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## CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
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Burgess	Jones	Truenow
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Calatayud	Martin	Wright
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## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Mark Farrell, Tampa Covenant Church:

Almighty God, you have been our dwelling place throughout every generation. Before the foundations of the world were laid, from everlasting to everlasting, you are our Creator and Sustainer. This morning, we come before you with grateful hearts, mindful of your abundant grace in our lives. We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in this country. Help us never to take them for granted.

We lift up to you those you have called to pursue justice, peace, and fairness for all people. We pray especially for the members of the Florida Senate. Grant them unity as they labor together for the common good of the great State of Florida and for the well-being of those they represent. Shine the light of your grace on this assembly. Bless them with the collective wisdom to accomplish your good and perfect will, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Vivian Chamberlain-Gunn of Coral Springs; Celeste Diaz of Lutz; and Ashton Truenow of Tavares, son of Senator Truenow, 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. Daniel Montero of Jacksonville, sponsored by Senator Bradley, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Montero specializes in primary care sports medicine.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Brodeur—

By Senator Brodeur—

**SR 1872**—A resolution recognizing the contributions made by Harris Rosen to the Central Florida community.

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen was President and Chief Operating Officer of Rosen Hotels & Resorts, a hospitality company he founded in 1974 which now includes three convention hotels and four leisure hotels, with more than 6,300 guest rooms and suites and 730,000 square feet of meeting space, and

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen grew up in a modest apartment in New York's Lower East Side with his parents, Jack and Lee, and his younger brother, Ron, and attended the High School of Music & Art in the Bronx and, later, Cornell University, where he obtained a degree in hospitality management, and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Harris Rosen joined the United States Army and served for more than 3 years before beginning his career in hospitality as a convention salesman for the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, and

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen rose to management level, working for the Hilton Hotels Corporation in Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cape Kennedy, and Dallas, and

WHEREAS, when hired by the Walt Disney Company to help with its major development in Florida, Harris Rosen created a central reservation system for Disney's hotels, and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Harris Rosen used his savings to purchase a 256-room Quality Inn hotel in Orlando, and, after converting two rooms into an office and a small apartment, he lived on the premises and took charge of every aspect of the facility, from cleaning and gardening to working the front desk, and

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen went on to acquire six additional hotels, the Rosen Inn near Universal Studios Florida, the Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando, the Rosen Inn Lake Buena Vista, the Rosen Plaza, the Rosen Centre, and the Rosen Shingle Creek, and

WHEREAS, not only was Harris Rosen a successful hotelier, he was also a philanthropist and humanitarian who donated millions of dollars to multiple foundations and programs, including the education initiatives in Tangelo Park and Parramore, which provide free preschool programs and scholarships for colleges and vocational schools for children in those underserved communities; the University of Central Florida Rosen College of Hospitality Management, which trains stu-

dents in hospitality and is ranked among the top hospitality schools in the world; the Jack and Lee Rosen Jewish Community Center in Southwest Orlando, which serves more than 200 children, from infancy to prekindergarten; the University of Florida Adam Michael Rosen Neuro-Oncology Laboratories, which houses multiple laboratories conducting research on brain tumor treatments; and the Rosen Aquatic & Fitness Center, which hosts swimming classes to prevent childhood drownings and is home to past and present Olympians, and

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen also took care of his employees and their families by creating RosenCare, an award-winning insurance plan that not only provides its members with comprehensive coverage, but also pays for 90 percent of all of their medications; and by establishing the Rosen Medical Center to offer his employees and their loved ones top-notch medical care and wellness programs, and

WHEREAS, for his phenomenal charitable works and contributions to improve the lives of residents in the Central Florida community, Harris Rosen received numerous awards, including the 2022 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award from Leadership Florida, the 2022 United Negro College Fund Orlando Chapter Community Champion of Education Award, and the 2023 H. Clifford Lee Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and

WHEREAS, Harris Rosen passed away at age 85 on November 25, 2024, surrounded by his family and loved ones, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate recognizes the remarkable contributions made by hotelier and philanthropist Harris Rosen to the Central Florida community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Harris Rosen as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Bradley—

By Senator Bradley—

**SR 1882**—A resolution recognizing April 2025 as “Springs Protection Awareness Month” in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida’s springs are essential to the environment, economy, residents, and visitors of this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs and gives this state one of the world’s highest concentrations of springs, and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to 33 first-magnitude springs, and

WHEREAS, the groundwater supply is vital to this state’s economy, and approximately 90 percent of Florida residents rely on it for their drinking water, and

WHEREAS, Florida’s springs reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, Florida’s springs provide recreational enjoyment for residents and attract visitors from all over the world, and

WHEREAS, Florida’s springs discharge nearly 8 billion gallons of water each day, and healthy springs reflect this state’s commitment to sustainable groundwater and surface water resource protection, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 2025 is recognized as “Springs Protection Awareness Month” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

## MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and **CS for SB 622** was added to the end of the Special Order Calendar this day.

By direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to—

## SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

Consideration of **CS for SB 80** was deferred.

## SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

**SB 200**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for this state by a specified date, based on certain department recommendations; requiring the department to create and convene a technical assistance group for a specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements for the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of the comprehensive plan; specifying requirements for the report; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 200**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 295** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Berman—

**HB 295**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for this state by a specified date, based on certain department recommendations; requiring the department to create and convene a technical assistance group for a specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements for the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of the comprehensive plan; specifying requirements for the report; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 200** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Berman, by two-thirds vote, **HB 295** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 492**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to land development; amending s. 373.4136, F.S.; beginning on a specified date, revising the schedule for credit release upon issuance of a mitigation

bank credit permit; providing specifications for such schedule; authorizing a mitigation bank applicant to propose an alternative credit release schedule; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection or water management district to modify an existing permitted credit release schedule upon request under certain circumstances; prohibiting mitigation credits from being released for freshwater wetland creation until certain conditions are met; authorizing one-time use of mitigation credits outside the mitigation bank service area in certain circumstances; requiring the department and water management districts to apply proximity factor multipliers in a specified manner; specifying that the use of certain multipliers meets certain requirements; requiring the department or water management district to request an accounting of credit availability from mitigation banks within a specified timeframe; specifying the timeframe to reply to such request; requiring the permit applicant to be notified of credits available; providing a presumption if a mitigation bank does not respond within a certain timeframe; limiting the timeframe for the permit applicant to rely on a credit availability determination for specified purposes; requiring each mitigation bank to submit an accounting of credits; requiring the department or water management district to compile such accountings for a specified purpose and to submit a report including certain information to the Legislature on a specified date and annually thereafter; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator McClain moved the following amendments which were adopted:

**Amendment 1 (911276)**—Delete lines 185-188 and insert: *mitigation service area lacked the appropriate credit type. Priority must be given to mitigation banks whose*

**Amendment 2 (181416) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 287 and 288 insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 376.308, Florida Statutes, to read:

376.308 Liabilities and defenses of facilities.—

(2) In addition to the defense described in paragraph (1)(c), the only other defenses of a person specified in subsection (1) are to plead and prove that the occurrence was solely the result of any of the following or any combination of the following:

(e) *The condition giving rise to the cause of action is a natural geological substance of a former phosphate mine, as defined in s. 378.213, for which:*

1. *A notice has been recorded in accordance with s. 378.213(1); and*
2. *The Department of Health has conducted a survey under s. 404.0561(1).*

Section 3. Section 378.213, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

378.213 *Notice of former phosphate mine site.*—

(1) *A landowner may record a notice in the official records of the county in which the land is located which identifies the landowner's property as a former phosphate mine. The recorded notice must be in substantially the following form:*

#### NOTICE

*This property is a former phosphate mine as defined in s. 378.213(2), Florida Statutes.*

*Such recording serves as notice that the land is a former phosphate mine.*

(2) *As used in this section, the term "former phosphate mine" means an area of land upon which phosphate mining has been conducted and which may have been subject to a radiation survey in accordance with s. 404.0561 and state reclamation requirements of ss. 378.201-378.212, but does not include a phosphogypsum stack as defined in s. 403.4154(1)(d).*

Section 4. Section 404.0561, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

404.0561 *Survey of former phosphate mining lands.*—

(1) *Upon petition by a current landowner, the department shall conduct a gamma radiation survey of a former phosphate land parcel within 120 days after receipt of the petition to determine the radioactivity levels. The survey must document gamma radiation exposure measurements and the locations of the measurements.*

(2) *The department shall provide a copy of the preliminary survey results to the petitioner within 30 days after completion of the survey. Within 60 days after receipt of the survey, the petitioner may request an additional survey based upon any reasonable belief that the survey was flawed or not representative of conditions on the site. The department shall conduct one additional survey within 90 days after receipt of the petitioner's request. The additional survey must meet the requirements of this section and is deemed final within 90 days after completion.*

Section 5. Section 768.405, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

768.405 *Documentation of radiation levels.*—*In any civil action based on strict liability under s. 376.313(3), negligence or similar conduct related to an alleged discharge of hazardous substances or condition of pollution related to phosphate mining, including the presence of mining overburden, solid waste from the extraction, or beneficiation of phosphate rock from a phosphate mine; or any other similar claim related to the mining of phosphatic rock or reclamation of a mined area, the plaintiff must include a radiation survey of the property with the complaint. The survey must be prepared by a person certified as either a health physicist by the American Board of Health Physics or as a radiation protection technologist by the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists. The survey must be representative and document the measured gamma radiation on the property, including background values determined in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Multi-agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual; the locations of the measurements; the testing equipment; the testing methodology used, including the equipment calibration date and protocol; and the name of the person performing the survey and describe the person's relevant training, education, and experience. The survey shall be verified under penalty of perjury as provided in s. 92.525.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 35 and insert: thereafter; amending s. 376.308, F.S.; providing conditions for a cause of action against certain former phosphate mine sites; creating s. 378.213, F.S.; authorizing landowners to record certain notice of former phosphate mines; specifying requirements for such notice; defining the term "former phosphate mine"; creating s. 404.0561, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to conduct gamma radiation surveys of former phosphate land parcels upon petition; creating s. 768.405, F.S.; requiring that specified documentation of radiation levels be submitted in certain civil actions related to phosphate mining; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator McClain, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 492**, 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

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Bernard	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Sharief
Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Burgess	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burton	Jones	Trumbull
Calatayud	Leek	Wright
Collins	Martin	Yarborough
Davis	McClain	

Nays—3

Berman	Osgood	Smith
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**CS for SB 494**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aggravated animal cruelty; providing a short title; amending s. 828.12, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to post on its website the names of certain individuals who have violated specified animal cruelty provisions; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; providing a sentencing multiplier for specified offenses of aggravated animal cruelty; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 494**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 255** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Leek—

**CS for HB 255**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aggravated animal cruelty; providing a short title; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; providing a sentencing multiplier for specified offenses of aggravated animal cruelty; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 494** and read the second time by title.

Senator Arrington moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (687730) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 10 and 11 insert:

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 828.12, Florida Statutes, to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

(7) *Beginning January 1, 2026, the Department of Law Enforcement shall post on its website, in a searchable format prescribed by the department, the names of those individuals who have been convicted of, or who have entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a violation of this section.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 3 and insert: providing a short title; amending s. 828.12, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to post on its website the names of certain individuals who have violated specified animal cruelty provisions; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.;

On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 255**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
Brodeur	Jones	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingolia

**CS for CS for SB 500**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Spectrum Alert; creating s. 937.0401, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation

with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Spectrum Alert by a specified date; requiring the department, in cooperation with specified entities, to develop a training program and alert system for missing children with autism spectrum disorder which is compatible with existing alert systems by a certain date; specifying requirements for the training program; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish specified policies and procedures; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 500**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 711** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Avila—

**HB 711**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Spectrum Alert; creating s. 937.0401, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Spectrum Alert; requiring the department, in cooperation with specified entities, to develop a training program and alert system for missing children with autism spectrum disorder which is compatible with existing alert systems; specifying requirements for the training program; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish specified policies and procedures; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 500** and read the second time by title.

Senator Avila moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (740346) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 937.0401, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

937.0401 *Spectrum Alert.*—

(1) *The Legislature finds that autism spectrum disorder (ASD) significantly affects children in this country, creating unique challenges that can lead to critical safety risks, such as elopement or wandering behaviors in children. Children with ASD are prone to wander from safe environments at a higher rate than their non-autistic peers. Elopement frequently results in severe consequences, including fatal traffic accidents and drownings. Notably, drowning is the leading cause of death of children with ASD in this country, with Florida ranking fifth in the nation. The high propensity for elopement and the ineffectiveness of traditional search and response methods necessitate a robust system that will swiftly locate and ensure the safety of missing children with ASD. The Legislature finds that a standardized system is necessary to aid in the search for a missing child with ASD.*

(2) *By July 1, 2026, the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, shall establish and implement the Spectrum Alert to enhance the safety and well-being of children with ASD through immediate and effective community and emergency response.*

(3) *By July 1, 2026, the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, shall:*

(a) *Develop a training program and alert system for missing children with ASD which is compatible with existing alert systems. The training program must implement crisis intervention team training to equip law enforcement officers with the skills to understand ASD and other mental illnesses, to de-escalate interactions with children in crisis, to facilitate appropriate interventions, and to respond effectively to a reported missing child emergency when the child has ASD.*

(b) *Establish policies and procedures for responding to a reported missing child emergency when the child has ASD. The policies and procedures must, at a minimum, provide for all of the following:*

1. *Immediate and widespread dissemination of critical information when a child with ASD is reported missing.*

2. *Enhancement of emergency response teams' competence by informing them of the unique behaviors and needs of children with ASD.*

3. *Measures to increase public awareness and understanding of the risks associated with autism-related elopement, to foster community support for children with ASD.*

(c) *Require a law enforcement agency, at a minimum, to do all of the following upon receiving such a report:*

1. *Contact media outlets in the affected area or surrounding jurisdictions.*

2. *Inform all on-duty law enforcement officers of the reported missing child with ASD.*

3. *Communicate the report to all other law enforcement agencies in the counties surrounding the county in which the report was filed.*

(4) *The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to implement and administer this section.*

Section 2. *For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the sum of \$190,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement to the Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of implementing the Spectrum Alert.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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 Spectrum Alert; creating s. 937.0401, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Spectrum Alert by a specified date; requiring the department, in cooperation with specified entities, to develop a training program and alert system for missing children with autism spectrum disorder which is compatible with existing alert systems by a certain date; specifying requirements for the training program; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish specified policies and procedures; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Avila, by two-thirds vote, **HB 711**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
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Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingoglia

## INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

Senator Polsky recognized former Senator Lauren Book who was present in the gallery.

