless otherwise provided in this section or agreed to by the parties, there is a rebuttable presumption that equal time-sharing of a minor child is in the best interests of the minor child. To rebut this presumption, a party must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that equal time-sharing is not in the best interests of the minor child. Except when a time-sharing schedule is agreed to by the parties and approved by the court, the court must evaluate all of the factors set forth in subsection (3) and make specific written findings of fact when creating or modifying a time-sharing schedule.

2. The court shall order that the parental responsibility for a minor child be shared by both parents unless the court finds that shared parental responsibility would be detrimental to the child. In determining detriment to the child, the court shall consider:

a. Evidence of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28;

b. Whether either parent has or has had reasonable cause to believe that he or she or his or her minor child or children are or have been in imminent danger of becoming victims of an act of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28 or sexual violence as defined in s. 784.046(1)(c) by the other parent against the parent or against the child or children whom the parents share in common regardless of whether a cause of action has been brought or is currently pending in the court;

c. Whether either parent has or has had reasonable cause to believe that his or her minor child or children are or have been in imminent danger of becoming victims of an act of abuse as defined in s. 39.01(2), abandonment as defined in s. 39.01(1), or neglect, as those terms are defined in s. 39.01, ~~s. 39.01(50)~~ by the other parent against the child or children whom the parents share in common regardless of whether a cause of action has been brought or is currently pending in the court; and

d. Any other relevant factors.

3. The following evidence creates a rebuttable presumption that shared parental responsibility is detrimental to the child:

a. A parent has been convicted of a misdemeanor of the first degree or higher involving domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28 and chapter 775;

b. A parent meets the criteria of s. 39.806(1)(d); or

c. A parent has been convicted of or had adjudication withheld for an offense enumerated in s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.a., and at the time of the offense:

(I) The parent was 18 years of age or older.

(II) The victim was under 18 years of age or the parent believed the victim to be under 18 years of age.

If the presumption is not rebutted after the convicted parent is advised by the court that the presumption exists, shared parental responsibility, including time-sharing with the child, and decisions made regarding the child, may not be granted to the convicted parent. However, the convicted parent is not relieved of any obligation to provide financial support. If the court determines that shared parental responsibility would be detrimental to the child, it may order sole parental responsibility and make such arrangements for time-sharing as specified in the parenting plan as will best protect the child or abused spouse from further harm. Whether or not there is a conviction of any offense of domestic violence or child abuse or the existence of an injunction for protection against domestic violence, the court shall consider evidence of domestic violence or child abuse as evidence of detriment to the child.

4. In ordering shared parental responsibility, the court may consider the expressed desires of the parents and may grant to one party the ultimate responsibility over specific aspects of the child's welfare or may divide those responsibilities between the parties based on the best interests of the child. Areas of responsibility may include education, health care, and any other responsibilities that the court finds unique to a particular family.

5. The court shall order sole parental responsibility for a minor child to one parent, with or without time-sharing with the other parent if it is in the best interests of the minor child.

6. There is a rebuttable presumption against granting time-sharing with a minor child if a parent has been convicted of or had adjudication withheld for an offense enumerated in s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.a., and at the time of the offense:

a. The parent was 18 years of age or older.

b. The victim was under 18 years of age or the parent believed the victim to be under 18 years of age.

A parent may rebut the presumption upon a specific finding in writing by the court that the parent poses no significant risk of harm to the child and that time-sharing is in the best interests of the minor child. If the presumption is rebutted, the court must consider all time-sharing factors in subsection (3) when developing a time-sharing schedule.

7. Access to records and information pertaining to a minor child, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, and school records, may not be denied to either parent. Full rights under this subparagraph apply to either parent unless a court order specifically revokes these rights, including any restrictions on these rights as provided in a domestic violence injunction. A parent having rights under this subparagraph has the same rights upon request as to form, substance, and manner of access as are available to the other parent of a child, in-

cluding, without limitation, the right to in-person communication with medical, dental, and education providers.

Section 53. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.—

(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

(d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

a. “Home addresses” means the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the home address.

b. “Judicial assistant” means a court employee assigned to the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

c. “Telephone numbers” includes home telephone numbers, personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal communications devices.

2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers’ compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation’s Bureau of Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; and ~~of~~ current judicial assistants; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former justices and judges and ~~of~~ current judicial assistants;

and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former justices and judges and of current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former human resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency or water management district whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01 ~~s. 39.820~~; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.



l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such current or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such current or former investigators and inspectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such consultants or employees are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former emergency medical technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an agency's office of inspector general or internal audit department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction treatment facility; the

home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed service component described in s. 397.311(26).

t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3. An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt status.

4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s. 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s. 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status and the instrument number or Official Records book and page number identifying the property with the exempt status from all publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser or tax collector. For written requests received on or before July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1, 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may not remove the street address, legal description, or other information identifying real property within the agency's records so long as a name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the agency.

b. Any information restricted from public display, inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be provided to the individual whose information was removed.

5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request for the release of his or her exempt information to the custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must specify the information to be released and the party authorized to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request, the custodial agency must release the specified information to the party authorized to receive such information.

6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s. 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing with The Florida Bar.

8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the Official Records is maintained only during the period when a protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party must submit a written request to release the removed information to the county recorder. The written request to release the removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a protected party's request for release is pursuant to a conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released.

9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party can request the county recorder to release a protected decedent's removed information unless there is a related request on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to release the removed information upon the death of a protected party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for release is due to the death of a protected party, and must specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the release of any document pursuant to such request.

10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 54. Subsection (4) of section 322.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.09 Application of minors; responsibility for negligence or misconduct of minor.—

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), if a caregiver of a minor who is under the age of 18 years and is in out-of-home care as defined in s. 39.01 ~~s. 39.01(55)~~, an authorized representative of a residential group home at which such a minor resides, the caseworker at the agency at which the state has placed the minor, or a guardian ad litem specifically authorized by the minor's caregiver to sign for a learner's driver license signs the minor's application for a learner's driver license, that caregiver, group home representative, caseworker, or guardian ad litem does not assume any obligation or become liable for any damages caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the minor by reason of having signed the application. Before signing the application, the caseworker, authorized group home representative, or guardian ad litem shall notify the caregiver or other responsible party of his or her intent to sign and verify the application.

Section 55. Paragraph (p) of subsection (4) of section 394.495, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.495 Child and adolescent mental health system of care; programs and services.—

(4) The array of services may include, but is not limited to:

(p) Trauma-informed services for children who have suffered sexual exploitation as defined in s. 39.01(80)(g) ~~s. 39.01(77)(g)~~.

Section 56. Section 627.746, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.746 Coverage for minors who have a learner's driver license; additional premium prohibited.—An insurer that issues an insurance policy on a private passenger motor vehicle to a named insured who is a caregiver of a minor who is under the age of 18 years and is in out-of-home care as defined in s. 39.01 ~~s. 39.01(55)~~ may not charge an additional premium for coverage of the minor while the minor is operating the insured vehicle, for the period of time that the minor has a learner's driver license, until such time as the minor obtains a driver license.

Section 57. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 934.255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

934.255 Subpoenas in investigations of sexual offenses.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(c) "Sexual abuse of a child" means a criminal offense based on any conduct described in s. 39.01(80) ~~s. 39.01(77)~~.

Section 58. Subsection (5) of section 960.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

960.065 Eligibility for awards.—

(5) A person is not ineligible for an award pursuant to paragraph (2)(a), paragraph (2)(b), or paragraph (2)(c) if that person is a victim of sexual exploitation of a child as defined in s. 39.01(80)(g) ~~s. 39.01(77)(g)~~.

Section 59. Section 741.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

741.29 Domestic violence; investigation of incidents; notice to victims of legal rights and remedies; reporting.—

(1) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of domestic violence shall:

(a) Assist the victim to obtain medical treatment if such is required as a result of the alleged incident to which the officer responds; ~~Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of domestic violence shall~~

(b) Advise the victim of such violence that there is a domestic violence center from which the victim may receive services;

(c) Administer a lethality assessment consistent with the requirements established in subsection (2) if the allegation of domestic violence is against an intimate partner, regardless of whether an arrest is made; and

(d) ~~The law enforcement officer shall~~ Give the victim immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available on a standard form developed and distributed by the department. As necessary, the department shall revise the Legal Rights and Remedies Notice to Victims to include a general summary of s. 741.30 using simple English as well as Spanish, and shall distribute the notice as a model form to be used by all law enforcement agencies throughout ~~this~~ the state. The notice ~~shall~~ include:

1. ~~(a)~~ The resource listing, including telephone number, for the area domestic violence center designated by the Department of Children and Families; and

2. ~~(b)~~ A copy of the following statement:

"IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you may ask the state attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an injunction for protection from domestic violence which may include, but need not be limited to, provisions which restrain the abuser from further acts of abuse; direct the abuser to leave your household; prevent the

abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment; award you custody of your minor child or children; and direct the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.<sup>2</sup>

(2) The department shall consult with the Department of Children and Families and at least one domestic violence advocacy organization and may consult with the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, and the Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence to develop the policies, procedures, and training necessary for implementation of a statewide evidence-based lethality assessment. Such policies, procedures, and training must establish how to determine whether a victim and aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence center. By January 1, 2025, the department must adopt a statewide lethality assessment form that includes all the information in paragraph (c). Training on how to administer a lethality assessment and the approved lethality assessment form must be accessible to a law enforcement officer in an online format.

(a) The department must monitor evidence-based standards relating to administering a lethality assessment or the lethality assessment form. If the department identifies changes in such evidence-based standards, the department shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which must include the current policies and procedures for administering a lethality assessment, any proposed statutory changes necessary for statewide implementation, and any proposed changes to the lethality assessment or the lethality assessment form to maintain compliance with evidence-based standards.