**CS for SB 524**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; subject to legislative appropriation and beginning on a specified date, requiring that the Department of Health's rules require that newborns be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the appropriate age; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 524**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1089** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Harrell—

**CS for CS for HB 1089**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; beginning on a specified date, subject to appropriation, providing that the Department of Health's rules must require certain newborns to be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 524** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1089** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	Davis	Osgood
Arrington	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Avila	Gaetz	Pizzo
Berman	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bernard	Grall	Rouson
Boyd	Gruters	Sharief
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Hooper	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingoglia

**CS for CS for SB 592**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; amending s. 215.55871, F.S.; limiting participation in the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to certain structures or buildings; revising the approval requirements to receive a mitigation grant; deleting the amount of grant funding designated for certain projects; revising the improvements for which a grant may be used; requiring that improvements be verified during the final hurricane mitigation inspection to qualify for grant funds; specifying that mitigation grants may be awarded only for mitigation improvements that will result in a mitigation credit, discount, or other rate differential; requiring the Department of Financial Services to require that certain improvements be made under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 592**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 393** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Leek—

**CS for CS for HB 393**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; amending s. 215.55871, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “condominium”; limiting participation in the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to certain structures and buildings on condominium property; prohibiting a condominium association from applying for a hurricane mitigation inspection or a mitigation grant under the pilot program unless certain association property or condominium property is established as a common element and the association has complied with specified requirements; revising the approval requirements to receive a mitigation grant; removing the amount of grant funding for certain projects; revising the improvements for which a mitigation grant may be used; requiring improvements to be identified in the final hurricane mitigation inspection in order for an association to receive grant funds; requiring grant funds to be awarded for a mitigation improvement that will result in a mitigation credit, discount, or other rate differential; requiring mitigation improvements to be made to all openings under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 592** and read the second time by title.

Senator Leek moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (663514) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 68-129 and insert:

*unless the association has complied with the inspection requirements in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(g) and (h). An association may not apply for a grant under subparagraph (5)(e)1. for association property or condominium property unless the windows of the association property or condominium property are established as common elements in the declaration.*

(c)(b) In order to apply for a grant under subsection (5) which improves one or more units within a condominium, an association must receive both of the following:

1. Approval by a majority vote of the board of administration or a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association to participate in a mitigation inspection.

2. *Approval by at least 75 percent* ~~A unanimous vote~~ of all unit owners who reside within the structure or building that is the subject of the mitigation grant.

(5) MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants may be used by associations to make improvements recommended in a hurricane mitigation inspection report which increase the condominium’s resistance to hurricane damage.

(a) An application for a mitigation grant must:

1. Contain a signed or electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury by the president of the board of administration that the association has submitted only a single application for each property that the association operates or maintains.

2. Include a notarized statement from the president of the board of administration containing the name and license number of each contractor the association intends to use for the mitigation project.

3. Include a notarized statement from the president of the board of administration which commits to the department that the association will complete the mitigation improvements. If the grant will be used to improve units, the application must also include an acknowledged statement from each unit owner who is required to provide approval for a grant under paragraph (2)(c) ~~(2)(b)~~.

(d) Grant projects shall be funded as follows:

1. All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided by the association for \$2 provided by the state *toward the actual cost of the project*.

~~2. For roof-related projects, the grant contribution is \$11 per square foot multiplied by the square footage of the replacement roof, not to exceed \$1,000 per unit, with a maximum grant award of 50 percent of the cost of the project.~~

~~3. For opening protection-related projects, the grant contribution is a maximum of \$750 per replacement window or door, not to exceed \$1,500 per unit, with a maximum grant award of 50 percent of the cost of the project.~~

2.4. An association may receive grant funds for both roof-related and opening protection-related projects, but the maximum total grant award may not exceed \$175,000 per association.

3.5. The department may not accept grant applications or maintain a waiting list for grants after the cumulative value of the grants awarded have fully obligated the appropriation, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Legislature.

(e) When recommended by a hurricane mitigation inspection report, grants for eligible associations may be used for the following improvements:

1. Opening protection improvements, including *all of the following*:
  - a. Exterior doors,;
  - b. Garage doors,;
  - c. Windows, ~~and~~
  - d. Skylights.
  - e. Wind-driven rain mitigation devices for tracks of sliding glass doors.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 10-13 and insert: program unless certain conditions are met; revising the approval

On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 393**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
Brodeur	Jones	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingolia

Consideration of **CS for SB 716** was deferred.

**CS for SB 742**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce education; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; providing that charter schools are eligible for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.; revising the number of programs school districts and Florida College System institutions must offer money-back guarantees for through the money-back guarantee program by a specified date; requiring school districts and Florida

College System institutions to report such programs to the State Board of Education; providing requirements for specified student eligibility criteria for tuition reimbursement under the program; revising reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 742**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1145** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Simon—

**CS for HB 1145**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce education; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; providing that charter schools are eligible for the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; amending s. 1011.803, F.S.; revising the number of programs school districts and Florida College System institutions must offer money-back guarantees for through the money-back guarantee program by a specified date; requiring school districts and Florida College System institutions to report such programs to the State Board of Education; providing requirements for specified student eligibility criteria for tuition reimbursement under the program; revising reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 742** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 1145** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
Brodeur	Jones	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingoglia

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Consideration of **SB 776** was deferred.

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**CS for CS for SB 822**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.; providing that a lab school may use the lab school's discretionary capital improvement funds for specified purposes; requiring that an expenditure be at or below appraised value; defining the term "appraised value"; requiring that certain documentation be provided to the Department of Education upon request; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing requirements for specified deadlines for charter schools; authorizing a charter school governing board to adopt its own code of student conduct; providing requirements for the code of student conduct; providing that charter schools are not exempt from a specified statute; authorizing a charter school to increase its student enrollment beyond the capacity identified in the charter under certain conditions; requiring a charter school to notify its sponsor in writing by a specified date, and to include specified information, if it plans to increase enrollment; revising services a sponsor must provide to a charter school; requiring the department to provide student performance data to a charter school and its contractor; providing an exception; prohibiting specified individuals from being on a charter school governing board; providing an exception; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.;

authorizing a high-performing charter school to assume the charter of an existing charter school within the same school district; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 822**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 443** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Rodriguez, the rules were waived and—

**CS for CS for HB 443**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing requirements for specified deadlines for charter schools; authorizing charter school governing boards to adopt codes of student conduct; providing requirements for such codes; providing requirements for the resolution of complaints or appeals relating to such codes; revising the criteria for a charter school to give enrollment preferences or limit the enrollment process to certain students; requiring charter schools to be in compliance with specified provisions relating to student welfare; revising the factors considered for the determination of a charter school's capacity; revising the facilities and land exempt from specified ad valorem taxes; authorizing a charter school to increase its student enrollment under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such charter school's facilities; providing requirements for notification of increased enrollment; requiring sponsors and the Department of Education to provide specified access and data to a charter school and the school's contractor; prohibiting certain persons from serving as members of a charter school governing board; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; providing that certain students are excluded from specified calculations relating to a high-performing charter school's facility capacity; authorizing high-performing charter schools to assume the charters of certain charter schools; providing requirements for a request for a high-performing charter school to assume a charter; authorizing high-performing charter schools to provide virtual courses to certain students; providing funding requirements for such courses; amending s. 1013.15, F.S.; providing for the lease of specified lands, facilities, or educational plants; requiring district school boards to take specified actions before the sale, transfer, lease, or disposal of any land, facilities, or educational plants; providing that a charter school may exercise right of first refusal for such property; requiring a charter school to submit a proposal within a specific timeframe; requiring district school boards to evaluate such proposal and award a contract using specified criteria; authorizing a school board to act if no proposals from a charter school are accepted; amending s. 1013.28, F.S.; requiring district school boards to comply with specified requirements for the sale, transfer, lease, or disposal of any land, facilities, or educational plants before the disposal of any land or real property; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 822** and read the second time by title.

Senator Rodriguez moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (965360) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 163.3180, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3180 Concurrency.—

(4) The concurrency requirement as implemented in local comprehensive plans applies to state and other public facilities and development to the same extent that it applies to all other facilities and development, as provided by law. *For purposes of this subsection, a charter school is considered a public facility.*

Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (9) of section 1002.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.—

(9) FUNDING.—Funding for a lab school, including a charter lab school, shall be provided as follows:

(f) *A lab school's governing body may use the lab school's discretionary capital improvement funds for the following purposes:*

1. *Purchase of real property.*
2. *Construction of school facilities.*
3. *Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of permanent or relocatable school facilities.*
4. *Purchase of vehicles to transport students to and from the charter lab school.*
5. *Renovation, repair, and maintenance of school facilities that the charter lab school owns or is purchasing through a lease-purchase or long-term lease of 5 years or longer.*
6. *Payment of the cost of premiums for property and casualty insurance necessary to insure the school facilities.*
7. *Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of driver's education vehicles; motor vehicles used for the maintenance or operation of plants and equipment; security vehicles; or vehicles used in storing or distributing materials and equipment.*
8. *Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of computer and device hardware and operating system software necessary for gaining access to or enhancing the use of electronic and digital instructional content and resources; and enterprise resource software applications that are classified as capital assets in accordance with definitions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, have a useful life of at least 5 years, and are used to support schoolwide administration or state-mandated reporting requirements. Enterprise resource software may be acquired by annual license fees, maintenance fees, or a lease agreement.*
9. *Payment of the cost of the opening day collection for the library media center of a new school.*

*Any purchase, lease-purchase, or lease made pursuant to this subsection must be at or below the appraised value. For purposes of this subsection, the term "appraised value" means the fair market value as determined by an independent, state-licensed, qualified appraiser selected by the governing board. Documentation of the appraised value must be provided to the department upon request.*

Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (5), paragraphs (d) and (h) of subsection (10), paragraph (b) of subsection (16), and paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (20) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (s) is added to subsection (9), paragraph (h) is added to subsection (18), and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (26) of that section, to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.—

(5) SPONSOR; DUTIES.—

(b) Sponsor duties.—

- 1.a. The sponsor shall monitor and review the charter school in its progress toward the goals established in the charter.
- b. The sponsor shall monitor the revenues and expenditures of the charter school and perform the duties provided in s. 1002.345.
- c. The sponsor may approve a charter for a charter school before the applicant has identified space, equipment, or personnel, if the applicant indicates approval is necessary for it to raise working funds.
- d. The sponsor may not apply its policies to a charter school unless mutually agreed to by both the sponsor and the charter school. If the sponsor subsequently amends any agreed-upon sponsor policy, the version of the policy in effect at the time of the execution of the charter, or any subsequent modification thereof, shall remain in effect and the sponsor may not hold the charter school responsible for any provision of a newly revised policy until the revised policy is mutually agreed upon.
- e. The sponsor shall ensure that the charter is innovative and consistent with the state education goals established by s. 1000.03(5).
- f. The sponsor shall ensure that the charter school participates in the state's education accountability system. If a charter school falls

short of performance measures included in the approved charter, the sponsor shall report such shortcomings to the Department of Education.

g. The sponsor is not liable for civil damages under state law for personal injury, property damage, or death resulting from an act or omission of an officer, employee, agent, or governing body of the charter school.

h. The sponsor is not liable for civil damages under state law for any employment actions taken by an officer, employee, agent, or governing body of the charter school.

i. The sponsor's duties to monitor the charter school do not constitute the basis for a private cause of action.

j. The sponsor may not impose additional reporting requirements on a charter school as long as the charter school has not been identified as having a deteriorating financial condition or financial emergency pursuant to s. 1002.345.

k. *The sponsor may not impose upon a charter school administrative deadlines that are earlier than the sponsor's own corresponding deadlines for similar reports or submissions. Any deadline imposed upon a charter school for financial audits or other administrative requirements may not be earlier than 15 days before the sponsor's own deadline for similar submissions to the department.*

l. ~~k.~~ The sponsor shall submit an annual report to the Department of Education in a web-based format to be determined by the department.

(I) The report ~~must~~ *shall* include the following information:

(A) The number of applications received during the school year and up to August 1 and each applicant's contact information.

(B) The date each application was approved, denied, or withdrawn.

(C) The date each final contract was executed.

(II) Annually, by November 1, the sponsor shall submit to the department the information for the applications submitted the previous year.

(III) The department shall compile an annual report, by sponsor, and post the report on its website by January 15 of each year.

2. Immunity for the sponsor of a charter school under subparagraph 1. applies only with respect to acts or omissions not under the sponsor's direct authority as described in this section.

3. This paragraph does not waive a sponsor's sovereign immunity.

4. A Florida College System institution may work with the school district or school districts in its designated service area to develop charter schools that offer secondary education. These charter schools must include an option for students to receive an associate degree upon high school graduation. If a Florida College System institution operates an approved teacher preparation program under s. 1004.04 or s. 1004.85, the institution may operate charter schools that serve students in kindergarten through grade 12 in any school district within the service area of the institution. District school boards shall cooperate with and assist the Florida College System institution on the charter application. Florida College System institution applications for charter schools are not subject to the time deadlines outlined in subsection (6) and may be approved by the district school board at any time during the year. Florida College System institutions may not report FTE for any students participating under this subparagraph who receive FTE funding through the Florida Education Finance Program.

5. For purposes of assisting the development of a charter school, a school district may enter into nonexclusive interlocal agreements with federal and state agencies, counties, municipalities, and other governmental entities that operate within the geographical borders of the school district to act on behalf of such governmental entities in the inspection, issuance, and other necessary activities for all necessary permits, licenses, and other permissions that a charter school needs in order for development, construction, or operation. A charter school may use, but may not be required to use, a school district for these services. The interlocal agreement must include, but need not be limited to, the



identification of fees that charter schools will be charged for such services. The fees must consist of the governmental entity's fees plus a fee for the school district to recover no more than actual costs for providing such services. These services and fees are not included within the services to be provided pursuant to subsection (20). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an interlocal agreement or ordinance that imposes a greater regulatory burden on charter schools than school districts or that prohibits or limits the creation of a charter school is void and unenforceable. An interlocal agreement entered into by a school district for the development of only its own schools, including provisions relating to the extension of infrastructure, may be used by charter schools.

6. The board of trustees of a sponsoring state university or Florida College System institution under paragraph (a) is the local educational agency for all charter schools it sponsors for purposes of receiving federal funds and accepts full responsibility for all local educational agency requirements and the schools for which it will perform local educational agency responsibilities. A student enrolled in a charter school that is sponsored by a state university or Florida College System institution may not be included in the calculation of the school district's grade under s. 1008.34(5) for the school district in which he or she resides.

(c) Sponsor accountability.—

1. The department shall, in collaboration with charter school sponsors and charter school operators, develop a sponsor evaluation framework that must address, at a minimum:

- a. The sponsor's strategic vision for charter school authorization and the sponsor's progress toward that vision.
- b. The alignment of the sponsor's policies and practices to best practices for charter school authorization.
- c. The academic and financial performance of all operating charter schools overseen by the sponsor.
- d. The status of charter schools authorized by the sponsor, including approved, operating, and closed schools.

2. The department shall compile the results by sponsor and include the results in the report required under sub-sub-subparagraph (b) 1.1.(III) ~~(b) 1.1.(III)~~.

(9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

(s) *A charter school governing board may adopt its own code of student conduct. The code of student conduct must meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth in the sponsor's code of student conduct. Any provision of the code of student conduct which is more stringent than the sponsor's code of student conduct must align with the mission of the charter school. The sponsor may review the code and offer recommendations. Any complaint or appeal related to the code of student conduct must be resolved by the charter school's governing board using the board's established procedures and must be in compliance with applicable law and rules.*

(10) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—

(d) A charter school may give enrollment preference to the following student populations:

1. Students who are siblings of a student enrolled in the charter school.
2. Students who are the children of a member of the governing board of the charter school.
3. Students who are the children of an employee of the charter school.
4. Students who are the children of:
  - a. An employee of the business partner of a charter school-in-the-workplace established under paragraph (15)(b) or a resident of the municipality in which such charter school is located; or

b. A resident or employee of a municipality that operates a charter school-in-a-municipality pursuant to paragraph (15)(c) or allows a charter school to use a school facility or portion of land provided by the municipality for the operation of the charter school.

5. Students who have successfully completed, during the previous year, a ~~voluntary~~ prekindergarten education program ~~under ss. 1002.51-1002.79~~ provided by the charter school, the charter school's governing board, or a ~~voluntary~~ prekindergarten provider that has a written agreement with the governing board.

6. Students who are the children of an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

7. Students who attended or are assigned to failing schools pursuant to s. 1002.38(2).

8. Students who are the children of a safe-school officer, as defined in s. 1006.12, at the school.

9. Students who transfer from a classical school in this state to a charter classical school in this state. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "classical school" means a traditional public school or charter school that implements a classical education model that emphasizes the development of students in the principles of moral character and civic virtue through a well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences which is based on the classical trivium stages of grammar, logic, and rhetoric.

(h) The capacity of the charter school shall be determined annually by the governing board, in conjunction with the sponsor, of the charter school in consideration of the factors identified in this subsection *and subsection (18)* unless the charter school is designated as a high-performing charter school pursuant to s. 1002.331. A sponsor may not require a charter school to waive the provisions of s. 1002.331 or require a student enrollment cap that prohibits a high-performing charter school from increasing enrollment in accordance with s. 1002.331(2) as a condition of approval or renewal of a charter.

(16) EXEMPTION FROM STATUTES.—

(b) Additionally, a charter school shall be in compliance with the following statutes:

1. Section 286.011, relating to public meetings and records, public inspection, and criminal and civil penalties.
2. Chapter 119, relating to public records.
3. Section 1003.03, relating to the maximum class size, except that the calculation for compliance pursuant to s. 1003.03 shall be the average at the school level.
4. Section 1012.22(1)(c), relating to compensation and salary schedules.
5. Section 1012.33(5), relating to workforce reductions.
6. Section 1012.335, relating to contracts with instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2011.
7. Section 1012.34, relating to the substantive requirements for performance evaluations for instructional personnel and school administrators.
8. Section 1006.12, relating to safe-school officers.
9. Section 1006.07(7), relating to threat management teams.
10. Section 1006.07(9), relating to School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting.
11. Section 1006.07(10), relating to reporting of involuntary examinations.
12. Section 1006.1493, relating to the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.
13. Section 1006.07(6)(d), relating to adopting an active assailant response plan.

14. Section 943.082(4)(b), relating to the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool.

15. Section 1012.584, relating to youth mental health awareness and assistance training.

16. Section 1001.42(4)(f)2., relating to middle school and high school start times. A charter school-in-the-workplace is exempt from this requirement.

17. *Section 1001.42(8)(c), relating to student welfare.*

(18) FACILITIES.—

*(h) A charter school that is not implementing a school improvement plan pursuant to paragraph (9)(n) or a corrective action plan pursuant to s. 1002.345 may increase its student enrollment to more than the capacity identified in the charter, but student enrollment may not exceed the capacity of the facility at the time the enrollment increase will take effect. Facility capacity for purposes of expansion must include any improvements to an existing facility or any new facility in which the students of the charter school will enroll. A charter school must notify its sponsor in writing by March 1 if it intends to increase enrollment for the following school year. The written notice must specify the amount of the enrollment increase.*

(20) SERVICES.—

(a)1. A sponsor shall provide certain administrative and educational services to charter schools. These services shall include contract management services; full-time equivalent and data reporting services; exceptional student education administration services; services related to eligibility and reporting duties required to ensure that school lunch services under the National School Lunch Program, consistent with the needs of the charter school, are provided by the sponsor at the request of the charter school, that any funds due to the charter school under the National School Lunch Program be paid to the charter school as soon as the charter school begins serving food under the National School Lunch Program, and that the charter school is paid at the same time and in the same manner under the National School Lunch Program as other public schools serviced by the sponsor or the school district; test administration services, including payment of the costs of state-required or district-required student assessments; processing of teacher certificate data services; and information services, including equal access to the sponsor's student information systems that are used by public schools in the district in which the charter school is located or by schools in the sponsor's portfolio of charter schools if the sponsor is not a school district. *Access to the sponsor's student information system must be provided to the charter school and its contractor, unless prohibited by general or federal law.* Student performance data for each student in a charter school, including, but not limited to, ~~statewide FCAT scores,~~ standardized test scores, *coordinated screening and progress monitoring student results,* previous public school student report cards, and student performance measures, shall be provided by the sponsor to a charter school in the same manner provided to other public schools in the district or by schools in the sponsor's portfolio of charter schools if the sponsor is not a school district. *The department shall provide student performance data to a charter school and its contractor, unless prohibited by general or federal law.*

2. A sponsor shall provide training to charter schools on systems the sponsor will require the charter school to use.

3. A sponsor may withhold an administrative fee for the provision of such services which shall be a percentage of the available funds defined in paragraph (17)(b) calculated based on weighted full-time equivalent students. If the charter school serves 75 percent or more exceptional education students as defined in s. 1003.01(9), the percentage shall be calculated based on unweighted full-time equivalent students. The administrative fee shall be calculated as follows:

a. Up to 5 percent for:

(I) Enrollment of up to and including 250 students in a charter school as defined in this section.

(II) Enrollment of up to and including 500 students within a charter school system which meets all of the following:

(A) Includes conversion charter schools and nonconversion charter schools.

(B) Has all of its schools located in the same county.

(C) Has a total enrollment exceeding the total enrollment of at least one school district in this state.

(D) Has the same governing board for all of its schools.

(E) Does not contract with a for-profit service provider for management of school operations.

(III) Enrollment of up to and including 250 students in a virtual charter school.

b. Up to 2 percent for enrollment of up to and including 250 students in a high-performing charter school as defined in s. 1002.331.

c. Up to 2 percent for enrollment of up to and including 250 students in an exceptional student education center that meets the requirements of the rules adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1008.3415(3).

4. A sponsor may not charge charter schools any additional fees or surcharges for administrative and educational services in addition to the maximum percentage of administrative fees withheld pursuant to this paragraph. A sponsor may not charge or withhold any administrative fee against a charter school for any funds specifically allocated by the Legislature for teacher compensation.

5. A sponsor shall provide to the department by September 15 of each year the total amount of funding withheld from charter schools pursuant to this subsection for the prior fiscal year. The department must include the information in the report required under sub-subparagraph ~~(5)(b)1.l.(III)~~ ~~(5)(b)1.k.(III)~~.

6. A sponsor shall annually provide a report to its charter schools on what services are being rendered from the sponsor's portion of the administrative fee. The report must include the listed services and be submitted to the department by September 15 of each year.

(d) Each charter school shall annually complete and submit a survey, provided in a format specified by the Department of Education, to rate the timeliness and quality of services provided by the sponsor in accordance with this section. The department shall compile the results, by sponsor, and include the results in the report required under sub-subparagraph ~~(5)(b)1.l.(III)~~ ~~(5)(b)1.k.(III)~~.

(26) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.—

*(d) A landlord of a charter school or his or her spouse or an officer, a director, or an employee of an entity that is a landlord of a charter school or his or her spouse may not be a member of a governing board of a charter school unless the charter school was established pursuant to paragraph (15)(c).*

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 1002.331, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.331 High-performing charter schools.—

(2) A high-performing charter school is authorized to:

(a) Increase its student enrollment once per school year to more than the capacity identified in the charter, but student enrollment may not exceed the capacity of the facility at the time the enrollment increase will take effect. Facility capacity for purposes of expansion ~~shall~~ include any improvements to an existing facility or any new facility in which the students of the high-performing charter school will enroll.

(b) Expand grade levels within kindergarten through grade 12 to add grade levels not already served if any annual enrollment increase resulting from grade level expansion is within the limit established in paragraph (a).

(c) Submit a quarterly, rather than a monthly, financial statement to the sponsor pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(g).

(d) Consolidate under a single charter the charters of multiple high-performing charter schools operated in the same school district by the charter schools' governing board regardless of the renewal cycle.

(e) Receive a modification of its charter to a term of 15 years or a 15-year charter renewal. The charter may be modified or renewed for a shorter term at the option of the high-performing charter school. The charter must be consistent with s. 1002.33(7)(a)19. and (10)(h) and (i), is subject to annual review by the sponsor, and may be terminated during its term pursuant to s. 1002.33(8).

(f) *Assume the charter of an existing charter school within the same school district in which it operates. Any request to assume a charter must be initiated by a school in a written format to the high-performing charter school.*

A high-performing charter school shall notify its sponsor in writing by March 1 if it intends to increase enrollment or expand grade levels the following school year. The written notice shall specify the amount of the enrollment increase and the grade levels that will be added, as applicable. If a charter school notifies the sponsor of its intent to expand, the sponsor shall modify the charter within 90 days to include the new enrollment maximum and may not make any other changes. The sponsor may deny a request to increase the enrollment of a high-performing charter school if the commissioner has declassified the charter school as high-performing. If a high-performing charter school requests to consolidate multiple charters *or to assume an existing charter*, the sponsor ~~has shall have~~ 40 days after receipt of that request to provide an initial draft charter to the charter school. The sponsor and charter school shall have 50 days thereafter to negotiate and notice the charter contract for final approval by the sponsor.