(b) The Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission shall require by rule that all law enforcement officers receive instruction on the policies and procedures for administering a lethality assessment as part of basic recruit training or as part of the required instruction for continued employment. A law enforcement officer may not administer a lethality assessment to a victim if the officer has not received training on administering a lethality assessment. All of the following requirements for training on administering a lethality assessment must be met by October 1, 2026:

1. Commission-approved basic recruit training programs required by s. 943.13(9) and continuing training or education required by s. 943.135 must incorporate the training required by this subsection.

2. All law enforcement officers must successfully complete the training required by this subsection, including officers who received an exemption from completing the commission-approved basic recruit training program under s. 943.131, as part of their basic recruit training or the continued training or education required under s. 943.135(1), as applicable. An officer's employing agency must place the officer's certification on inactive status if the officer fails to complete the training required under this subsection. The officer's certification will remain inactive until the officer completes the training and the officer's employing agency notifies the commission that he or she has completed the training.

(c) To administer a lethality assessment, a law enforcement officer shall ask the victim, in the same or similar wording and in the same order, all of the following questions:

1. Did the aggressor ever use a weapon against you or threaten you with a weapon?
2. Did the aggressor ever threaten to kill you or your children?
3. Do you believe the aggressor will try to kill you?
4. Has the aggressor ever choked you or attempted to choke you?
5. Does the aggressor have a gun or could the aggressor easily obtain a gun?
6. Is the aggressor violently or constantly jealous, or does the aggressor control most of your daily activities?
7. Did you leave or separate from the aggressor after you were living together or married?
8. Is the aggressor unemployed?

9. To the best of your knowledge, has the aggressor ever attempted suicide?

10. Do you have a child whom the aggressor believes is not the aggressor's biological child?

11. Has the aggressor ever followed, spied on, or left threatening messages for you?

12. Is there anything else that worries you about your safety and, if so, what worries you?

(d) A law enforcement officer shall advise a victim of the results of the assessment and refer the victim to the nearest locally certified domestic violence center if:

1. The victim answers affirmatively to any of the questions provided in subparagraphs (c)1.-4.;

2. The victim answers negatively to the questions provided in subparagraphs (c)1.-4., but affirmatively to at least four of the questions provided in subparagraphs (c)5.-11.; or

3. As a result of the victim's response to subparagraph (c)12., the law enforcement officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.

(e) If a victim does not, or is unable to, provide information to a law enforcement officer sufficient to allow the law enforcement officer to administer a lethality assessment, the law enforcement officer must document the lack of a lethality assessment in the written police report required in subsection (3) and refer the victim to the nearest locally certified domestic violence center.

(f) A law enforcement officer may not include in a probable cause statement, written police report, or incident report the domestic violence center to which a victim was referred.

(3)(~~2~~) When a law enforcement officer investigates an allegation that an incident of domestic violence has occurred, the officer shall handle the incident pursuant to the arrest policy provided in s. 901.15(7), and as developed in accordance with subsections (4), (5), and (6) (~~3~~), (~~4~~), and (~~5~~). Regardless of whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall make a written police report that is complete and clearly indicates the alleged offense was an incident of domestic violence. Such report ~~shall~~ be given to the officer's supervisor and filed with the law enforcement agency in a manner that will permit data on domestic violence cases to be compiled. Such report must include *all of the following*:

(a) A description of physical injuries observed, if any.

(b) If a law enforcement officer decides not to make an arrest or decides to arrest two or more parties, ~~the officer shall include in the report~~ the grounds for not arresting anyone or for arresting two or more parties.

(c) A statement which indicates that a copy of the legal rights and remedies notice was given to the victim.

(d) A notation of the score of a lethality assessment, if one was administered pursuant to paragraph (1)(c).

Whenever possible, the law enforcement officer shall obtain a written statement from the victim and witnesses concerning the alleged domestic violence. The officer shall submit the report to the supervisor or other person to whom the employer's rules or policies require reports of similar allegations of criminal activity to be made. The law enforcement agency shall, without charge, send a copy of the initial police report, as well as any subsequent, supplemental, or related report, which excludes victim/witness statements or other materials that are part of an active criminal investigation and are exempt from disclosure under chapter 119, to the nearest locally certified domestic violence center within 24 hours after the agency's receipt of the report. The report furnished to the domestic violence center must include a narrative description of the domestic violence incident.

(4)(~~3~~) Whenever a law enforcement officer determines upon probable cause that an act of domestic violence has been committed within the jurisdiction the officer may arrest the person or persons suspected of

its commission and charge such person or persons with the appropriate crime. The decision to arrest and charge shall not require consent of the victim or consideration of the relationship of the parties.

(5)(a)(4)(a) When complaints are received from two or more parties, the officers shall evaluate each complaint separately to determine whether there is probable cause for arrest.

(b) If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that two or more persons have committed a misdemeanor or felony, or if two or more persons make complaints to the officer, the officer ~~shall~~ try to determine who was the primary aggressor. Arrest is the preferred response only with respect to the primary aggressor and not the preferred response with respect to a person who acts in a reasonable manner to protect or defend oneself or another family or household member from domestic violence.

(6)(5) A ~~No~~ law enforcement officer ~~may not shall~~ be held liable, in any civil action, for an arrest based on probable cause, enforcement in good faith of a court order, or service of process in good faith under this chapter arising from an alleged incident of domestic violence brought by any party to the incident.

(7)(6) A person who willfully violates a condition of pretrial release provided in s. 903.047, when the original arrest was for an act of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall be held in custody until his or her first appearance.

Section 60. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 741.29, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 39.906, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

39.906 Referral to centers and notice of rights.—Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of domestic violence shall advise the victim of such violence that there is a domestic violence center from which the victim may receive services. The law enforcement officer shall give the victim immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available in accordance with the provisions of s. 741.29.

Section 61. *The Division of Law Revision is requested to prepare a reviser's bill for the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to substitute the term "Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office" for the term "Guardian ad Litem Program" or "Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program" throughout the Florida Statutes.*

Section 62. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to the protection of children and victims of crime; amending s. 39.001, F.S.; revising the purposes of ch. 39, F.S.; requiring the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office and circuit guardian ad litem offices to participate in the development of a certain state plan; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.00145, F.S.; authorizing a child's attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.00146, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0016, F.S.; requiring a child's guardian ad litem be included in the coordination of certain educational services; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 39.013, F.S.; requiring the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a child at the earliest possible time; authorizing a guardian ad litem to represent a child in other proceedings to secure certain services and benefits; amending s. 39.01305, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0132, F.S.; authorizing a child's attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.0136, F.S.; revising the parties who may request a continuance in a proceeding; amending s. 39.01375, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.0139, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; requiring that certain confidential records be released to the guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 39.402, F.S.; requiring parents to consent to provide certain information to the guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.4022, F.S.; revising the participants who must be invited to a multidisciplinary team staffing; amending s. 39.4023, F.S.; requiring that notice of a multidisciplinary team staffing be provided to a child's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem; conforming

provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.407, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.4085, F.S.; providing a goal of permanency; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 39.502 and 39.522, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.6012, F.S.; requiring a case plan to include written descriptions of certain activities; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 39.6036, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office to work with certain children to identify a supportive adult to enter into a specified agreement; requiring such agreement be documented in the child's court file; requiring the office to coordinate with the Office of Continuing Care for a specified purpose; amending s. 39.621, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.6241, F.S.; requiring a guardian ad litem to advise the court regarding certain information and to ensure a certain agreement has been documented in the child's court file; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring certain notice be given to an attorney ad litem; requiring a court to give a guardian ad litem an opportunity to address the court in certain proceedings; requiring the court to inquire and determine if a child has a certain agreement documented in his or her court file at a specified hearing; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.801, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.807, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent a child in certain proceedings; revising a guardian ad litem's responsibilities and authorities; deleting provisions relating to bonds and service of pleadings or papers; amending s. 39.808, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.815, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 39.820, F.S., relating to definitions of the terms "guardian ad litem" and "guardian advocate"; amending s. 39.821, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.822, F.S.; declaring that a guardian ad litem is a fiduciary and must provide independent representation of a child; revising responsibilities of a guardian ad litem; requiring that guardians ad litem have certain access to the children they represent; providing actions that a guardian ad litem does and does not have to fulfill; making technical changes; amending s. 39.827, F.S.; authorizing a child's guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem to inspect certain records; amending s. 39.8296, F.S.; revising the duties and appointment of the executive director of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office; requiring the training program for guardians ad litem to be maintained and updated regularly; deleting provisions regarding the training curriculum and the establishment of a curriculum committee; requiring the office to provide oversight and technical assistance to attorneys ad litem; specifying certain requirements of the office; amending s. 39.8297, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 414.56, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Continuing Care; creating s. 1009.898, F.S.; authorizing, subject to appropriation, the Fostering Prosperity program to provide certain grants to youth and young adults who are aging out of foster care; requiring that such grants remain available for a certain period of time after reunification of a young adult with his or her parent; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; amending ss. 29.008, 39.6011, 40.24, 43.16, 61.402, 110.205, 320.08058, 943.053, 985.43, 985.441, 985.455, 985.461, and 985.48, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 39.302, 39.521, 61.13, 119.071, 322.09, 394.495, 627.746, 934.255, and 960.065, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 741.29, F.S.; requiring law enforcement officers who investigate an alleged incident of domestic violence to administer a lethality assessment under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to consult with specified entities, and authorizing the department to consult with other specified entities, to develop certain policies, procedures, and training necessary for the implementation of a statewide evidence-based lethality assessment; requiring such policies, procedures, and training to establish how to determine whether a victim and aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence center; requiring the department to adopt a statewide lethality assessment form by a specified date; requiring that training on administering lethality assessments be available to law enforcement officers in an online format; requiring the department to submit a specified report to the Legislature upon certain circumstances; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to require by rule that law enforcement officers receive instruction on the policies and procedures for administering a lethality assessment as part of basic recruit training or required instruction for continued employment; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from administering a lethality assessment if he or she has not received specified training; requiring that basic recruit training programs and continuing training or education requirements incorporate such training, and that all law enforcement officers successfully complete such training, by a specified

date; requiring law enforcement agencies to place officers' certification on inactive status if they fail to timely complete the required training; providing that such officers' certification remains inactive until they complete the training and their employing agency notifies the commission of such completion; requiring law enforcement officers administering a lethality assessment to ask a victim specified questions; requiring law enforcement officers to advise the victim of the results of the lethality assessment and refer the victim to certain domestic violence centers if certain conditions are met; requiring law enforcement officers to document in the written police report a victim's refusal or inability to provide information necessary for the lethality assessment; prohibiting law enforcement officers from disclosing in certain statements and reports the domestic violence center to which the victim was referred; requiring that written police reports for domestic violence incidents include the results of the lethality assessment, if one was administered; making technical changes; reenacting s. 39.906, F.S., relating to referral to domestic violence centers and notice of rights, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 741.29, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Burton, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1224**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 1082**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing for legally verified agricultural workers; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; defining the terms “legally verified agricultural worker” and “housing site”; prohibiting a governmental entity from adopting or enforcing any legislation to inhibit the construction of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on agricultural land operated as a bona fide farm; requiring that the construction or installation of such housing units on agricultural lands satisfy certain criteria; requiring that local ordinances comply with certain regulations; authorizing governmental entities to adopt local land use regulations that are less restrictive; requiring property owners to maintain certain records for a specified timeframe; requiring the suspension of use of certain housing units and authorizing their removal under certain circumstances; specifying applicability of permit allocation systems in certain areas of critical state concern; authorizing the continued use of housing sites constructed before the effective date of the act if certain conditions are met; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 1082** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Madam President	Calatayud	Jones
Albritton	Collins	Martin
Berman	Davis	Mayfield
Boyd	DiCeglie	Osgood
Bradley	Garcia	Perry
Brodeur	Gruters	Pizzo
Broxson	Harrell	Polisky
Burgess	Hooper	Powell
Burton	Hutson	Rodriguez

Rouson	Thompson	Wright
Simon	Torres	
Stewart	Trumbull	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingoglia

**CS for CS for SB 932**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations; amending s. 110.123, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 110.12303, F.S.; prohibiting the state group insurance program from imposing on an enrollee any cost-sharing requirement with respect to coverage for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Berman, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 932** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

**CS for SB 968**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to spaceport territory; amending s. 331.303, F.S.; revising the definition of “spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects”; s. 331.304, F.S.; revising spaceport territory to include certain property; amending s. 331.371, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects if important access and on-spaceport-territory space transportation capacity improvements are provided; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 968** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for CS for SB 738**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental management; amending s. 373.4131, F.S.; requiring that nonindustrial stormwater management systems be designed with side slopes that meet certain minimum design requirements; providing an exception; superseding certain side slope rules; amending s. 376.313, F.S.; revising construction relating to causes of action for damages to real or personal property directly resulting from certain discharges or other conditions of pollution; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Burgess moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (396758)**—Delete lines 19-34 and insert:

(7) For purposes of water quality, a nonindustrial stormwater management system, in or adjacent to residential or urban areas that are accessible to the general public, side slope must be designed, except as provided in paragraph (a), with a horizontal-to-vertical ratio no steeper than 4:1 to a depth of at least 2 feet below the control elevation and must be stabilized with vegetation to prevent erosion and provide for pollutant removal.

(a) A nonindustrial stormwater management system, in or adjacent to residential or urban areas that are accessible to the general public, side slope may be designed with a steeper than 4:1 horizontal-to-vertical ratio if the slope incorporates adequate temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control best management practices.

On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 738**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—26

Albritton	Collins	Mayfield
Berman	DiCeglie	Perry
Boyd	Garcia	Polsky
Bradley	Gruters	Powell
Brodeur	Harrell	Rodriguez
Broxson	Hooper	Rouson
Burgess	Hutson	Simon
Burton	Ingolia	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	

Nays—7

Davis	Pizzo	Torres
Jones	Stewart	
Osgood	Thompson	

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Madam President

Yea to Nay—Rouson

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse treatment; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; providing the levels of care at certified recovery residences and their respective levels of care for residents; defining the term “community housing”; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Children and Families to issue a license for certain service components operated by a service provider; deleting the timeframe in which a licensed service provider must apply for additional services and requiring the service provider to obtain approval prior to relocating to a different service site; removing a requirement that a separate license is required for each service component maintained by a service provider; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; extending the deadline for certified recovery residences to retain a replacement for a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed from his or her position; requiring certified recovery residences to remove certain individuals from their positions if they are arrested and awaiting disposition for, are found guilty of, or enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to certain offenses, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld; requiring the certified recovery re-

sidence to retain a certified recovery residence administrator if the previous certified recovery residence administrator has been removed due to any reason; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; prohibiting certified recovery residences, on or after a specified date, from denying an individual access to housing solely for being prescribed federally approved medications by licensed health care professionals; prohibiting local laws, ordinances, or regulations adopted on or after a specified date from regulating the duration or frequency of a resident’s stay in a certified recovery residence in certain zoning districts; providing applicability; making technical changes; amending s. 397.4871, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing certain Level IV certified recovery residences owned or controlled by a licensed service provider and managed by a certified recovery residence administrator approved for a specified number of residents to manage a specified greater number of residents, provided that certain criteria are met; prohibiting a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed by a certified recovery residence from taking on certain other management positions without approval from a credentialing entity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1180**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1065** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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

**CS for CS for CS for HB 1065**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse treatment; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; providing the levels of care at certified recovery residences and their respective levels of care for residents; defining the term “community housing”; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Children and Families to issue a license for certain service components operated by a service provider; removing the timeframe in which a licensed service provider must apply for additional services; requiring the service provider to obtain approval before relocating to a different service site; removing a requirement that a separate license is required for each service component maintained by a service provider; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; extending the deadline for certified recovery residences to retain a replacement for a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed from his or her position; requiring certified recovery residences to remove certain individuals from their positions under certain circumstances; requiring the certified recovery residence to retain a certified recovery residence administrator if the previous certified recovery residence administrator has been removed for any reason; prohibiting certified recovery residences, on or after a specified date, from denying an individual access to housing under specified circumstances; prohibiting local ordinances or regulations from further regulating after a specified date the duration or frequency of a resident’s stay in a certified recovery residence located within a certain zoning districts; providing applicability; amending s. 397.4871, F.S.; authorizing certain Level IV certified recovery residences owned or controlled by certain licensed service providers and managed by a certified recovery residence administrator to manage a specified greater number of residents under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed by a certified recovery residence from taking on certain other management positions without approval from a credentialing entity; amending ss. 119.071, 381.0038, 394.4573, 394.9085, 397.4012, 397.407, 397.410, 397.416, and 893.13, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for CS for SB 1180** and, by two-thirds vote, read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1065** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Madam President	Bradley	Calatayud
Albritton	Brodeur	Collins
Berman	Broxson	Davis
Book	Burgess	DiCeglie
Boyd	Burton	Garcia

Gruters	Mayfield	Simon
Harrell	Osgood	Stewart
Hooper	Pizzo	Thompson
Hutson	Polsky	Torres
Ingoglia	Powell	Trumbull
Jones	Rodriguez	Wright
Martin	Rouson	

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 260**, **CS for CS for SB 1140**, **SB 558**, **SB 1568**, and **CS for CS for SB 1566** was deferred.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

**CS for CS for SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; preempting the regulation of electric vehicle charging stations to the state; prohibiting local governmental entities from enacting or enforcing such regulations; amending ss. 482.111, 482.151, and 482.155, F.S.; providing that a pest control operator's certificate, a special identification card, and certain limited certifications for pesticide applicators, respectively, expire a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal requirements for such certificates and cards; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; revising the tasks, pesticides, and equipment that individual commercial landscape maintenance personnel with limited certifications may perform and use; revising the initial and renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; providing that a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel expires a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take disciplinary action against a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications, cheats on a required examination, or violates certain procedures under certain circumstances; amending s. 482.191, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee's exam attempt; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 482.226, F.S.; requiring pest control licensees to provide property owners or their agents with a signed report that meets certain requirements after each inspection; amending s. 487.031, F.S.; prohibiting a person from swearing to or affirming a false statement on certain pesticide applicator license applications, cheating on a required examination, or violating certain procedures; making technical changes; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee's exam attempt; requiring the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; authorizing Class "G" licensees to qualify for multiple calibers of firearms in one requalification class under certain circumstances; creating s. 493.6127, F.S.; authorizing the department to appoint tax collectors to accept new, renewal, and replacement license applications under certain circumstances; requiring the department to establish by rule the types of licenses the tax collectors may accept; providing an application process for tax collectors who wish to perform such functions; providing that certain confidential information contained in the records of an appointed tax collector retains its confidentiality; prohibiting any person not appointed to do so from accepting an application for a license for a fee or compensation; authorizing tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees; requiring the tax collectors to remit certain fees to the department for deposit in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund; providing penalties; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the term "street address"; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; deleting certain fees; amending s. 496.406, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which charitable organizations or sponsors are exempt from specified provisions; revising the information that charitable organizations and sponsors must provide to the department when claiming certain exemptions; amending s. 496.407, F.S.; revising the information charitable organizations or sponsors are required to provide to the depart-