Section 5. Present paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection (3) of section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (i) and (j), respectively, and a new paragraph (h) is added to that subsection, to read:

1006.15 Student standards for participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student activities; regulation.—

(3)

(h) *A student in a full-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45, including the full-time Florida Virtual School program, a full-time school district virtual instruction program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public school in the school district in which the student resides, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, provided the student:*

1. *During the period of participation in the interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements in paragraph (a);*

2. *Meets any additional requirements as determined by the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School, the district school board, or the governing board of the virtual charter school, as applicable;*

3. *Meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates;*

4. *Meets the same standards of athletic team acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of other students in extracurricular activities; and*

5. *Registers his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school before participation.*

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1006.195, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.195 District school board, charter school authority and responsibility to establish student eligibility regarding participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.—Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in ss. 1006.15, 1006.18, and 1006.20, regarding student eligibility to participate in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities:

(1)(a) A district school board must establish, through its code of student conduct, student eligibility standards and related student disciplinary actions regarding student participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities. The code of student conduct must provide that:

1. A student not currently suspended from interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activities, or suspended or expelled from school, pursuant to a district school board's suspension or expulsion powers provided in law, including ss. 1006.07, 1006.08, and 1006.09, is eligible to participate in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s. 1006.15(3)(j) ~~s. 1006.15(3)(i).~~

3. A student's eligibility to participate in any interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity may not be affected by any alleged recruiting violation until final disposition of the allegation pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(b).

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 163.3180, F.S.; providing that a charter school is a public facility for the purpose of concurrency; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.; providing that a lab school may use the lab school's discretionary capital improvement funds for specified purposes; requiring that an expenditure be at or below appraised value; defining the term "appraised value"; requiring that certain documentation be provided to the Department of Education upon request; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing requirements for specified deadlines for charter schools; authorizing a charter school governing board to adopt its own code of student conduct; providing requirements for the code of student conduct; providing that charter schools are not exempt from a specified statute; authorizing a charter school to increase its student enrollment beyond the capacity identified in the charter under certain conditions; requiring a charter school to notify its sponsor in writing by a specified date, and to include specified information, if it plans to increase enrollment; revising services a sponsor must provide to a charter school; requiring the department to provide student performance data to a charter school and its contractor; providing an exception; prohibiting specified individuals from being on a charter school governing board; providing an exception; amending s. 1002.331, F.S.; authorizing a high-performing charter school to assume the charter of an existing charter school within the same school district; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; authorizing a student in a full-time virtual instruction program to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at a public school in the school district in which the student resides or to develop an agreement to participate at a private school; specifying requirements for such participation; amending s. 1006.195, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

Senator Jones moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (965360)**, which was adopted:

**Amendment 1A (854068)**—Delete line 213 and insert: *conduct must align with the mission of the charter school and be acknowledged electronically or in writing by the parent. The*

**Amendment 1 (965360)**, as amended, was adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for HB 443**, as amended, was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

**SB 936**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a statewide study on automation and workforce impact; defining the term "artificial intelligence"; requiring the Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research of the Department of Commerce to study the economic impact of automation, artificial intelligence, and robotics on employment in the state; specifying contents of the study; authorizing the bureau to consult with specified entities to complete the study; requiring the bureau to submit to the Governor and Legislature a report by a specified date;

requiring the bureau to conduct the study at specified intervals of time; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 936**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 827** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Davis—

**HB 827**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a statewide study on automation and workforce impact; defining the term “artificial intelligence”; requiring the Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research of the Department of Commerce to study the economic impact of automation, artificial intelligence, and robotics on employment in the state; specifying contents of the study; authorizing the bureau to consult with specified entities to complete the study; requiring the bureau to submit to the Governor and Legislature a report by a specified date; requiring the bureau to conduct this study at specified intervals of time; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 936** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Davis, by two-thirds vote, **HB 827** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	Davis	Osgood
Arrington	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Avila	Gaetz	Pizzo
Berman	Garcia	Polsky
Bernard	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Sharief
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Hooper	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Ingoglia, Rouson, Trumbull

**CS for SB 964**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parole; amending s. 947.165, F.S.; requiring the Florida Commission on Offender Review to provide a specified statistical analysis to the Legislature; amending s. 947.174, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide specified information to the commission; requiring the commission to review specified information in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 964**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 181** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Bernard—

**CS for CS for HB 181**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parole; amending s. 947.165, F.S.; requiring the Florida Commission on Offender Review to provide a specified statistical analysis to the Legislature; amending s. 947.174, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide specified information to the commission; requiring the commission to review specified information in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 964** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Bernard, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 181** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

**CS for SB 976**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court-appointed psychologists; amending s. 61.122, F.S.; requiring a party to seek disqualification of a court-appointed psychologist before filing an administrative complaint against the psychologist; providing for disqualification motions; revising provisions for award of costs and attorney fees in supplemental actions against court-appointed psychologists; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 976**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 901** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Bernard—

**CS for HB 901**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court-appointed psychologists; amending s. 61.122, F.S.; requiring a party to seek disqualification of a court-appointed psychologist before filing an administrative complaint against the psychologist; providing for disqualification motions; revising provisions for award of costs and attorney fees in supplemental actions against court-appointed psychologists; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 976** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Bernard, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 901** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

**CS for SB 1084**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual cyberharassment; amending s. 784.049, F.S.; providing and revising legislative findings and definitions; providing criminal penalties for persons who sexually cyberharass other persons with specified intent or purpose; providing criminal penalties for persons who commit the offense of sexual cyberharassment with a specified intent or purpose; providing enhanced criminal penalties for second or subsequent violations; authorizing an aggrieved person to initiate a civil action to recover punitive damages; making technical changes; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing time limitations for commencing prosecution for violations of sexual cyberharassment; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1084**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1451** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Martin—

**CS for CS for HB 1451**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual cyberharassment; amending s. 784.049, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising definitions; revising requirements for an enhanced penalty for a second or subsequent conviction; prohibiting violations for pecuniary or any other financial gain; providing criminal penalties; providing for award of punitive damages in civil actions; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing statute of limitations for prosecution of a sexual cyberharassment offense; amending s. 98.0751, F.S.; revising the definition of “felony sexual offense” for purposes of voting rights restoration to include new offenses created in this act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1084** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1451** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

**CS for CS for SB 1156**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the home health aide for medically fragile children program; amending s. 400.54, F.S.; providing requirements for the annual assessment of the home health aide for medically fragile children program; amending s. 400.4765, F.S.; revising program training requirements; requiring an employing home health agency to provide specified training and ensure that each home health aide for medically fragile children holds and maintains specified certification; revising the utilization cap of a Medicaid fee schedule; requiring a home health aide for medically fragile children who works more than 40 hours per week to provide specified justification; providing requirements for the Agency for Health Care

Administration to seek federal approval and a federal waiver for specified purposes; amending s. 400.462, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 409.903, F.S.; requiring the agency to seek federal approval and implement federal waivers and state plan amendments for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Harrell moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (347492)**—Delete lines 87-129 and insert:  
*training programs* ~~program~~ must consist of at least 76 ~~85~~ hours of training, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

1. *Successful completion of at least 40 hours of home health aide training pursuant to s. 400.497. A minimum of 40 hours of theoretical instruction in nursing, including, but not limited to, instruction on all of the following:*

- ~~a. Person centered care.~~
- ~~b. Communication and interpersonal skills.~~
- ~~c. Infection control.~~
- ~~d. Safety and emergency procedures.~~
- ~~e. Assistance with activities of daily living.~~
- ~~f. Mental health and social service needs.~~
- ~~g. Care of cognitively impaired individuals.~~
- ~~h. Basic restorative care and rehabilitation.~~
- ~~i. Patient rights and confidentiality of personal information and medical records.~~
- ~~j. Relevant legal and ethical issues.~~

*Such instruction must be offered in various formats, and any interactive instruction must be provided during various times of the day.*

2. A minimum of 20 hours of skills training on basic nursing skills tailored to the child's individualized care needs as specified in the ordering provider's plan of care, which may include training on the following topics, as applicable ~~including, but not limited to:~~

- a. Hygiene, grooming, and toileting.
- b. Skin care and pressure sore prevention.
- c. Nutrition and hydration.
- d. Measuring vital signs, height, and weight.
- e. Safe lifting, positioning, and moving of patients.
- f. Wound care.
- g. ~~Portable~~ Oxygen use and safety and other respiratory procedures.
- h. Tracheostomy care.
- i. Enteral care and therapy.
- j. ~~Peripheral~~ Intravenous assistive activities and alternative feeding methods.
- k. Urinary catheterization and *care and* ostomy care.

3. At least 16 hours of clinical training *related to the specific needs of an eligible relative and provided* under direct supervision of a licensed registered nurse.

4. Training concerning HIV infections ~~and AIDS and is required to obtain and maintain a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~

5. *Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, evidenced by obtaining and maintaining a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.*

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1156**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingolia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1240**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse and mental health care; amending s. 394.4573, F.S.; expanding mental health crisis services to include the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center; amending s. 394.4598, F.S.; authorizing the guardian advocate to be discharged when a patient is discharged from involuntary outpatient services; amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; requiring clinical psychologists who make determinations of involuntary placement at certain mental health facilities to have specified clinical experience; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; providing that a designated facility that has received the transfer of a patient outside a specified timeframe or that does not receive timely notification of a transfer may not release such patient or be ordered by a court to release such patient under specified circumstances; amending s. 394.4655, F.S.; providing a cross-reference for specified criteria relating to orders to involuntary outpatient placement; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “court”; providing that orders entered by administrative law judges for continued involuntary placement for patients at certain mental health facilities are final and subject to judicial review; requiring that hearings on petitions for certain continued involuntary services be scheduled immediately; requiring the clerk of the Division of Administrative Hearings to provide copies of petitions and individualized plans for continued services to the Department of Children and Families and other specified individuals; requiring the court or the administrative law judge to make certain determinations before waiving a patient’s attendance at a hearing for continued involuntary placement; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue an order for involuntary services if the patient meets certain criteria; amending s. 394.67, F.S.; defining the term “988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center”; revising the definition of the term “crisis services” to include a 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center; creating s. 394.9088, F.S.; requiring the department to authorize and provide oversight of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call centers; authorizing the department to take certain actions for failure to comply with certain provisions; requiring the department to adopt specified rules; amending s. 397.427, F.S.; deleting requirements relating to providers of medication-assisted treatment services for opiate addiction; amending s. 916.111, F.S.; revising training requirements for mental health professionals; amending s. 916.115, F.S.; requiring certain court-appointed experts to have completed specified training and continued education; amending s. 916.12, F.S.; providing requirements for an examining expert to determine acceptable treatments available in a community; amending ss. 394.674, 394.74, and 397.68141, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1240**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1091** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for CS for HB 1091**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse and mental health care; amending s. 394.4573, F.S.; expanding mental health crisis services to include the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center; amending s. 394.4598, F.S.; authorizing a guardian advocate to be discharged when a patient is discharged from involuntary outpatient services; amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; requiring clinical psychologists who make determinations of involuntary placement at certain mental health facilities to have specified clinical experience; amending s. 394.4655, F.S.; providing specified criteria relating to orders to involuntary outpatient placement; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “court”; providing that orders entered by an administrative law judge for continued involuntary placement for patients at certain mental health facilities are final and subject to judicial review; requiring a patient to be represented by the public defender of the circuit in which the patient is receiving services at hearings for continued involuntary services under certain circumstances; requiring the court or the administrative law judge to make certain determinations before waiving a patient’s attendance at a hearing for continued involuntary placement; authorizing an administrative law judge to issue an order for involuntary services if the patient meets certain criteria; amending s. 394.67, F.S.; revising the definition of “crisis services” to include a 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center and defining the term “988 suicide and crisis lifeline call center”; creating s. 394.9088, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to authorize and provide oversight of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline call centers and adopt specified rules; amending s. 397.427, F.S.; removing requirements relating to providers of medication-assisted treatment services for opiate addiction; amending s. 916.111, F.S.; revising training requirements for mental health professionals; amending s. 916.115, F.S.; requiring court appointed experts to have completed specified training and continued education; amending s. 916.12, F.S.; providing requirements for an expert to determine acceptable treatments available in a community; amending ss. 394.674, 397.68141, and 394.74, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for CS for SB 1240** and read the second time by title.

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (558074) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 117 and 118 insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section 394.463, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.463 Involuntary examination.—

(2) INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION.—

(i) One of the following must occur within 12 hours after the patient’s attending physician documents that the patient’s medical condition has stabilized or that an emergency medical condition does not exist:

1. The patient must be examined by a facility and released; or
2. The patient must be transferred to a designated facility in which appropriate medical treatment is available. However, the facility must be notified of the transfer within 2 hours after the patient’s condition has been stabilized or after determination that an emergency medical condition does not exist. *The designated facility may retain the patient for the remainder of the 72-hour examination period under paragraph (g), notwithstanding a failure of the transferring facility to comply with the 12-hour transfer requirement or the 2-hour notice requirement of this paragraph, if the patient continues to meet the criteria for involuntary examination under subsection (1).*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 12 and insert: experience; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing a designated facility to retain a patient for the remainder of

a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; amending s. 394.4655, F.S.; providing

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1091**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

**CS for CS for SB 1252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a feasibility study relating to a statewide pawn data database; defining terms; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a statewide pawn data database; specifying requirements for such database; requiring the department to report the results of the study to the Legislature by a specified date; providing for repeal; subject to and consistent with funds appropriated from the General Appropriations Act, requiring the department to complete the feasibility study; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1252**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1359** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Yarborough—

**CS for CS for HB 1359**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to feasibility study relating to statewide pawn data database; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a feasibility study regarding creating a statewide pawn data database; requiring the department to report to the Legislature the results of the study; providing for repeal; providing that the completion of the feasibility study is subject to specific appropriation; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1252** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1359** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Calatayud	Ingoglia
Arrington	Collins	Jones
Avila	Davis	Leek
Berman	DiCeglie	Martin
Bernard	Gaetz	McClain
Boyd	Garcia	Osgood
Bradley	Grall	Passidomo
Brodeur	Gruters	Pizzo
Burgess	Harrell	Polsky
Burton	Hooper	Rodriguez

Rouson  
Sharief  
Simon

Smith  
Truenow  
Wright

Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

## INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

Senator Brodeur recognized former Senator José Javier Rodríguez who was present in the chamber.