ment when initially registering or annually renewing a registration; revising circumstances under which the department may extend the time for filing a required financial statement; amending ss. 496.409, 496.410, 496.4101, 496.411, 496.4121, and 496.425, F.S.; revising the information that professional fundraising consultants must include in applications for registration or renewals of registration, that professional solicitors must include in applications for registration, renewals of registration, and solicitation notices provided to the department and that professional solicitors are required to maintain in their records, that must be included in certain solicitor license applications, that disclosures of charitable organizations or sponsors soliciting in this state must include, that must be displayed on certain collection receptacles, and that a person desiring to solicit funds within a facility must provide in an application to the department and must display prominently on his or her badge or insignia, respectively, to include street addresses; reenacting and amending s. 500.03, F.S.; defining the term "cultivated meat"; creating s. 500.452, F.S.; prohibiting the manufacture for sale, sale, holding or offering for sale, or distribution of cultivated meat in this state; providing criminal penalties; providing for disciplinary action and additional licensing penalties; providing that such products are subject to certain actions and orders; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from placing a shipper's goods in a self-service storage unit or self-contained unit not owned by the mover unless certain conditions are met; repealing s. 531.67, F.S., relating to the scheduled expiration of certain provisions related to weights, measurements, and standards; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; revising the information that must be provided to the department on a motor vehicle repair shop registration application; providing that the registration fee must be calculated for each location; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; revising the cost of repair work which requires a motor vehicle repair shop to provide a customer with a written repair estimate; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the amount up to which the department is authorized to use to repair or build structures; amending s. 570.69, F.S.; defining the term "center"; deleting the definition of the term "museum"; amending s. 570.691, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 570.692, F.S.; renaming the Florida Agricultural Museum as the Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center; creating s. 581.189, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the willful destruction, harvest, or sale of saw palmetto berries without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or legal representative and a permit from the department; specifying the information that the landowner's written permission must include; requiring an authorized saw palmetto berry dealer to maintain certain information for a specified timeframe; authorizing law enforcement officers or authorized employees of the department to seize or order to be held for a specified timeframe saw palmetto berries harvested, sold, or exposed for sale in violation of specified provisions; declaring that unlawfully harvested saw palmetto berries constitute contraband and are subject to seizure and disposal; authorizing law enforcement agencies that seize such saw palmetto berries to sell the berries and retain the proceeds to implement certain provisions; providing that such law enforcement agencies are exempt from certain provisions; requiring the law enforcement agencies to submit certain information annually to the department; providing criminal penalties; providing that individuals convicted of such violations are responsible for specified costs; defining the term "convicted"; providing construction; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 581.217, F.S.; redefining the term "hemp extract"; amending s. 585.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "livestock" to include poultry; amending s. 790.0625, F.S.; authorizing certain tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees for certain concealed weapon or firearm license applications; authorizing such tax collectors to print and deliver replacement licenses to licensees under certain circumstances; authorizing such tax collectors to provide fingerprinting and photography services; amending s. 810.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "posted land" to include land classified as agricultural which has specified signs placed at specified points; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for trespassing with the intent to commit a crime on commercial agricultural property under certain circumstances; defining the term "commercial agricultural property"; amending s. 1003.24, F.S.; providing that a student's participation in a 4-H or Future Farmers of America activity is an excused absence from school; defining the term "4-H representative"; amending ss. 379.3004, 812.014, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 493.6115(6), F.S., relating to weapons and firearms, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 493.6113, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 496.4055(2), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties, to in-

corporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 559.907(1)(b), F.S., relating to the charges for motor vehicle repair estimates, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 559.905, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 468.382(6), 534.47(3), 767.01, and 767.03, F.S., relating to the definition of the term “livestock” for auctions, livestock markets, dog owner’s liability for damages to livestock, and defenses for killing dogs, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 585.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

—which was previously considered and amended this day.

On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1084**, as amended, was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Collins, further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1084**, as amended, was deferred.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Gruters recognized members of the Republican Women’s Club of Florida and Esther Byrd, wife of former Representative Cord Byrd, Secretary of State, who were present in the gallery.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

**CS for CS for SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; preempting the regulation of electric vehicle charging stations to the state; prohibiting local governmental entities from enacting or enforcing such regulations; amending ss. 482.111, 482.151, and 482.155, F.S.; providing that a pest control operator’s certificate, a special identification card, and certain limited certifications for pesticide applicators, respectively, expire a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal requirements for such certificates and cards; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; revising the tasks, pesticides, and equipment that individual commercial landscape maintenance personnel with limited certifications may perform and use; revising the initial and renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; providing that a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel expires a specified length of time after issuance; revising renewal certification requirements for such personnel; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take disciplinary action against a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications, cheats on a required examination, or violates certain procedures under certain circumstances; amending s. 482.191, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee’s exam attempt; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 482.226, F.S.; requiring pest control licensees to provide property owners or their agents with a signed report that meets certain requirements after each inspection; amending s. 487.031, F.S.; prohibiting a person from swearing to or affirming a false statement on certain pesticide applicator license applications, cheating on a required examination, or violating certain procedures; making technical changes; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing penalties for a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications; providing that cheating on certain examinations or violating certain examination procedures voids an examinee’s exam attempt; requiring the department to adopt rules establishing penalties for such a violation; authorizing the department to exercise discretion in assessing penalties in certain circumstances; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; authorizing Class “G” licensees to qualify for multiple calibers of firearms in one requalification class under certain circumstances; creating s. 493.6127, F.S.; authorizing the department to appoint tax collectors to accept new, renewal, and replacement license applications under certain circumstances; requiring the department to establish by rule the types of licenses the tax collectors may accept; providing an application process for tax collectors who wish to perform such functions; providing that certain confidential information contained in the records of an appointed tax collector retains its confidentiality; prohibiting any person not appointed to do so from accepting an application for a license for a

fee or compensation; authorizing tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees; requiring the tax collectors to remit certain fees to the department for deposit in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund; providing penalties; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the term “street address”; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; deleting certain fees; amending s. 496.406, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which charitable organizations or sponsors are exempt from specified provisions; revising the information that charitable organizations and sponsors must provide to the department when claiming certain exemptions; amending s. 496.407, F.S.; revising the information charitable organizations or sponsors are required to provide to the department when initially registering or annually renewing a registration; revising circumstances under which the department may extend the time for filing a required financial statement; amending ss. 496.409, 496.410, 496.4101, 496.411, 496.4121, and 496.425, F.S.; revising the information that professional fundraising consultants must include in applications for registration or renewals of registration, that professional solicitors must include in applications for registration, renewals of registration, and solicitation notices provided to the department and that professional solicitors are required to maintain in their records, that must be included in certain solicitor license applications, that disclosures of charitable organizations or sponsors soliciting in this state must include, that must be displayed on certain collection receptacles, and that a person desiring to solicit funds within a facility must provide in an application to the department and must display prominently on his or her badge or insignia, respectively, to include street addresses; reenacting and amending s. 500.03, F.S.; defining the term “cultivated meat”; creating s. 500.452, F.S.; prohibiting the manufacture for sale, sale, holding or offering for sale, or distribution of cultivated meat in this state; providing criminal penalties; providing for disciplinary action and additional licensing penalties; providing that such products are subject to certain actions and orders; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from placing a shipper’s goods in a self-service storage unit or self-contained unit not owned by the mover unless certain conditions are met; repealing s. 531.67, F.S., relating to the scheduled expiration of certain provisions related to weights, measurements, and standards; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; revising the information that must be provided to the department on a motor vehicle repair shop registration application; providing that the registration fee must be calculated for each location; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; revising the cost of repair work which requires a motor vehicle repair shop to provide a customer with a written repair estimate; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the amount up to which the department is authorized to use to repair or build structures; amending s. 570.69, F.S.; defining the term “center”; deleting the definition of the term “museum”; amending s. 570.691, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 570.692, F.S.; renaming the Florida Agricultural Museum as the Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center; creating s. 581.189, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the willful destruction, harvest, or sale of saw palmetto berries without first obtaining written permission from the landowner or legal representative and a permit from the department; specifying the information that the landowner’s written permission must include; requiring an authorized saw palmetto berry dealer to maintain certain information for a specified timeframe; authorizing law enforcement officers or authorized employees of the department to seize or order to be held for a specified timeframe saw palmetto berries harvested, sold, or exposed for sale in violation of specified provisions; declaring that unlawfully harvested saw palmetto berries constitute contraband and are subject to seizure and disposal; authorizing law enforcement agencies that seize such saw palmetto berries to sell the berries and retain the proceeds to implement certain provisions; providing that such law enforcement agencies are exempt from certain provisions; requiring the law enforcement agencies to submit certain information annually to the department; providing criminal penalties; providing that individuals convicted of such violations are responsible for specified costs; defining the term “convicted”; providing construction; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 581.217, F.S.; redefining the term “hemp extract”; amending s. 585.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “livestock” to include poultry; amending s. 790.0625, F.S.; authorizing certain tax collectors to collect and retain certain convenience fees for certain concealed weapon or firearm license applications; authorizing such tax collectors to print and deliver replacement licenses to licensees under certain circumstances; authorizing such tax collectors to provide fingerprinting and photography services; amending s. 810.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “posted land” to include land classified as agricultural which has spec-



ified signs placed at specified points; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for trespassing with the intent to commit a crime on commercial agricultural property under certain circumstances; defining the term “commercial agricultural property”; amending s. 1003.24, F.S.; providing that a student’s participation in a 4-H or Future Farmers of America activity is an excused absence from school; defining the term “4-H representative”; amending ss. 379.3004, 812.014, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 493.6115(6), F.S., relating to weapons and firearms, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 493.6113, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 496.4055(2), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 559.907(1)(b), F.S., relating to the charges for motor vehicle repair estimates, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 559.905, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 468.382(6), 534.47(3), 767.01, and 767.03, F.S., relating to the definition of the term “livestock” for auctions, livestock markets, dog owner’s liability for damages to livestock, and defenses for killing dogs, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 585.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

—which was previously considered and amended this day.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Pizzo moved the following amendment which was adopted by two-thirds vote:

**Amendment 3 (875192)**—Delete lines 212-213 and insert: shall adopt rules to provide ~~definitions, methods of sale, labeling requirements, and price posting~~ requirements for

On motion by Senator Collins, **CS for CS for SB 1084**, as amended, was passed, ordered engrossed and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—26

Madam President	Collins	Mayfield
Albritton	DiCeglie	Perry
Boyd	Garcia	Pizzo
Bradley	Gruters	Rodriguez
Brodeur	Harrell	Rouson
Broxson	Hooper	Simon
Burgess	Hutson	Trumbull
Burton	Ingoglia	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	

Nays—10

Berman	Osgood	Thompson
Book	Polsky	Torres
Davis	Powell	
Jones	Stewart	

**THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING**

**MOTIONS**

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the rules were waived and all bills temporarily postponed on the Special Order Calendar this day were retained on the Special Order Calendar.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

At the request of Senator Davis, the Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of former Senator Betty S. Holzendorf, who passed away this day. During her time in the Senate, Senator Holzendorf represented Senate District 2 from 1992-2002 and served in the House of Representatives from 1988-1992.

**BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS**

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Thursday, February 29, 2024: CS for SB 7072, SB 7078, CS for SB 62, SB 1512, CS for CS for SB 1456, CS for CS for CS for SB 382, CS for SB 676, CS for SB 692, CS for CS for CS for SB 86, CS for CS for SB 808, CS for CS for CS for SB 738, CS for SB 274, CS for CS for SB 592, CS for CS for SB 556, CS for SB 168, CS for CS for CS for SB 536, CS for SB 484, CS for SB 870, SB 958, CS for CS for SB 1084, CS for SB 776, CS for SJR 1560, CS for CS for SB 1262, CS for CS for CS for SB 1224, CS for SB 1082, CS for CS for SB 932, CS for CS for SB 1704, CS for SB 968, CS for CS for CS for SB 1180.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debbie Mayfield*, Rules Chair  
*Ben Albritton*, Majority Leader  
*Lauren Book*, Minority Leader

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Committee on Appropriations recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for CS for SB 1470; CS for CS for SB 1662; SB 7074

The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1256; CS for CS for SB 1582; SB 1600; CS for SB 1716; SB 1784

**The bills with committee substitute attached were placed on the Calendar.**

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES**

**FIRST READING**

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senator Martin—

**CS for SB 1256**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration applications; amending s. 97.053, F.S.; providing an exception to a requirement that certain voter registration applicants must be registered without party affiliation; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to notify certain individuals of certain information; prohibiting the department from changing the party affiliation of an applicant except in certain circumstances; requiring the department to provide an applicant with a certain receipt; revising the methods by which an applicant may decline to register to vote or update certain voter registration information; prohibiting a person providing voter registration services for a driver license office from taking certain actions; requiring the department to ensure that information technology processes and updates do not alter certain information without written consent; requiring the department to be in full compliance with the act within a certain period; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Appropriations; the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Hutson, Rouson, Martin, and Hooper—

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1470**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clerks of court; amending s. 27.52, F.S.; revising the fund into which moneys recovered by certain state attorneys must be deposited; amending s. 27.54, F.S.; revising the fund into which certain payments received must be deposited as related to public defenders or criminal conflict and civil regional counsels; amending s. 27.703, F.S.; revising the entity that funds the capital collateral regional counsel; amending s. 28.35, F.S.; revising the list of court-related functions that clerks may fund from filing fees, service charges, court costs, and fines; amending s. 34.041, F.S.; revising the fund into which certain filing fees are to be deposited; amending s. 57.082, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 110.112, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring each state attorney to publish an annual report addressing results of his or her affirmative action program; amending s. 186.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “state agency” for certain purposes; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; revising the distribution of certain

administrative fees; creating s. 322.76, F.S.; creating the Clerk of the Court Driver License Reinstatement Pilot Program; authorizing the clerk of the circuit court for Miami-Dade County to reinstate or provide an affidavit to the department to reinstate certain suspended driver licenses; establishing requirements for the clerk under the program to be performed by a date certain; providing for expiration of the program; amending s. 501.2101, F.S.; revising the funds into which certain moneys received by state attorneys must be deposited; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Rodriguez—

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1582**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 381.0101, F.S.; defining the term “environmental health technician”; exempting environmental health technicians from certain certification requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the department, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules that establish certain standards for environmental health technician certification; requiring the Department of Health to adopt by rule certain standards for environmental health technician certification; revising provisions related to exemptions and fees to conform to changes made by the act; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; creating the Andrew John Anderson Pediatric Rare Disease Grant Program within the department for a specified purpose; subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, requiring the program to award grants for certain scientific and clinical research; specifying entities eligible to apply for the grants; specifying the types of applications that may be considered for grant funding; providing for a competitive, peer-reviewed application and selection process; providing that the remaining balance of appropriations for the program as of a specified date may be carried forward for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; providing that any health care practitioner present at a birth or responsible for primary care during the neonatal period has the primary responsibility of administering certain screenings; defining the term “health care practitioner”; deleting identification and screening requirements for newborns and their families for certain environmental and health risk factors; deleting certain related duties of the department; revising the definition of the term “health care practitioner” to include licensed genetic counselors; requiring that blood specimens for screenings of newborns be collected before a specified age; requiring that newborns have a blood specimen collected for newborn screenings, rather than only a test for phenylketonuria, before a specified age; deleting certain rulemaking authority of the department; deleting a requirement that the department furnish certain forms to specified entities; deleting the requirement that such entities report the results of certain screenings to the department; making technical and conforming changes; deleting a requirement that the department submit certain certifications as part of its legislative budget request; requiring certain health care practitioners to prepare and send all newborn screening specimen cards to the State Public Health Laboratory; defining the term “health care practitioner”; amending s. 383.145, F.S.; defining the term “toddler”; revising hearing loss screening requirements to include infants and toddlers; revising hearing loss screening requirements for licensed birth centers; revising the timeframe in which a newborn’s primary health care provider must refer a newborn for congenital cytomegalovirus screening after the newborn fails the hearing loss screening; requiring licensed birth centers to complete newborn hearing loss screenings before discharge, with an exception; amending s. 383.147, F.S.; revising sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait screening requirements; requiring screening providers to notify a newborn’s parent or guardian, rather than the newborn’s primary care physician, of certain information; authorizing the parents or guardians of a newborn to opt out of the newborn’s inclusion in the sickle cell registry; specifying the manner in which a parent or guardian may opt out; authorizing certain persons other than newborns who have been identified as having sickle cell disease or carrying a sickle cell trait to choose to be included in the registry; creating s. 383.148, F.S.; requiring the department to promote the screening of pregnant women and infants for specified environmental risk factors; requiring the department to develop a multilevel screening process for prenatal and postnatal risk screenings; specifying requirements for such screening processes; providing construction; requiring persons who object to a screening to give a written statement of such objection to the physician or other person required to administer and

report the screening; amending s. 1004.435, F.S.; revising the membership of the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council; revising quorum requirements for council actions; amending ss. 383.318, 395.1053, and 456.0496, F.S.; conforming cross-references; requiring the department to grant certain applicants 90 days to cure deficiencies with their medical marijuana treatment center license applications pursuant to a specified errors and omissions process; requiring the department to grant such applicants a marijuana treatment center license if they cure the deficiencies within the specified timeframe; providing construction; providing that the death of an applicant during the cure process may not be a reason to deny the application or any resulting legal challenge; requiring the department to issue the license to the estate of a deceased applicant in the event of a successful cure or legal challenge; providing effective dates.

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By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senator Collins—

**CS for SB 1600**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to interstate mobility; creating s. 455.2135, F.S.; requiring the respective boards of occupations, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if there is no board, to allow licensure by endorsement if applicant meets certain criteria; requiring applicants of professions that require fingerprints for criminal history checks to submit such fingerprints before the board or department issues a license by endorsement; requiring the department, and authorizing the board, as applicable, to review the results of the criminal history checks according to specified criteria to determine if the applicants meet the requirements for licensure; requiring that the costs associated with fingerprint processing be borne by the applicant; if fingerprints are submitted through an authorized agency or vendor, requiring such agency or vendor to collect the processing fees and remit them to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing an exception; creating s. 456.0145, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the applicable health care regulatory boards, or the Department of Health if there is no board, to issue a license or certificate to applicants who meet specified conditions; defining the term “scope of practice”; requiring the department to verify certain information using the National Practitioner Data Bank, as applicable; specifying circumstances under which a person is ineligible for a license; authorizing boards or the department, as applicable, to revoke a license upon a specified finding; requiring boards or the department, as applicable, to issue licenses to qualified applicants within a specified timeframe; authorizing boards or the department, as applicable, to require that applicants successfully complete a jurisprudential examination under certain circumstances; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; requiring the boards or the department, as applicable, to adopt certain rules within a specified timeframe; amending ss. 457.105, 458.313, 464.009, 464.203, 465.0075, 467.0125, 468.1185, 468.1705, 468.209, 468.213, 468.513, 478.47, 480.041, 484.007, 486.081, 486.107, 490.006, and 491.006, F.S.; revising licensure by endorsement requirements for the practice of acupuncture, medicine, professional or practical nursing, certified nursing, pharmacy, midwifery, speech-language pathology and audiology, nursing home administration, occupational therapy, dietetics and nutrition, electrology, massage therapy, opticianry, physical therapy, physical therapist assistantship, psychology and school psychology, and clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling, respectively; amending ss. 486.031 and 486.102, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the boards or the Department of Health, as applicable, to continue processing applications for licensure by endorsement, as authorized under the Florida Statutes (2023), for a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

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By the Committee on Appropriations; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Collins—