**SB 1268**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Law Enforcement; repealing ss. 943.031 and 943.042, F.S., relating to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council and the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account, respectively; amending s. 943.0311, F.S.; revising requirements for a report by the Chief of Domestic Security; amending ss. 943.041 and 943.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0313, F.S.; revising the membership of the Domestic Security Oversight Council; revising reporting requirements; amending s. 943.60, F.S.; including the Governor's mansion in the definition of the term "Capitol Complex" for specified provisions; amending s. 943.69, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount that may be spent for veterinary care of retired police dogs under a program administered through the department; amending ss. 914.25 and 914.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 1268**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1053** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Simon—

**CS for CS for HB 1053**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Law Enforcement; repealing ss. 943.031 and 943.042, F.S., relating to the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council and the Violent Crime Investigative Emergency and Drug Control Strategy Implementation Account, respectively; amending s. 943.041, F.S.; changing the name of the Crimes Against Children Criminal Profiling Program to the Child Exploitation and Crimes Against Children Program and expanding the scope of the program; amending s. 943.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0313, F.S.; revising the membership of the Domestic Security Oversight Council; revising reporting requirements; amending s. 943.0311, F.S.; revising requirements for a report by the Chief of Domestic Security; amending s. 943.69, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount that may be spent for veterinary care of retired police dogs under a program administered through the department; amending ss. 914.25 and 914.27, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 1268** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1053** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Burgess	Grall
Arrington	Burton	Gruters
Avila	Calatayud	Harrell
Berman	Collins	Hooper
Bernard	Davis	Ingoglia
Boyd	DiCeglie	Jones
Bradley	Gaetz	Leek
Brodeur	Garcia	Martin

McClain	Rodriguez	Truenow
Osgood	Rouson	Wright
Passidomo	Sharief	Yarborough
Pizzo	Simon	
Polsky	Smith	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Trumbull

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1348**, **CS for SB 1354**, **CS for SB 1382**, and **CS for CS for CS for SB 1444** was deferred.

**CS for CS for HB 481**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.60, F.S.; restricting local regulation of vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring fields in certain counties; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; designating specified sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County as grandfathered-in anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.4109, F.S.; increasing the prohibited anchoring and mooring distance of vessels and floating structures near public mooring fields; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Martin, further consideration of **CS for CS for HB 481** was deferred.

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1348**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle; authorizing certain persons to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the department; authorizing the waiver of certain penalties and associated costs, and requiring the waiver of the assessment of points, upon completion of such program; amending s. 316.306, F.S.; authorizing a person to participate in a distracted driving safety program, upon completion of which certain penalties and associated costs may, and the assessment of points must, be waived for certain offenses; creating s. 316.88, F.S.; prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell certain service appointments without the written authorization of the department or a tax collector; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 318.1451, F.S.; requiring the department to create a specified driver improvement course related to distracted driving which driver improvement schools shall offer to certain persons; requiring that all basic driver improvement courses include certain content relating to distracted driving; amending s. 319.24, F.S.; authorizing tax collectors to deliver by mail or make available at the tax collector's office certificates of title; amending s. 319.29, F.S.; providing that certain applications may be fulfilled by the tax collector acting as an authorized agent of the department; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the department and tax collectors, as agents of the department, to deliver certain documents, including duplicate registration certificates, in person or by mail; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing for disabled veteran motor vehicle license plates in lieu of "DV" motor vehicle license plates; requiring that requests for certain specialty license plates be processed in a certain manner; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; requiring the department to renew certain disabled parking permits for a specified period without requiring certain documentation; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.02, F.S.; revising the year by which the Legislature intends that the transition of certain services to certain tax collectors be completed; deleting a provision authorizing such transition of services to appointed charter county tax collectors on a limited basis; providing that the tax collector is, rather than may be, designated the exclusive agent of the department for a specified purpose; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; requiring certain driver license applicants to retake certain examinations; amending s. 322.135, F.S.; authorizing a tax collector to process certain transactions using the department's online license and registration portal; authorizing a tax collector to offer to a licensee or prospective licensee a certain donation option; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of a Class E driver license to certain persons, if eligible; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; requiring the revocation of a restricted driving privilege for a specified

period in certain circumstances; amending s. 322.66, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1348**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 961** was withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Senator Trumbull—

**CS for CS for HB 961**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; creating s. 316.88, F.S.; prohibiting the sale of certain service appointments unless authorized in writing by specified entities; amending s. 319.24, F.S.; authorizing tax collectors to deliver by mail or make available at the tax collector's office certificates of title; amending s. 319.29, F.S.; providing that certain applications may be fulfilled by the tax collector acting as an authorized agent of the department; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the department and tax collectors, as agents of the department, to deliver certain documents, including duplicate registration certificates, in person or by mail; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a lifetime disabled parking permit to certain permanently disabled persons; providing the validation period for such permits; requiring the department to renew certain disabled parking permits for a specified period without requiring certain documentation; requiring the validation sticker issued for lifetime disabled parking permits to indicate that the permits do not expire; authorizing a person who has been issued such a permit to provide a certificate of disability issued at any time in order to obtain a replacement for a lost or stolen permit; amending s. 322.02, F.S.; revising the year by which the Legislature intends that the transition of certain services to certain tax collectors be completed; removing a provision authorizing such transition of services to appointed charter county tax collectors on a limited basis; providing that the tax collector is, rather than may be, designated the exclusive agent of the department for a specified purpose; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; requiring certain driver license applicants to retake certain examinations; amending s. 322.135, F.S.; authorizing a tax collector to process certain transactions using the department's online license and registration portal; authorizing a tax collector to offer to a licensee or prospective licensee a certain donation option; removing a provision concerning driver license issuance being assumed by tax collectors by a certain date; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of a Class E driver license to certain persons, if eligible; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; requiring the revocation of a restricted driving privilege for a specified period in certain circumstances; amending s. 322.66, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 683.337, F.S.; designating the week of April 14 of each year as "Move Over Awareness Week"; encouraging specified entities to sponsor events to promote public awareness of the dangers of failing to comply with the Move Over Act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for CS for SB 1348** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Trumbull, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 961** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None



**CS for SB 1354**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to behavioral health managing entities; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to contract biennially for specified functions; requiring the department to contract for recommendations for certain transparency improvements; requiring the department to prepare and present to the Governor and Legislature a specified final report by a specified date; requiring managing entities to report required data to the department in a standardized electronic format; providing requirements for such format; requiring managing entities to electronically submit to the department certain documents in a specified format and with specified metadata; requiring managing entities to submit certain specific measures to the department; requiring the department to post and maintain such measures on its website by a specified date every month; requiring managing entities to report each measure using a standard methodology determined by the department; providing requirements for such measures; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1354**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 633** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Trumbull—

**CS for CS for HB 633**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to behavioral health managing entities; amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to contract biennially for specified functions; requiring the department to contract for recommendations for certain transparency improvements; requiring the department to prepare and present to the Governor and Legislature a specified final report by a specified date; requiring managing entities to report required data to the department in a standardized electronic format; providing requirements for such format; requiring managing entities to electronically submit to the department certain documents in a specified format and with specified metadata; requiring managing entities to submit certain specific measures to the department; requiring the department to post and maintain such measures on its website by a specified date every month; providing an exception; providing requirements for such measures; requiring managing entities to report each measure using a standard methodology determined by the department; providing requirements for such measures; providing that implementation of specified requirements is contingent on certain appropriations; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1354** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Trumbull, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 633** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

## RECESS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate recessed at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. or upon call of the President.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order by Senator Brodeur at 2:00 p.m. A quorum present—37:

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Leek	Wright
Calatayud	Martin	Yarborough
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Ben Albritton  
President, The Florida Senate

April 29, 2025

Dear President Albritton:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

### Office and Appointment

*For Term  
Ending*

Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water  
Management District

Appointees:	Ralston, Kellie Rebello	03/01/2028
	Upton, Anna H.	03/01/2028

Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water  
Management District

Appointees:	Bournique, Douglas C.	03/01/2028
	Bradley, Rob	03/01/2028

Governing Board of the South Florida Water  
Management District

Appointees:	Butler, Benjamin L.	03/01/2028
	Martinez, Carlos "Charlie" E.	03/01/2028

Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water  
Management District

Appointees:	Gamblin, Josh B.	03/01/2028
	Mitten, John Richard	03/01/2028
	Williamson, Michelle D.	03/01/2028

Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water  
Management District

Appointees:	Smith, Harry	03/01/2028
	Thompson, Larry K.	03/01/2028
	Wheeler, George A., Jr.	03/01/2027

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

### Office and Appointment

*For Term  
Ending*

Board of Trustees of Broward College  
Appointees: Caschette, Michael

05/31/2027
LaMarca, Eileen M.
05/31/2027

Board of Trustees of Daytona State College

Appointees:	Dye, Randall W.	05/31/2027
	Lloyd, Robert W.	05/31/2027
	Lupoli, Nellie	05/31/2025

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>	<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota		Lebena, Jesus	01/06/2030
Appointees: DiDomenico, Jaime Vince	05/31/2026	Peraza, Alexander Manuel	01/06/2030
Riner, Brittany	05/31/2028	Tano, Alberto R.	01/06/2028
Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College		Board of Trustees, New College of Florida	
Appointees: Barnett, Michael A.	05/31/2026	Appointees: Christaldi, Ronald A.	01/06/2030
Epstein, Daniel	05/31/2025	Jacquot, Joe	01/06/2030
Harrison, Jon	05/31/2027	Kesler, Charles R.	01/06/2030
		Mackie, Sarah S.	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College		Board of Trustees, University of Florida	
Appointees: Allocco, John, Jr.	05/31/2027	Appointees: Cole, Richard P.	01/06/2030
Brady, Ryan	05/31/2025	Davis, Jed V.	01/06/2030
Collura, Gino	05/31/2025	Patel, Rahul	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College		Board of Trustees, University of North Florida	
Appointees: Fleming, Edward P.	05/31/2025	Appointees: Boyle, John H.	01/06/2028
Hobbs, Andrew	05/31/2025	Davis, Jill Smith	01/06/2030
Smith, Thomas Zachary	05/31/2027	Demetree, Jack C., Jr.	01/06/2028
		Patel, Nikul	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College		Board of Trustees, University of South Florida	
Appointees: Primrose, Nicholas	05/31/2025	Appointee: Barakat, Charbel J.	01/06/2028
Sapp, W.J., Jr.	05/31/2026		
Stewart, Tammy Chereese	05/31/2026	Board of Trustees, University of West Florida	
Zomorodian, Cyrus P.	05/31/2027	Appointees: Bailey, Paul	01/06/2026
Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College		Matthews, Rebecca	01/06/2030
Appointee: Ezzell, Tara	05/31/2027	Moya, Rachel K.	01/06/2028
		Ross, Ashley	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees of South Florida State College		Young, Christopher Allan	01/06/2028
Appointees: Atchley, Terry	05/31/2026	The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:	
Donaldson, Devon P.	05/31/2026		
Eason, John M.	05/31/2027		
Grimsley, Denise	05/31/2025		
Hancock, Alison F.	05/31/2025		
Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College		<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Appointees: Brown, Monesia	05/31/2025	Florida Development Finance Corporation	
Kilpatrick, Jonathan A.	05/31/2025	Appointee: Popack, Moshe	05/02/2028
Stevens, Monte	05/31/2027	Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District	
Board of Trustees of Valencia College		Appointees: Gilbert, John	02/26/2027
Appointees: Bradley, Blair	05/31/2026	Workman, Scott	02/26/2027
Davis, John F.	05/31/2026		
Hindle, Shawn	05/31/2027	Chair, Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District	
Kirkegard, Belinda O.	05/31/2028	Appointee: Yarbrough, Alexis M.	02/26/2029
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University		Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission	
Appointees: Gainey, Emery A.	01/06/2030	Appointee: Atkinson-Hazelton, Geri	06/30/2028
Perry, Belvin, Jr.	01/06/2026	The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Com- mittee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:	
Washington, T. Nicole	01/06/2030		
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University			
Appointees: Harrison, Jon	01/06/2030		
McCleneghen, Joseph Scott	01/06/2026		
Murphy, Sherry	01/06/2030	<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Satter, Jonathan R.	01/06/2030	Florida Commission on Offender Review	
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida		Appointee: Whitworth, Susan Michelle	06/30/2030
Appointees: Christy, William	01/06/2030	The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education Postsecondary and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:	
Filburn, Mark C.	01/06/2026		
Massey, Anthony L.	01/06/2030		
McNamara, Thomas	01/06/2030		
Board of Trustees, Florida State University			
Appointees: Collins, Peter H.	01/06/2030	<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Jones, Peter D.	01/06/2030	Board of Governors of the State University System	
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University		Appointees: Good, M. Carson	01/06/2031
Appointees: Antonucci, Lawrence R.	01/06/2030	Renner, Paul	01/06/2031
Applegarth, Paul V.	01/06/2028		
Roepstorff, Robbie B.	01/06/2030		
Board of Trustees, Florida International University			
Appointees: Duarte, Carlos	01/06/2030		
Heisel, George Thomas	01/06/2030		