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1662**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cybersecurity; amending s. 287.0591, F.S.; providing that certain firms are disqualified from being awarded specified state contracts if certain conditions exist; amending s. 1004.444, F.S.; providing that the Florida Center for Cybersecurity may also be referred to as “Cyber Florida”; providing that the center is established under the direction of the president of the University of South Florida, or his or her designee; revising the mission and goals of the center; authorizing the center to

take certain actions relating to certain initiatives; requiring the Department of Management Services to contract with an independent verification and validation provider for specified services for all agency staff and vendor work to implement the enterprise cybersecurity resiliency program; requiring such provider to complete an assessment of the current program by a specified date; requiring that the assessment include recommendations based on certain evaluations; requiring that the contract require that monthly reports and deliverables be simultaneously provided to specified entities and parties; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Fiscal Policy; and Banking and Insurance; and Senator Boyd—

**CS for CS for SB 1716**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising a requirement for certain flood insurance; revising circumstances under which certain insurers' associations must levy market equalization surcharges on policyholders; deleting obsolete language; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to evaluate whether there is a reasonable degree of competition within certain zip codes; providing that certain structures located within certain zip codes are eligible for coverage from the corporation; providing that certain accounts for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation revenues, assets, liabilities, 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; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising provisions relating to deficits in certain accounts; revising the definition of the term "assessments"; deleting provisions relating to surcharges and regular 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 the terms "approved surplus lines insurer" and "primary residence"; providing applicability of certain provisions relating to personal lines residential risks coverage by the corporation; providing that certain personal lines residential risks are not eligible for any policy issued by the corporation; providing an exception; providing that certain personal lines residential risks are not eligible for coverage with the corporation under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing that certain risks are eligible for certain standard policies; providing that certain risks are eligible for certain basic policies; requiring the department to determine the type of policy to be provided on the basis of certain standards and practices; providing that certain policyholders do not remain eligible for coverage from the corporation; requiring the insurer to pay the producing agent of record a certain amount or make certain offers under certain circumstances; providing that the producing agent of record is entitled to retain certain commission on the policy; requiring the insurer to pay the producing agent of record a certain amount or make certain offers under certain circumstances; 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 an applicability provision relating to bond requirements; revising the personal lines policies that are not subject to certain rate limitations; deleting provisions relating to certain insurer assessment deferrals; 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; providing applicability 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; authorizing the corporation to take certain actions relating to trademarks, copyrights, or patents; amending s. 627.3511, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending s. 627.3518, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for policyholders at renewal and for applicants for new coverage; defining the term "primary residence"; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Fiscal Policy; and Senator Grall—

**CS for 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 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.; specifying a timeframe for recording restrictions in a patient's clinical file; requiring that such recorded restriction be immediately served on certain parties; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.4598, F.S.; authorizing certain psychiatric nurses to consult with guardian advocates for purposes of obtaining consent for treatment; 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; providing an exception; revising reporting requirements; amending s. 394.4615, F.S.; allowing a patient's legal custodian to authorize release of the patient's clinical records; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.462, F.S.; authorizing a county to include alternative funding arrangements for transporting individuals to designated receiving facilities in the county's transportation plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; revising requirements relating to voluntary admissions to a facility for examination and treatment; requiring certain treating psychiatric nurses to document specified information in a patient's clinical record within a specified timeframe of his or her voluntary admission for mental health treatment; requiring clinical psychologists who make determinations of involuntary placement at certain mental health facilities to have specified clinical experience; authorizing certain psychiatric nurses to order emergency treatment for certain patients; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, law enforcement officers to take certain persons into custody for involuntary examinations; requiring a law enforcement officer to provide a parent or legal guardian of a minor being transported to certain facilities with specified facility information; providing an exception; requiring that written reports by law enforcement officers contain certain information; requiring a certain institute to collect and analyze certain documents and use them to prepare annual reports; providing requirements for such reports; requiring the institute to post such reports on its website; providing a due date for the annual reports; requiring the Department of Children and Families to post a specified report on its website; revising requirements for patient examinations at receiving facilities; revising requirements for petitions for involuntary services; revising requirements for releasing a patient from a receiving facility; requiring the department and the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide certain collected data to a specified institute; requiring the institute to analyze the collected data, identify patterns and trends, and make recommendations to decrease avoidable admissions; authorizing recommendations to be addressed in a specified manner; requiring the institute to publish a specified report on its website and submit the report to the Governor, Legislature, department, and agency by a certain date; amending s. 394.4655, F.S.; defining the term "involuntary outpatient placement"; authorizing a specified court to order an individual to involuntary outpatient placement; deleting provisions relating to criteria, retention of a patient, and petition for involuntary outpatient services and court proceedings relating to involuntary outpatient services; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; defining terms; revising requirements for ordering a person for involuntary services and treatment, petitions for involuntary service, appointment of counsel, and continuances of hearings, respectively; requiring clinical psychologists to have specified clinical experience in order to recommend involuntary services; authorizing certain psychiatric nurses to recommend involuntary services for mental health treatment; revising the conditions under which a court may waive the requirement for a patient to be present at an involuntary inpatient placement hearing; authorizing the court to permit witnesses to attend and testify remotely at the hearing through specified means; providing requirements for a witness to attend and testify remotely; 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 certain testimony from specified persons; providing requirements for certain parties and limitations on the court's order if specified services or funding is not available; revising

the length of time a court may require a patient to receive services; prohibiting courts from ordering individuals with developmental disabilities to be involuntarily placed in a state treatment facility; requiring courts to refer such individuals, and authorizing courts to refer certain other individuals, to specified agencies for evaluation and services; providing requirements for service plan modifications, non-compliance with involuntary outpatient services, and discharge, respectively; revising requirements for the procedure for continued involuntary services and return to facilities, respectively; amending s. 394.468, F.S.; revising requirements for discharge planning and procedures; providing requirements for the discharge transition process; creating s. 394.4915, F.S.; establishing the Office of Children's Behavioral Health Ombudsman within the Department of Children and Families for a specified purpose; providing responsibilities of the office; requiring the department and managing entities to include specified information in a specified manner on their websites; 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.; deleting a limitation on the size of a crisis stabilization unit; deleting a requirement for the department to implement a certain demonstration project; creating s. 394.90826, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration to jointly establish regional behavioral health interagency collaboratives for certain purposes; providing objectives the collaboratives are to meet; specifying collaborative membership; requiring each collaborative to define objectives based on the needs of its region; requiring the department to define the regions served and to facilitate meetings; requiring the entities represented in a collaborative to provide certain assistance; amending s. 394.9085, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending s. 397.305, F.S.; revising the purpose of ch. 397, F.S., to include the most appropriate environment for substance abuse services; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; revising definitions; 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 for certain individuals; amending s. 397.581, F.S.; revising actions that constitute unlawful activities relating to assessment and treatment; providing penalties; amending s. 397.675, F.S.; revising the criteria for involuntary admissions for purposes of assessment and stabilization and for involuntary treatment; amending s. 397.6751, F.S.; revising service provider responsibilities relating to involuntary admissions; amending s. 397.681, F.S.; revising the jurisdiction of the courts with regard to certain petitions; specifying requirements for the court to allow a waiver of the 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; renumbering and amending s. 397.693, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a person may be the subject of a petition for court-ordered involuntary treatment; renumbering and amending s. 397.695, F.S.; authorizing the court to prohibit or a law enforcement agency to waive 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 in the filing of a petition for involuntary services and when a hearing must be held on such petition; requiring a law enforcement agency to effect service for initial treatment hearings; providing an exception; amending s. 397.6818, F.S.; authorizing the court to take certain actions and issue certain orders regarding a respondent's involuntary assessment if emergency circumstances exist; providing a specified timeframe for taking such actions; prohibiting the service provider from holding the respondent for observation longer than a certain amount of time; providing exceptions; authorizing the court to issue or reissue a specified order under certain circumstances; continue the case, and order a law enforcement officer or other agent to take the respondent into custody and deliver him or her to the service provider; providing that a case be dismissed under certain circumstances; 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; 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 before a specified time unless certain requirements are met; 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; requiring that, if a treatment order is issued, it must include certain findings; amending s. 397.697, F.S.; requiring that an individual meet certain requirements to qualify for involuntary outpatient treatment; revising the jurisdiction of the court with respect to certain orders entered in a case; specifying that certain hearings may be set by either the motion of a party or under the court's own authority; requiring a certain institute to receive and maintain copies of certain documents and use them to prepare annual reports; providing requirements for such reports; requiring the institute to post such reports on its website and provide copies to the department and the Legislature; amending s. 397.6971, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 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; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 397.6977, F.S.; providing requirements for discharge planning and procedures for a respondent's release from involuntary treatment services; repealing ss. 397.6811, 397.6814, 397.6815, 397.6819, 397.6821, 397.6822, and 397.6978, F.S., relating to involuntary assessment and stabilization, contents of petitions, procedure, licensed service provider responsibilities, extension of time for completion of involuntary assessment and stabilization, disposition of the individual after involuntary assessment, and the appointment of guardian advocates, respectively; 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 whether 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; defining the term "competency evaluation report to the circuit court"; requiring a qualified professional to sign such report under penalty of perjury; providing requirements for such report; requiring a defendant who meets the criteria for involuntary examination to appear remotely for a hearing; authorizing court witnesses to appear remotely for the hearing; amending ss. 40.29, 394.492, 409.972, 744.2007, and 916.107, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Finance and Tax—