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12 and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Directors, Florida High School Athletic Association	
Appointee: Chambers, Marcus D.	08/21/2026
State Board of Education	
Appointee: Foganholi, Daniel P.	12/31/2028
Education Practices Commission	
Appointees: Murphy, Sallie	09/30/2028
Sheehan, Jamie Harper	02/17/2028
Stanley, Joseph	09/30/2025
Thaxton, Jennifer	09/30/2027
Wintz, Charlotte	09/30/2026
Commission for Independent Education	
Appointees: Battista, Joseph	06/30/2025
Cross, Jeff	06/30/2027
Williams, Burton, III	06/30/2026

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Environmental Regulation Commission	
Appointees: Buermann, Eric	07/01/2027
Frazer, Thomas Kerry	07/01/2027
McCarthy, James W.	07/01/2025
Ralston, Kellie Rebello	07/01/2027
Roth, Cari L.	07/01/2027
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	
Appointee: Barreto, Rodney L.	01/05/2029
Florida Inland Navigation District	
Appointees: Burkett, Austin	01/09/2027
Callaway, Patrick S.	01/09/2027
Chapman, Cathy	01/09/2029
Crowley, T. Spencer	01/09/2027
Kennedy, Michael	01/09/2029
Stapleford, James R.	01/09/2027
Trabulsky, Paul	01/09/2027
Waltzer, Richard	01/09/2029

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Florida Commission on Community Service	
Appointees: Chavez, Ivan	09/14/2026
Davis, John F.	09/14/2026
Goff, Kristen Rhea	09/14/2025
Turnbull, Heather L.	09/14/2028
Wheelock, Sherry	09/14/2026
Chair, Public Employees Relations Commission	
Appointee: Carpenter, Kerey	01/01/2028
State Retirement Commission	
Appointee: Taub, Diana Lynn	12/31/2027

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy and the Senate Committee on Ethics and

Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Chiropractic Medicine	
Appointees: Baum, Howard Wesley, III	10/31/2025
Comerford, Jason	10/31/2028
Oliverio, Anthony B.	10/31/2028
Saunders, Gretchen Y.	10/31/2027
Board of Medicine	
Appointees: Ackerman, Scot N.	10/31/2026
Christie, Steven	10/31/2027
Knight, James Matthew	10/31/2027
Vila, Hector, Jr.	10/31/2026
Board of Optometry	
Appointees: Burns-LeGros, Denise	10/31/2027
Easton, Robert, Jr.	10/31/2028
Stam, Bryan	10/31/2027
Board of Physical Therapy Practice	
Appointee: Cirolia, Jason	10/31/2026

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Chair of the Board of Directors, Space Florida	
Appointee: Nuñez, Jeanette M.	09/30/2027

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Architecture and Interior Design	
Appointees: Arango, Ivette	10/31/2026
Clary, Charles W., III	10/31/2025
Frank, Beverly L.	10/31/2027
Jones, Peter W.	10/31/2027
Barbers' Board	
Appointees: Carroll, John	10/31/2025
Lewandowski, Stephanie	10/31/2026
Florida Building Commission	
Appointees: Batts, James T., III	11/05/2028
Brown, Donald D.	11/21/2027
Garra, John Norman	11/21/2027
Hershberger, Rodney	07/27/2027

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Construction Industry Licensing Board	
Appointees: Burgess, Nicholas	10/31/2028
Cesarone, Donald M., Jr.	10/31/2027
Cook, Jonathan T.	10/31/2027
Kobie, Fred	10/31/2028
Mayo, Wayne E.	10/31/2026
Richmond, Steve	10/31/2025
Wood, Rachelle	10/31/2027
Zettle, Brian	10/31/2027
Board of Cosmetology	
Appointee: Schmid, Marisol Marin	10/31/2026
Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board	
Appointees: Astrom, Mark	10/31/2025
Bassett, Douglas Pope	10/31/2027
Echarri, Rafael	10/31/2025
Gonzalez, Gilbert Timothy	10/31/2026

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>	(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments to be held in executive session.		
Lombardo, Robert D.	10/31/2026	Respectfully submitted, <i>Don Gaetz</i> , Chair		
McElroy, Kevin D., II	10/31/2026			
Smith, Donald L., Jr.	10/31/2027			
Tibbs, Clarence Kelley	10/31/2027			
Board of Professional Engineers		On motion by Senator Gaetz, the report was adopted in its entirety, with the exception of Daniel P. Foganholi and Rodney L. Barreto, and the Senate confirmed the appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the offices and for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.		
Appointees: Gonzalez, James	10/31/2027			
Pistorino, John Charles	10/31/2027			
Ramsey, Denise Marie	10/31/2027			
Shah, Pankaj	10/31/2028			
Shrader, Brock	10/31/2025	The vote was:		
Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services		Yeas—36		
Appointees: Chapman, David H.	09/30/2027	Mr. President	Davis	McClain
Clark, Andrew D.	09/30/2027	Arrington	DiCeglie	Osgood
Clay, Sanjena V.	09/30/2027	Avila	Gaetz	Passidomo
Jensen, Christian E., Jr.	09/30/2027	Berman	Garcia	Polsky
Quinn, William	09/30/2025	Bernard	Grall	Rodriguez
Florida Public Service Commission		Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Appointee: La Rosa, Michael	01/01/2029	Bradley	Harrell	Sharief
Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board		Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Appointees: Graves, Calvin Brandon	10/31/2028	Burgess	Ingoglia	Smith
Griffin, Franklin	10/31/2027	Burton	Jones	Truenow
Jones, Nicole R.	10/31/2027	Calatayud	Leek	Wright
Patel, Prakash	10/31/2028	Collins	Martin	Yarborough

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority	
Appointees: Giordano, Dan	04/16/2026
Kopelousos, Stephanie C.	04/16/2028
Nunziata, Sal A. "Joe"	04/16/2028
Central Florida Expressway Authority	
Appointee: Pullum, Frederick G.	12/31/2026
Jacksonville Port Authority	
Appointees: Bean, Daniel K.	09/30/2027
Kilbane, Patrick J.	09/30/2027
Jacksonville Transportation Authority	
Appointees: Globler, Max	05/31/2026
Horner, Donald, III	05/31/2027
Florida Transportation Commission	
Appointees: Browning, John P., Jr.	09/30/2027
Genson, David	09/30/2026
Haselden, Barbara L.	09/30/2026
Mai, Hung T.	09/30/2027

As required by Rule 12.7, the committees conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointees for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held public hearings which members of the public were invited to attend and to offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointees. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections and other referenced committees respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), F.S.:

(1) the executive appointments of the above-named appointees, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;

(2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2025 Regular Session; and

Nays—None

Vote Preference:

Senator Smith was recorded as voting "nay" on each of the Board of Trustees appointments to the University of West Florida including Paul Bailey, Rebecca Matthews, Rachel K. Moya, Ashley Ross, and Christopher Allan Young; Senator Smith was recorded as voting "nay" on the appointment of Charles R. Kesler to the Board of Trustees to New College of Florida.

On motion by Senator Polsky, Daniel P. Foganholi, appointee to the State Board of Education, was removed from the report and voted on separately.

The vote was:

Yeas—20

Mr. President	Gaetz	Martin
Avila	Grall	McClain
Boyd	Gruters	Passidomo
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Hooper	Truenow
Burgess	Ingoglia	Trumbull
Collins	Leek	

Nays—17

Arrington	DiCeglie	Rouson
Berman	Garcia	Sharief
Bernard	Jones	Smith
Burton	Osgood	Wright
Calatayud	Polsky	Yarborough
Davis	Rodriguez	

Vote after roll call:

Nay—Pizzo

On motion by Senator Smith, Rodney L. Barreto, appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, was removed from the report and voted on separately.

The vote was:

Yeas—31

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bernard	Grall	Sharief
Boyd	Gruters	Simon
Bradley	Harrell	Truenow
Brodeur	Hooper	Trumbull
Burgess	Ingoglia	Wright
Burton	Leek	Yarborough
Calatayud	Martin	
Collins	McClain	

Nays—7

Berman	Osgood	Smith
Davis	Pizzo	
Jones	Rouson	

### SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, continued

**CS for CS for HB 1133**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing a short title; amending s. 379.102, F.S.; providing for regional and at-large representation on the commission; revising membership of the commission; providing for staggered terms; providing for the filling of vacancies; authorizing the commission to define the geographic boundaries of the regions; requiring compliance with specified provisions; amending s. 379.3311, F.S.; specifying the conditions under which commission officers and other commission personnel may enter private property; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1133** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Osgood
Arrington	Gaetz	Passidomo
Avila	Garcia	Pizzo
Berman	Grall	Polsky
Bernard	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
Bradley	Hooper	Sharief
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Simon
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—2

Davis	Smith
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**CS for SB 10**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Sidney Holmes; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Holmes for being wrongfully incarcerated for 34 years; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable directly to Mr. Holmes; providing for the waiver of certain tuition and fees for Mr. Holmes; declaring that the Legislature does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's limits of liability with respect to the act; prohibiting funds awarded under the act to Mr. Holmes from being used or paid for attorney or lobbying fees; prohibiting Mr. Holmes from submitting a compensation application under certain provisions upon his receipt of payment under the act; providing that certain benefits are void upon specified findings; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Pizzo, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 10** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Pizzo recognized Sidney Holmes who was present in the gallery in support of CS for SB 10.

**CS for SB 26**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh; providing an appropriation to compensate Kristen and Lia McIntosh for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Gruters, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 26** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Gaetz	Pizzo
Arrington	Garcia	Polsky
Avila	Grall	Rodriguez
Berman	Gruters	Rouson
Bernard	Harrell	Sharief
Boyd	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	
DiCeglie	Passidomo	

Nays—None

### ABSTENTION

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.39(1), I am disclosing that certain provisions in **CS for SB 26** provide a special private gain or loss to me. The nature of the interest is specified below.

Spouse is lobbyist on bill.

As established by Senate Rule 1.39(1), I abstain from voting on this matter.

*Jennifer Bradley, Senator, 6th District*

**CS for CS for SB 1822**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waste management; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; defining the term “auxiliary container”; conforming cross-references; amending s. 403.7033, F.S.;

deleting obsolete provisions that provide legislative findings and require the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report; preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; permitting rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of a public beach; authorizing the Division of Recreation and Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks; amending ss. 403.706 and 403.707, F.S.; prohibiting a local government and the Department of Environmental Protection, respectively, from issuing a construction permit for certain solid waste disposal facilities in certain counties; providing applicability; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 403.7049 and 403.705, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Smith moved the following amendment which failed:

**Amendment 1 (225580) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 100-130 and insert: 403.7033 *Regulation of auxiliary containers* ~~Departmental analysis of particular recyclable materials. The Legislature finds that prudent regulation of recyclable materials is crucial to the ongoing welfare of Florida's ecology and economy. As such, the Department of Environmental Protection shall review and update its 2010 report on retail bags analyzing the need for new or different regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags used by consumers to carry products from retail establishments. The updated report must include input from state and local government agencies, stakeholders, private businesses, and citizens and must evaluate the efficiency and necessity of both statewide and local regulation of these materials. To ensure consistent and effective implementation, the department shall submit the updated report with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021. Until such time that the Legislature adopts the recommendations of the department,~~

(1) *The department shall develop uniform ordinances for the use, disposition, sale, or distribution of single-use, non recyclable auxiliary containers which may be adopted and enforced by local governments.*

(2) *The development of the uniform ordinances pursuant to this section must be a collaborative process that involves a broad range of stakeholders, with the objective of encouraging cooperation and achieving consensus on standards for auxiliary container regulation. In developing the uniform ordinances, the department shall hold at least two public workshops with stakeholders, local governments, environmental groups, businesses, and other members of the public. The department shall allow public participation in person and through communications media technology. To maximize public participation, a workshop may not be held in the same geographic region of this state more than once before all other regions have hosted a workshop.*

(3) *In developing the uniform ordinances pursuant to this section, the department shall consider all of the following:*

(a) *Limiting the distribution and use of single-use, non recyclable auxiliary containers by requiring that such containers be provided only upon customer request or for a mandatory fee.*

(b) *Promoting the use of recyclable or compostable auxiliary containers and encouraging businesses to offer voluntary incentives for customers using reusable auxiliary containers.*

(c) *Establishing waste reduction and collection programs for single-use auxiliary containers.*

(d) *Creating enforcement mechanisms, including penalties, for businesses that do not comply with auxiliary container ordinances.*

(4) *The department shall begin engaging with stakeholders to develop uniform ordinances no later than October 1, 2025, and shall enact them by October 1, 2026.*

(5) *A local government or, local governmental agency, or state governmental agency may not enact any rule, regulation, or ordinance regarding the use, disposition, sale, prohibition, restriction, or tax of such auxiliary containers which is inconsistent with the uniform ordinances developed pursuant to this section. This subsection does not apply to rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary*

*containers within the boundaries of any public beach within the jurisdiction of a local government or local governmental agency; wrappings, or disposable plastic bags.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 8-14 and insert: update a specified report; requiring the department to develop uniform ordinances for the use, disposition, sale, or distribution of single-use, non recyclable auxiliary containers; requiring that the development of such ordinances be a collaborative process; requiring the department to hold a specified number of public workshops with certain groups; requiring the department to allow in-person and electronic public participation in the workshops; prohibiting a workshop from being held in the same geographic region more than once under certain circumstances; requiring the department to consider certain information when developing the uniform ordinances; requiring the department to engage with stakeholders and develop the uniform ordinances by a certain date; prohibiting certain entities from enacting certain laws relating to the use, disposition, sale, prohibition, restriction, or tax of auxiliary containers which are inconsistent with specified provisions; providing applicability; amending ss. 403.706 and 403.707, F.S.;

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1822**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1609** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Martin, the rules were waived and—

**CS for HB 1609**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waste incineration; amending ss. 403.706 and 403.707, F.S.; prohibiting a local government or the Department of Environmental Protection, respectively, from issuing a construction permit for a certain new solid waste disposal facility or a waste-to-energy facility in specified areas; providing applicability; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 403.703, 403.7049, and 403.705, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1822** and read the second time by title.