**CS for SB 7074**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; prohibiting a plan for tourist development from allocating more than a certain percentage of the tax revenue to a publicly owned and operated convention center for certain purposes, unless approved by a supermajority vote; amending s. 192.001, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "tangible personal property"; providing retroactive applicability; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; providing that a taxpayer has a right to know certain information regarding property determined not to have been entitled to a homestead exemption; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; extending the timeframe for changes, additions, or improvements following damage or destruction of a homestead to commence for certain assessment requirements to apply; specifying the timeframes and the manner in which erroneous assessments of property must be corrected; prohibiting back taxes from being due for any year as a result of certain recalculations; deleting a calculation of back taxes; requiring property appraisers to include certain

information with notices of tax liens; amending s. 193.624, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “renewable energy source device”; providing applicability; amending s. 193.703, F.S.; providing that a person may not be assessed unpaid taxes under certain circumstances; creating s. 195.028, F.S.; requiring the Department of Revenue to create multi-language versions of forms under certain circumstances; specifying a requirement and authorization for such forms; requiring the department to develop and post certain documents related to property tax exemptions; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; providing that taxpayers are not responsible for specified payments in certain circumstances; requiring property appraisers to provide multi-language applications under certain circumstances; amending s. 196.031, F.S.; extending the timeframe before a property owner’s failure to commence repair or rebuilding of homestead property constitutes abandonment; amending s. 196.075, F.S.; providing that a person may not be assessed unpaid taxes under certain circumstances; amending s. 196.121, F.S.; requiring homestead application forms to include certain information; amending s. 196.161, F.S.; providing that a property may not be subject to unpaid taxes, penalties, or interest under certain circumstances; requiring property appraisers to include certain information with notices of tax liens; providing that a person may not be assessed unpaid taxes under certain circumstances; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “newly constructed”; revising conditions for when multifamily projects are considered property used for a charitable purpose and are eligible to receive an ad valorem property tax exemption; making technical changes; requiring property appraisers to exempt certain units from ad valorem property taxes; providing the method for determining the value of a unit for certain purposes; requiring property appraisers to review certain applications and make certain determinations; authorizing property appraisers to request and review additional information; authorizing property appraisers to grant exemptions only under certain conditions; revising requirements for property owners seeking a certification notice from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; providing that a certain determination by the corporation does not constitute an exemption; revising eligibility; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 196.1979, F.S.; revising the value to which a certain ad valorem property tax exemption applies; revising a condition of eligibility for vacant residential units to qualify for a certain ad valorem property tax exemption; making technical changes; revising the deadline for an application for exemption; revising deadlines by which boards and governing bodies must deliver to or notify the department of the adoption, repeal, or expiration of certain ordinances; requiring property appraisers to review certain applications and make certain determinations; authorizing property appraisers to request and review additional information; authorizing property appraisers to grant exemptions only under certain conditions; providing the method for determining the value of a unit for certain purposes; providing for retroactive applicability; amending s. 196.1978, F.S.; authorizing a taxing authority, beginning at a specified time, to elect not to exempt certain property upon adoption of an ordinance or a resolution; specifying requirements and limitations for the ordinance or resolution; providing applicability; specifying duties of the taxing authority; providing applicability; amending s. 196.24, F.S.; revising the amount of a certain exemption related to disabled ex-servicemembers; providing applicability; amending s. 200.069, F.S.; providing that the property appraiser, rather than the local governing board, may request the notice of proposed property taxes and notice of non-ad valorem assessments; amending s. 201.08, F.S.; providing applicability; defining the term “principal limit”; requiring that certain taxes be calculated based on the principal limit at a specified event; providing retroactive operation; providing construction; amending s. 201.21, F.S.; exempting all non-interest-bearing promissory notes, non-interest-bearing non-negotiable notes, or non-interest-bearing written obligations, for specified purposes, from documentary stamp taxes in connection with the sale of alarm systems; amending s. 206.9931, F.S.; deleting a registration fee for certain parties; amending s. 206.9955, F.S.; revising the rates of certain taxes on natural gas fuel for a specified timeframe; reenacting s. 206.996(1) and (4), F.S., relating to monthly reports by natural gas fuel retailers and deductions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 206.9955, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 206.997, F.S., relating to state and local alternative fuel user fee clearing trust funds and distributions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 206.9955, F.S., in references thereto; creating s. 211.0254, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation on such credits; providing construction; providing applicability; creating s. 212.1835, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; authorizing

certain expenses and payments to count toward the tax due; providing construction; providing applicability; requiring electronic filing of returns and payment of taxes; amending s. 212.0306, F.S.; revising the necessary vote in a referendum for the levy of a certain local option food and beverage tax; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; making technical changes; specifying the application of an exemption for sales tax for certain purchasers of boats and aircraft; amending s. 212.054, F.S.; specifying that certain purchases are considered a single item for purposes of discretionary sales surtax; specifying that certain property sales are deemed to occur in the county where the purchaser resides, as identified on specified documents; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; deleting a restriction on counties authorized to levy an indigent care and trauma center surtax; amending s. 212.11, F.S.; authorizing an automatic extension for filing returns and remitting sales and use tax when specified states of emergency are declared; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; revising the amount of a sales tax collection allowance for certain dealers; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; deleting the future repeal of provisions related to annual distributions to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund; amending s. 213.21, F.S.; authorizing the department to consider requests to settle or compromise certain liabilities after certain time periods have expired, in certain circumstances; providing a limitation; providing that certain department decisions are not subject to review; amending s. 213.67, F.S.; authorizing certain parties to include additional specified amounts in a garnishment levy notice; revising methods for delivery of levy notices; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order in which credits may be taken to include a specified credit; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; revising the date of adoption of the Internal Revenue Code and other federal income tax statutes for purposes of the state corporate income tax; providing retroactive operation; amending s. 220.19, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; revising obsolete provisions; authorizing certain taxpayers to use the credit in a specified manner; providing applicability; amending s. 220.1915, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “qualifying railroad”; revising application requirements for the credit for qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures; revising requirements for the department related to the issuance of a certain letter; revising conditions for carry-forward and transfer of such credit; creating s. 220.1992, F.S.; defining the terms “qualified employee” and “qualified taxpayer”; establishing a credit against specified taxes for taxpayers that employ specified individuals; specifying the amount of such tax credit; authorizing the department to adopt rules governing the manner and form of the application for such tax credit; specifying requirements for such form; requiring the department to approve the tax credit prior to the taxpayer taking the credit; requiring the department to approve the tax credits in a specified manner; requiring the department to notify the taxpayer in a specified manner if the department determines an application is incomplete; providing that such taxpayer has a specified timeframe to correct any deficiency; providing that certain applications are deemed complete on a specified date; prohibiting taxpayers from claiming a tax credit more than a specified amount; authorizing the carryforward of credits in a specified manner; providing the maximum amount of credit that may be granted during specified fiscal years; authorizing the department to consult with specified entities for a certain purpose; amending s. 220.222, F.S.; providing an automatic extension for the due date for a specified return in certain circumstances; creating s. 402.261, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing certain taxpayers to receive tax credits for certain actions; providing requirements for such credits; specifying the maximum tax credit that may be granted; authorizing tax credits be carried forward; requiring repayment of tax credits under certain conditions and using a specified formula; requiring certain taxpayers to file specified returns and reports; requiring that certain funds be distributed; requiring taxpayers to submit applications beginning on a specified date to receive tax credits; requiring the application to include certain information; requiring the Department of Revenue to approve tax credits in a specified manner; prohibiting the transfer of a tax credit; providing an exception; requiring the department to approve certain transfers; requiring a specified approval before the transfer of certain credits; authorizing credits to be rescinded during a specified time period; requiring specified approval before certain credits may be rescinded; requiring rescinded credits to be made available for use in a specified manner; requiring the department to provide specified letters in a certain time period with certain information; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 402.62, F.S.; revising the requirements for the Department of Children and Families in designating eligible charitable organizations; increasing the Strong Families Tax Credit cap; specifying when applications may be submitted to the De-

partment of Revenue; amending s. 561.121, F.S.; providing for a specified monthly distribution to specified entities of funds collected from certain excise taxes on alcoholic beverages and license fees on vendors; providing for the uses of such funds; providing for future repeal; creating s. 561.1214, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation on such credits; providing applicability; providing construction; reenacting s. 571.26, F.S., relating to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund; repealing s. 41 of chapter 2023-157, Laws of Florida, which provides for the expiration and reversion of a specified provision of law; amending s. 571.265, F.S.; deleting the future repeal of provisions related to the promotion of Florida thoroughbred breeding and of thoroughbred racing; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising the order in which certain credits and deductions may be taken to incorporate changes made by this act; amending s. 624.5107, F.S.; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation; providing construction; providing applicability; creating s. 624.5108, F.S.; requiring insurers to deduct specified amounts from the premiums for certain policies; defining the term "flood"; providing applicability; requiring the deductions amount to be separately stated; providing reporting requirements; providing that such deductions do not reduce insurers' direct written premiums; providing for a credit for a specified timeframe against insurance premium tax for insurers in a specified amount; exempting insurers claiming such credit from retaliatory tax; providing construction; providing for carry-forward of certain credits; requiring certain insurers to include certain information with their quarterly and annual statements; requiring the office to include certain information in certain reports; authorizing the department to perform necessary audits and investigations; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to provide technical assistance; requiring the office to examine certain information and take corrective measures; authorizing the department and the office to adopt emergency rules; providing for future repeal; exempting from sales and use tax specified disaster preparedness supplies during specified timeframes; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax admissions to certain events, performances, and facilities, certain season tickets, and the retail sale of certain boating and water activity, camping, fishing, general outdoor, and residential pool supplies during specified timeframes; defining terms; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, learning aids and jigsaw puzzles, and personal computers and personal computer-related accessories during specified timeframes; defining terms; providing applicability; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from the sales and use tax the retail sale of certain tools during a specified timeframe; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules for specified provisions; providing for future expiration; providing effective dates.