Senator Martin moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (397706) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (2) through (48) of section 403.703, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as sections (3) through (49), respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to that section, and present subsections (6), (7), (21), and (35) of that section are amended, to read:

403.703 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(2) *“Auxiliary container” means a reusable or single-use bag, cup, bottle, can, or other packaging that meets both of the following requirements:*

(a) *Is made of cloth; paper; plastic, including, but not limited to, foamed plastic, expanded plastic, or polystyrene; cardboard; corrugated material; molded fiber; aluminum; glass; postconsumer recycled material; or similar material or substrates, including coated, laminated, or multilayer substrates.*

(b) *Is designed for transporting, consuming, or protecting merchandise, food, or beverages from or at a public food service establishment as defined in s. 509.013(5), a food establishment as defined in s. 500.03(1), or a retailer as defined in s. 212.02(13).*

(7)(6) *“Construction and demolition debris” means discarded materials generally considered to be not water-soluble and nonhazardous in nature, including, but not limited to, steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt roofing material, pipe, gypsum wallboard, and lumber, from the construction or destruction of a structure as part of a construction or demolition project or from the renovation of a structure, and includes rocks, soils, tree remains, trees, and other vegetative matter that normally results from land clearing or land development operations for a construction project, including such debris from construction of structures at a site remote from the construction or demolition project site. Mixing of construction and demolition debris with other types of solid*

waste will cause the resulting mixture to be classified as other than construction and demolition debris. The term also includes:

(a) Clean cardboard, paper, plastic, wood, and metal scraps from a construction project;

(b) Except as provided in s. 403.707(10)(j) ~~s. 403.707(9)(j)~~, yard trash and unpainted, nontreated wood scraps and wood pallets from sources other than construction or demolition projects;

(c) Scrap from manufacturing facilities which is the type of material generally used in construction projects and which would meet the definition of construction and demolition debris if it were generated as part of a construction or demolition project. This includes debris from the construction of manufactured homes and scrap shingles, wallboard, siding concrete, and similar materials from industrial or commercial facilities; and

(d) De minimis amounts of other nonhazardous wastes that are generated at construction or destruction projects, provided such amounts are consistent with best management practices of the industry.

(8)(7) “County,” or any like term, means a political subdivision of the state established pursuant to s. 1, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and, when s. 403.706(20) ~~s. 403.706(19)~~ applies, means a special district or other entity.

(22)(21) “Municipality,” or any like term, means a municipality created pursuant to general or special law authorized or recognized pursuant to s. 2 or s. 6, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and, when s. 403.706(20) ~~s. 403.706(19)~~ applies, means a special district or other entity.

(36)(35) “Solid waste” means sludge unregulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act, sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, or garbage, rubbish, refuse, special waste, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations. Recovered materials as defined in subsection (29) ~~(28)~~ and post-use polymers as defined in subsection (25) ~~(24)~~ are not solid waste.

Section 2. Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7033 *Preemption of regulation for auxiliary containers* ~~Departmental analysis of particular recyclable materials. The Legislature finds that prudent regulation of recyclable materials is crucial to the ongoing welfare of Florida's ecology and economy. As such, the Department of Environmental Protection shall review and update its 2010 report on retail bags analyzing the need for new or different regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags used by consumers to carry products from retail establishments. The updated report must include input from state and local government agencies, stakeholders, private businesses, and citizens and must evaluate the efficacy and necessity of both statewide and local regulation of these materials. To ensure consistent and effective implementation, the department shall submit the updated report with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021. Until such time that the Legislature adopts the recommendations of the department,~~

(1) *The regulation of auxiliary containers is expressly preempted to the state.* A local government, local governmental agency, or state governmental agency may not enact or enforce any rule, regulation, or ordinance regarding the use, disposition, sale, prohibition, restriction, or tax of such auxiliary containers *unless explicitly permitted by statute.*

(2) *Rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of any public beach are explicitly permitted.*

(3) *The Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection may regulate auxiliary containers within state parks consistent with its grant of authority in s. 258.004, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags.*

Section 3. Present subsections (2) through (23) of section 403.706, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3) through (24), re-

spectively, a new subsection (2) is added to that section, and present subsections (4), (6), (7), and (20) of that section are amended, to read:

403.706 Local government solid waste responsibilities.—

(2) *A local government may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for a new solid waste disposal facility that uses an ash-producing incinerator or for a waste-to-energy facility, if the proposed location of such facility is sited within a 1-mile radius of any school or any property zoned for residential use within that same county which has a density of one or more dwelling units per acre. The 1-mile radius must be measured from the stack of the facility. This subsection applies only to a county as defined in s. 125.011(1).*

(5)(a)(4)(a) ~~(5)(a)(4)(a)~~ In order to promote the production of renewable energy from solid waste, each megawatt-hour produced by a renewable energy facility using solid waste as a fuel shall count as 1 ton of recycled material and shall be applied toward meeting the recycling goals set forth in this section. If a county creating renewable energy from solid waste implements and maintains a program to recycle at least 50 percent of municipal solid waste by a means other than creating renewable energy, that county shall count 1.25 tons of recycled material for each megawatt-hour produced. If waste originates from a county other than the county in which the renewable energy facility resides, the originating county shall receive such recycling credit. Any byproduct resulting from the creation of renewable energy that is recycled shall count towards the county recycling goals in accordance with the methods and criteria developed pursuant to paragraph (3)(h) ~~(2)(h)~~.

(b) A county may receive credit for one-half of the recycling goal set forth in subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ from the use of yard trash, or other clean wood waste or paper waste, in innovative programs including, but not limited to, programs that produce alternative clean-burning fuels such as ethanol or that provide for the conversion of yard trash or other clean wood waste or paper waste to clean-burning fuel for the production of energy for use at facilities other than a waste-to-energy facility as defined in s. 403.7061. The provisions of this paragraph apply only if a county can demonstrate that:

1. The county has implemented a yard trash mulching or composting program, and

2. As part of the program, compost and mulch made from yard trash is available to the general public and in use at county-owned or maintained and municipally owned or maintained facilities in the county and state agencies operating in the county as required by this section.

(c) A county with a population of 100,000 or less may provide its residents with the opportunity to recycle in lieu of achieving the goal set forth in this section. For the purposes of this section, the “opportunity to recycle” means that the county:

1.a. Provides a system for separating and collecting recyclable materials prior to disposal that is located at a solid waste management facility or solid waste disposal area; or

b. Provides a system of places within the county for collection of source-separated recyclable materials.

2. Provides a public education and promotion program that is conducted to inform its residents of the opportunity to recycle, encourages source separation of recyclable materials, and promotes the benefits of reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting materials.

(7)(6) ~~(7)(6)~~ The department may reduce or modify the municipal solid waste recycling goal that a county is required to achieve pursuant to subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ if the county demonstrates to the department that:

(a) The achievement of the goal set forth in subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ would have an adverse effect on the financial obligations of a county that are directly related to a waste-to-energy facility owned or operated by or on behalf of the county; and

(b) The county cannot remove normally combustible materials from solid waste that is to be processed at a waste-to-energy facility because of the need to maintain a sufficient amount of solid waste to ensure the financial viability of the facility.

The goal shall not be waived entirely and may only be reduced or modified to the extent necessary to alleviate the adverse effects of achieving the goal on the financial viability of a county's waste-to-energy facility. Nothing in this subsection shall exempt a county from developing and implementing a recycling program pursuant to this act.

(8)(7) In order to assess the progress in meeting the goal set forth in subsection (3) ~~(2)~~, each county shall, by April 1 each year, provide information to the department regarding its annual solid waste management program and recycling activities.

(a) The information submitted to the department by the county must, at a minimum, include:

1. The amount of municipal solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities, by type of waste such as yard trash, white goods, clean debris, tires, and unseparated solid waste;

2. The amount and type of materials from the municipal solid waste stream that were recycled; and

3. The percentage of the population participating in various types of recycling activities instituted.

(b) Beginning with the data for the 2012 calendar year, the department shall by July 1 each year post on its website the recycling rates of each county for the prior calendar year.

(21)(20) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, a local government that does not comply with the requirements of subsections (3) and (5) ~~is (2) and (4) shall~~ not be eligible for grants from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, and the department may notify the Chief Financial Officer to withhold payment of all or a portion of funds payable to the local government by the department from the General Revenue Fund or by the department from any other state fund, to the extent not pledged to retire bonded indebtedness, unless the local government demonstrates that good faith efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (3) and (5) ~~(2) and (4)~~ have been made or that the funds are being or will be used to finance the correction of a pollution control problem that spans jurisdictional boundaries.

Section 4. Present subsections (6) through (14) of section 403.707, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7) through (15), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to that section, and paragraph (j) of present subsection (9) of that section is amended, to read:

#### 403.707 Permits.—

(6) *The department may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for a new solid waste disposal facility that uses an ash-producing incinerator or for a waste-to-energy facility, if the proposed location of such facility is sited within a 1-mile radius of any school or any property zoned for residential use within that same county which has a density of one or more dwelling units per acre. The 1-mile radius must be measured from the stack of the facility. This subsection applies only to a county as defined in s. 125.011(1).*

(10)(9) The department shall establish a separate category for solid waste management facilities that accept only construction and demolition debris for disposal or recycling. The department shall establish a reasonable schedule for existing facilities to comply with this section to avoid undue hardship to such facilities. However, a permitted solid waste disposal unit that receives a significant amount of waste prior to the compliance deadline established in this schedule shall not be required to be retrofitted with liners or leachate control systems.

(j) The Legislature recognizes that recycling, waste reduction, and resource recovery are important aspects of an integrated solid waste management program and as such are necessary to protect the public health and the environment. If necessary to promote such an integrated program, the county may determine, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing prior to April 30, 2008, that some or all of the material described in s. 403.703(7)(b) ~~s. 403.703(6)(b)~~ shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may make such a determination only if it finds that, prior to June 1, 2007, the county has established an adequate method for the use or recycling of such wood material at an existing or proposed solid waste management facility that is permitted or authorized by the de-

partment on June 1, 2007. The county is not required to hold a hearing if the county represents that it previously has held a hearing for such purpose, or if the county represents that it previously has held a public meeting or hearing that authorized such method for the use or recycling of trash or other nonputrescible waste materials and that such materials include those materials described in s. 403.703(7)(b) ~~s. 403.703(6)(b)~~. The county shall provide written notice of its determination to the department by no later than April 30, 2008; thereafter, the materials described in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may withdraw or revoke its determination at any time by providing written notice to the department.

Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 403.7049, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7049 Determination of full cost for solid waste management; local solid waste management fees.—

(5) In order to assist in achieving the municipal solid waste reduction goal and the recycling provisions of s. 403.706(3) ~~s. 403.706(2)~~, a county or a municipality which owns or operates a solid waste management facility is hereby authorized to charge solid waste disposal fees which may vary based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the amount, characteristics, and form of recyclable materials present in the solid waste that is brought to the county's or the municipality's facility for processing or disposal.

Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 403.705, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.705 State solid waste management program.—

(2) The state solid waste management program shall include, at a minimum:

(c) Planning guidelines and technical assistance to counties and municipalities to aid in meeting the municipal solid waste recycling goals established in s. 403.706(3) ~~s. 403.706(2)~~.

(3) The department shall evaluate and report biennially to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the state's success in meeting the solid waste recycling goal as described in s. 403.706(3) ~~s. 403.706(2)~~.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to waste management; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; defining the term "auxiliary container"; conforming cross-references; amending s. 403.7033, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions that provide legislative findings and require the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report; preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; permitting rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of a public beach; authorizing the Division of Recreation and Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks; amending ss. 403.706 and 403.707, F.S.; prohibiting a local government and the Department of Environmental Protection, respectively, from issuing a construction permit for certain solid waste disposal facilities in certain counties; providing applicability; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 403.7049 and 403.705, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

Senator Martin moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (397706)** which was adopted:

**Amendment 1A (569736) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 60-301 and insert:  
of the State Constitution and, when s. 403.706(21) ~~s. 403.706(19)~~ applies, means a special district or other entity.

(22)(21) "Municipality," or any like term, means a municipality created pursuant to general or special law authorized or recognized pursuant to s. 2 or s. 6, Art. VIII of the State Constitution and, when s.



403.706(21) ~~s. 403.706(19)~~ applies, means a special district or other entity.

(36)(35) “Solid waste” means sludge unregulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act, sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, or garbage, rubbish, refuse, special waste, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural, or governmental operations. Recovered materials as defined in subsection (29) ~~(28)~~ and post-use polymers as defined in subsection (25) ~~(24)~~ are not solid waste.