## 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 passed CS/HB 21, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Judiciary Committee and Representative(s) Salzman, Michael, Barnaby, Chambliss, Driskell, Gottlieb, Waldron—

**CS for HB 21**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program; creating s. 16.63, F.S.; establishing the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program within the Department of Legal Affairs; specifying the purpose of the program; requiring the department to provide specified notice of the program; requiring the department to accept and process applications for the payment of compensation claims under the program; specifying application proce-

dures and requirements; requiring the department to issue application approvals or denials under specified conditions; requiring notice of application approval or denial; requiring the department to pay a specified compensation amount to approved applicants; limiting the compensation an applicant may receive related to the claim; providing for rule-making; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to award a standard high school diploma to specified persons; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 23 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting and requests concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By State Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee and Representative(s) Salzman, Michael, Waldron—

**CS for CS for HB 23**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 16.64, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying information in an application submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs by a person seeking compensation through the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program; providing exceptions; 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 Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 537 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Education & Employment Committee, Education Quality Subcommittee and Representative(s) Valdés, Garcia—

**CS for CS for HB 537**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student achievement; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; deleting provisions providing for the award of a certificate of completion to certain students; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 1003.433 and 1007.263, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 1003.482, F.S.; creating the Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement and Success (mSCALES) Pilot Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the pilot program; providing requirements for the pilot program; providing eligibility; authorizing district school superintendents to contact the department for their district to participate in the pilot program; providing funding requirements, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring participating school districts to maintain eligibility; requiring the College of Education at the University of Florida to evaluate the pilot program's effectiveness and annually share its findings with the department and the Legislature; requiring the college to submit a final report to specified entities by a specified date; providing for expiration of the pilot program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 715 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting and requests concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Maney, Hunschofsky—

**CS for HB 715**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending ss. 394.47891 and 394.47892, F.S.; providing public records exemptions for specified veterans treatment court program records and mental health court program records, respectively; providing exceptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 885, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee, Select Committee on Health Innovation and Representative(s) Gonzalez Pittman, Anderson, Lopez, V.—

**CS for CS for HB 885**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to coverage for biomarker testing; amending s. 110.12303, F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services to provide coverage of biomarker testing for specified purposes for state employees' state group health insurance plan policies issued on or after a specified date; specifying circumstances under which such coverage may be provided; providing definitions; requiring a clear, convenient, and readily accessible process for authorization requests for biomarker testing; providing construction; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to pay for biomarker testing under the Medicaid program for specified purposes, subject to specific appropriations; specifying circumstances under which such payments may be made; providing definitions; requiring a clear, convenient, and readily accessible process for authorization requests for biomarker testing; providing construction; authorizing the agency to seek federal approval for biomarker testing payments; creating s. 409.9745, F.S.; requiring managed care plans under contract with the agency in the Medicaid program to provide coverage for biomarker testing for Medicaid recipients in a certain manner; requiring a clear, convenient, and readily accessible process for authorization requests for biomarker testing; providing construction; requiring the agency to include a certain rate impact in specified Medicaid program rates; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 975, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee, Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee and Representative(s) Trabulsy, Bell, Campbell, Basabe, Cassel, Eskamani, Garcia, Joseph, Lopez, V., Tant—

**CS for CS for HB 975**—A bill to be entitled An act relating background screenings and certifications; amending s. 420.621, F.S.; defining the term "person with lived experience"; creating s. 420.6241, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing qualifications for a person seeking certification as a person with lived experience; requiring continuum of care lead agencies to submit certain information to the Department of Children and Families for purposes of background screening; providing duties of the department; prescribing screening requirements; specifying disqualifying offenses for a person applying for certification; authorizing a person who does not meet background screening requirements to apply to the department for an exemption from disqualification; requiring the department to accept or reject such application within a specified time; amending s. 456.0135, F.S.; expanding certain background screening requirements to apply to all health care practitioners, rather than specified practitioners; requiring health care

practitioners licensed before a specified date to comply with certain background screening requirements upon licensure renewal that takes place after a specified date; prohibiting the Department of Health from renewing health care practitioner licenses in certain circumstances beginning on a specified date; amending ss. 457.105, 463.006, 465.007, 465.0075, 465.013, 465.014, 466.006, 466.0067, 466.007, 467.011, 468.1185, 468.1215, 468.1695, 468.209, 468.213, 468.355, 468.358, 468.509, 468.513, 468.803, 478.45, 483.815, 483.901, 483.914, 484.007, 484.045, 486.031, 486.102, 490.005, 490.0051, 490.006, 491.0045, 491.0046, 491.005, and 491.006, F.S.; revising licensure, registration, or certification requirements, as applicable, for acupuncturists; optometrists; pharmacists; pharmacist licenses by endorsement; registered pharmacy interns; pharmacy technicians; dentists; health access dental licenses; dental hygienists; midwives; speech-language pathologists and audiologists; speech-language pathology assistants and audiology assistants; nursing home administrators; occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant licenses by endorsement; respiratory therapists; respiratory therapist licenses by endorsement; dietitian/nutritionists; dietitian/nutritionist licenses by endorsement; practitioners of orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics; electrologists; clinical laboratory personnel; medical physicists; genetic counselors; opticians; hearing aid specialists; physical therapists; physical therapist assistants; psychologist and school psychologist licenses by endorsement; intern registrations for clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling; provisional licenses for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors; clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors; and clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor licenses by endorsement, respectively, to include background screening requirements; making conforming and technical changes; amending ss. 468.505, 486.025, 486.0715, 486.1065, and 491.003, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1063, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee, Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee and Representative(s) Hunschofsky, Bartleman, Tant—

**CS for CS for HB 1063**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to chiropractic medicine; amending s. 460.403, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "practice of chiropractic medicine" to include a specified treatment; amending s. 460.406, F.S.; revising education requirements for licensure as a chiropractic physician; creating s. 460.4085, F.S.; requiring the Board of Chiropractic Medicine to establish minimum standards of practice for the performance of dry needling by chiropractic physicians, including specified education and training requirements and restrictions on such practice; authorizing the board to take specified actions at the request of a chiropractic physician; requiring the board to issue a chiropractic physician a letter certifying that he or she is authorized to perform dry needling if the chiropractic physician submits certain documentation to the board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/CS/HB 1065 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee, Ways & Means Committee, Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee and Representative(s) Caruso, Lopez, V., Mooney, Plakon—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 1065**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse treatment; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; providing the levels of care at certified recovery residences and their respective levels of care for residents; defining the term "community housing"; amending s. 397.407, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Children and Families to issue a license for certain service components operated by a service provider; removing the timeframe in which a licensed service provider must apply for additional services; requiring the service provider to obtain approval before relocating to a different service site; removing a requirement that a separate license is required for each service component maintained by a service provider; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; extending the deadline for certified recovery residences to retain a replacement for a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed from his or her position; requiring certified recovery residences to remove certain individuals from their positions under certain circumstances; requiring the certified recovery residence to retain a certified recovery residence administrator if the previous certified recovery residence administrator has been removed for any reason; prohibiting certified recovery residences, on or after a specified date, from denying an individual access to housing under specified circumstances; prohibiting local ordinances or regulations from further regulating after a specified date the duration or frequency of a resident's stay in a certified recovery residence located within a certain zoning districts; providing applicability; amending s. 397.4871, F.S.; authorizing certain Level IV certified recovery residences owned or controlled by certain licensed service providers and managed by a certified recovery residence administrator to manage a specified greater number of residents under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certified recovery residence administrator who has been removed by a certified recovery residence from taking on certain other management positions without approval from a credentialing entity; amending ss. 119.071, 381.0038, 394.4573, 394.9085, 397.4012, 397.407, 397.410, 397.416, and 893.13, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1133 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Judiciary Committee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Redondo, Smith, Lopez, V.—

**CS for CS for HB 1133**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to violations against vulnerable road users; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; requiring a person who commits an infraction that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user to pay a specified civil penalty; requiring the person's driver license to be suspended for a specified period; requiring the person to attend a specified driver improvement course; republishing s. 318.19(1) and (2), F.S., relating to infractions requiring a mandatory hearing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1241 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Judiciary Committee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Snyder—

**CS for CS for HB 1241**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probation and community control violations; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; revising the sentencing score sheet to reflect the absence of community sanction points assessed in certain circumstances; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; revising sanctions for probation violations; providing for hearings within a specified time period for low-risk probation or community control violations; providing for the release of probationers in certain circumstances if a hearing is not held; providing for non-

monetary conditions of release; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1337 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Judiciary Committee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Stark, Jacques—

**CS for CS for HB 1337**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Department of Corrections; amending s. 944.31, F.S.; providing additional authority for law enforcement officers of the office of the inspector general concerning department and contractor-operated correctional facilities; amending s. 944.710, F.S.; replacing the term "private correctional facility" with "contractor-operated correctional facility"; replacing the term "private correctional officer" with "contractor-employed correctional officer"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 957.04, F.S.; providing that correctional privatization contracts are not exempt from specified state contracting provisions unless otherwise specified; providing construction; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 957.07, F.S.; revising terminology; removing provisions concerning development of consensus per diem rates by the Prison Per-Diem Workgroup; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 957.12, F.S.; revising provisions concerning contact with the department by specified persons; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 957.15, F.S.; removing a provision concerning department control over certain funds appropriated for contractor-operated correctional facilities; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending ss. 330.41, 553.865, 633.218, 775.21, 775.261, 784.078, 800.09, 943.0435, 943.13, 943.325, 944.105, 944.151, 944.17, 944.35, 944.40, 944.605, 944.606, 944.607, 944.608, 944.609, 944.7031, 944.714, 944.715, 944.716, 944.717, 944.718, 944.719, 944.72, 944.801, 944.803, 945.10, 945.215, 945.6041, 946.5025, 946.503, 951.062, 951.063, 957.05, 957.06, 957.08, 957.09, 957.13, 957.14, 960.001, 985.481, and 985.4815, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1509 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By State Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee and Representative(s) Trabulsky—

**CS for CS for HB 1509**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 30.15, F.S.; providing that certain information relating to school guardians held by the Department of Law Enforcement, a law enforcement agency, a school district, or a charter school is exempt from public records requirements; 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 Committee on Rules.

## RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate amendment 1 and passed HB 187, as amended.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk



**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Journal of February 28 was corrected and approved.

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourned at 4:26 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 1 or upon call of the President.

**CO-INTRODUCERS**

Senator Harrell—SB 7078