Section 2. Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7033 *Preemption of regulation for auxiliary containers*—~~Departmental analysis of particular recyclable materials. The Legislature finds that prudent regulation of recyclable materials is crucial to the ongoing welfare of Florida's ecology and economy. As such, the Department of Environmental Protection shall review and update its 2010 report on retail bags analyzing the need for new or different regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags used by consumers to carry products from retail establishments. The updated report must include input from state and local government agencies, stakeholders, private businesses, and citizens and must evaluate the efficacy and necessity of both statewide and local regulation of these materials. To ensure consistent and effective implementation, the department shall submit the updated report with conclusions and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2021. Until such time that the Legislature adopts the recommendations of the department,~~

(1) *The regulation of auxiliary containers is expressly preempted to the state.* A local government, local governmental agency, or state governmental agency may not enact or enforce any rule, regulation, or ordinance regarding the use, disposition, sale, prohibition, restriction, or tax of such auxiliary containers *unless explicitly permitted by statute.*

(2) *Rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of any public beach are explicitly permitted.*

(3) *The Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection may regulate auxiliary containers within state parks consistent with its grant of authority in s. 258.004, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags.*

Section 3. Present subsections (2) through (23) of section 403.706, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) through (25), respectively, new subsections (2) and (3) are added to that section, and present subsections (4), (6), (7), and (20) of that section are amended, to read:

403.706 Local government solid waste responsibilities.—

(2) *A local government may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for a new solid waste disposal facility that uses an ash-producing incinerator or for a waste-to-energy facility, if the proposed location of such facility is sited within a 1-mile radius of any school or any property zoned for residential use within that same county which has a density of one or more dwelling units per acre. The 1-mile radius must be measured from the stack of the facility. This subsection applies only to a county as defined in s. 125.011(1).*

(3) *A local government may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for the expansion of any existing landfill that was permitted on or before December 2, 1970, the date on which the United States Environmental Protection Agency was established, and that is located within a 1-mile radius of any property zoned residential unless the entirety of the site is remediated and compliant with the department's environmental standards.*

(a) *A feasibility study must be conducted before the issuance of a permit to expand the existing landfill. The feasibility study must do all of the following:*

1. *Identify potential waste-to-energy technologies and processes that reduce landfill dependence and greenhouse gas emissions including, but*

*not limited to, anaerobic digestion, plasma arc technology, and mixed waste processing.*

2. *Evaluate the financial costs of using such technologies and processes and the benefits of local siting and government ownership.*

3. *Evaluate the technical feasibility of expansion, considering engineering requirements, infrastructure needs, technological advancements, and regulatory compliance.*

4. *Evaluate relevant and appropriate data and analyses, such as surveys, studies, community goals and vision, and data used in preparation of the comprehensive plan, from professionally accepted sources.*

5. *Identify and evaluate potential risks and challenges associated with the project.*

(b) *The local government shall review and discuss in a public meeting the results of the feasibility study and provide a rationale for expanding the landfill.*

(6)(a)(4)(a) In order to promote the production of renewable energy from solid waste, each megawatt-hour produced by a renewable energy facility using solid waste as a fuel shall count as 1 ton of recycled material and shall be applied toward meeting the recycling goals set forth in this section. If a county creating renewable energy from solid waste implements and maintains a program to recycle at least 50 percent of municipal solid waste by a means other than creating renewable energy, that county shall count 1.25 tons of recycled material for each megawatt-hour produced. If waste originates from a county other than the county in which the renewable energy facility resides, the originating county shall receive such recycling credit. Any byproduct resulting from the creation of renewable energy that is recycled shall count towards the county recycling goals in accordance with the methods and criteria developed pursuant to paragraph (4)(h) ~~(2)(h)~~.

(b) A county may receive credit for one-half of the recycling goal set forth in subsection (4) ~~(2)~~ from the use of yard trash, or other clean wood waste or paper waste, in innovative programs including, but not limited to, programs that produce alternative clean-burning fuels such as ethanol or that provide for the conversion of yard trash or other clean wood waste or paper waste to clean-burning fuel for the production of energy for use at facilities other than a waste-to-energy facility as defined in s. 403.7061. The provisions of this paragraph apply only if a county can demonstrate that:

1. The county has implemented a yard trash mulching or composting program, and

2. As part of the program, compost and mulch made from yard trash is available to the general public and in use at county-owned or maintained and municipally owned or maintained facilities in the county and state agencies operating in the county as required by this section.

(c) A county with a population of 100,000 or less may provide its residents with the opportunity to recycle in lieu of achieving the goal set forth in this section. For the purposes of this section, the “opportunity to recycle” means that the county:

1.a. Provides a system for separating and collecting recyclable materials prior to disposal that is located at a solid waste management facility or solid waste disposal area; or

b. Provides a system of places within the county for collection of source-separated recyclable materials.

2. Provides a public education and promotion program that is conducted to inform its residents of the opportunity to recycle, encourages source separation of recyclable materials, and promotes the benefits of reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting materials.

(8)(6) The department may reduce or modify the municipal solid waste recycling goal that a county is required to achieve pursuant to subsection (4) ~~(2)~~ if the county demonstrates to the department that:

(a) The achievement of the goal set forth in subsection (4) ~~(2)~~ would have an adverse effect on the financial obligations of a county that are

directly related to a waste-to-energy facility owned or operated by or on behalf of the county; and

(b) The county cannot remove normally combustible materials from solid waste that is to be processed at a waste-to-energy facility because of the need to maintain a sufficient amount of solid waste to ensure the financial viability of the facility.

The goal shall not be waived entirely and may only be reduced or modified to the extent necessary to alleviate the adverse effects of achieving the goal on the financial viability of a county's waste-to-energy facility. Nothing in this subsection shall exempt a county from developing and implementing a recycling program pursuant to this act.

(9)(7) In order to assess the progress in meeting the goal set forth in subsection (4) ~~(2)~~, each county shall, by April 1 each year, provide information to the department regarding its annual solid waste management program and recycling activities.

(a) The information submitted to the department by the county must, at a minimum, include:

1. The amount of municipal solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities, by type of waste such as yard trash, white goods, clean debris, tires, and unseparated solid waste;

2. The amount and type of materials from the municipal solid waste stream that were recycled; and

3. The percentage of the population participating in various types of recycling activities instituted.

(b) Beginning with the data for the 2012 calendar year, the department shall by July 1 each year post on its website the recycling rates of each county for the prior calendar year.

(22)(20) In addition to any other penalties provided by law, a local government that does not comply with the requirements of subsections (4) and (6) ~~is (2) and (4) shall not be eligible for grants from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, and the department may notify the Chief Financial Officer to withhold payment of all or a portion of funds payable to the local government by the department from the General Revenue Fund or by the department from any other state fund, to the extent not pledged to retire bonded indebtedness, unless the local government demonstrates that good faith efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (4) and (6) (2) and (4) have been made or that the funds are being or will be used to finance the correction of a pollution control problem that spans jurisdictional boundaries.~~

Section 4. Present subsections (6) through (14) of section 403.707, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8) through (16), respectively, new subsections (6) and (7) are added to that section, and paragraph (j) of present subsection (9) of that section is amended, to read:

#### 403.707 Permits.—

(6) *The department may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for a new solid waste disposal facility that uses an ash-producing incinerator or for a waste-to-energy facility, if the proposed location of such facility is sited within a 1-mile radius of any school or any property zoned for residential use within that same county which has a density of one or more dwelling units per acre. The 1-mile radius must be measured from the stack of the facility. This subsection applies only to a county as defined in s. 125.011(1).*

(7) *The department may not issue a construction permit pursuant to this section for the expansion of any existing landfill that was permitted on or before December 2, 1970, the date on which the United States Environmental Protection Agency was established, and that is located within a 1-mile radius of any property zoned residential unless the entirety of the site is remediated and compliant with the department's environmental standards.*

(a) *A feasibility study must be conducted before the issuance of a permit to expand the existing landfill. The feasibility study must do all of the following:*

1. *Identify potential waste-to-energy technologies and processes that reduce landfill dependence and greenhouse gas emissions including, but not limited to, anaerobic digestion, plasma arc technology, and mixed waste processing.*

2. *Evaluate the financial costs of such technologies and processes and the benefits of local siting and government ownership.*

3. *Evaluate the technical feasibility of expansion, considering engineering requirements, infrastructure needs, technological advancements, and regulatory compliance.*

4. *Evaluate relevant and appropriate data and analyses, such as surveys, studies, community goals and vision, and data used in preparation of the comprehensive plan, from professionally accepted sources.*

5. *Identify and evaluate potential risks and challenges associated with the project.*

(b) *The department shall review and discuss in a public meeting the results of the feasibility study and provide a rationale for expanding the landfill.*

(11)(9) The department shall establish a separate category for solid waste management facilities that accept only construction and demolition debris for disposal or recycling. The department shall establish a reasonable schedule for existing facilities to comply with this section to avoid undue hardship to such facilities. However, a permitted solid waste disposal unit that receives a significant amount of waste prior to the compliance deadline established in this schedule shall not be required to be retrofitted with liners or leachate control systems.

(j) The Legislature recognizes that recycling, waste reduction, and resource recovery are important aspects of an integrated solid waste management program and as such are necessary to protect the public health and the environment. If necessary to promote such an integrated program, the county may determine, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing prior to April 30, 2008, that some or all of the material described in s. 403.703(7)(b) ~~s. 403.703(6)(b)~~ shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may make such a determination only if it finds that, prior to June 1, 2007, the county has established an adequate method for the use or recycling of such wood material at an existing or proposed solid waste management facility that is permitted or authorized by the department on June 1, 2007. The county is not required to hold a hearing if the county represents that it previously has held a hearing for such purpose, or if the county represents that it previously has held a public meeting or hearing that authorized such method for the use or recycling of trash or other nonputrescible waste materials and that such materials include those materials described in s. 403.703(7)(b) ~~s. 403.703(6)(b)~~. The county shall provide written notice of its determination to the department by no later than April 30, 2008; thereafter, the materials described in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ shall be excluded from the definition of "construction and demolition debris" in s. 403.703(7) ~~s. 403.703(6)~~ within the jurisdiction of such county. The county may withdraw or revoke its determination at any time by providing written notice to the department.

Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 403.7049, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7049 Determination of full cost for solid waste management; local solid waste management fees.—

(5) In order to assist in achieving the municipal solid waste reduction goal and the recycling provisions of s. 403.706(4) ~~s. 403.706(2)~~, a county or a municipality which owns or operates a solid waste management facility is hereby authorized to charge solid waste disposal fees which may vary based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the amount, characteristics, and form of recyclable materials present in the solid waste that is brought to the county's or the municipality's facility for processing or disposal.

Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 403.705, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.705 State solid waste management program.—

(2) The state solid waste management program shall include, at a minimum:

(c) Planning guidelines and technical assistance to counties and municipalities to aid in meeting the municipal solid waste recycling goals established in s. 403.706(4) ~~s. 403.706(2)~~.

(3) The department shall evaluate and report biennially to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the state's success in meeting the solid waste recycling goal as described in s. 403.706(4) ~~s.~~

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 322-327 and insert: state parks; amending s. 403.706, F.S.; prohibiting a local government from issuing a construction permit for certain solid waste disposal facilities in certain counties; providing applicability; prohibiting a local government from issuing a permit for the expansion of certain existing landfills unless a feasibility study is conducted; specifying requirements for the feasibility study; requiring the local government to review and discuss at a certain meeting the results of the feasibility study and provide a rationale for expanding the landfill; amending s. 403.707, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing a construction permit for certain solid waste disposal facilities in certain counties; providing applicability; prohibiting the department from issuing a permit for the expansion of certain existing landfills unless a feasibility study is conducted; specifying requirements for the feasibility study; requiring the department to review and discuss at a certain meeting the results of the feasibility study and provide a rationale for expanding the landfill; conforming a provision to changes made

### POINT OF ORDER

Senator Rouson raised a point of order that pursuant to Rule 7.1(3), **Amendment 1 (397706)** was not germane to **CS for HB 1609**. The President referred the point of order and the amendment to Senator Passidomo, Chair of the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Brodeur, further consideration of **CS for HB 1609** with pending **Amendment 1 (397706)** and pending point of order was deferred.

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Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 270** was deferred.

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**CS for CS for SB 1800**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Parkinson's disease; creating s. 1004.4352, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; establishing the Consortium for Parkinson's Disease Research within the University of South Florida; establishing the Parkinson's Disease Research Board; providing for the membership and duties of the board; requiring the board to direct the operations of the consortium; providing duties of the consortium director; providing research requirements for the plan; requiring the board to award funds to board members for certain purposes; requiring the board to issue an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1800**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1545** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for CS for HB 1545**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Parkinson's disease; creating s. 1004.4352, F.S.; establishing the Consortium for Parkinson's Disease Research within the University of South Florida; establishing the Parkinson's Disease Research Board; requiring the board to direct the operations of the consortium and to annually adopt a plan for Parkinson's disease research; providing duties of the consortium director; providing research requirements for the plan; requiring the board to issue an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing that specified provisions will

be implemented subject to available funding in the General Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1800** and read the second time by title.

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (898642) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 93 and 94 insert:

Section 2. Section 1004.4353, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

*1004.4353 Florida Institute for Parkinson's Disease.—The Florida Institute for Parkinson's Disease is established within the University of South Florida as a statewide resource for Parkinson's disease research and clinical care. The purpose of the institute is to find a cure for Parkinson's disease and to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for those affected by Parkinson's disease by advancing knowledge, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson's disease through research, clinical care, education, and advocacy.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 14 and insert: funding in the General Appropriations Act; creating s. 1004.4353, F.S.; establishing the Florida Institute for Parkinson's Disease within the University of South Florida; providing the purpose of the institute; providing

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1545**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

### RULING ON POINT OF ORDER

On recommendation by Senator Passidomo, **Amendment 1 (397706)** was germane. The point was not well taken as the bill and the amendment relate to local government solid waste responsibilities under Chapter 403. The President accepted the recommendation of the Rules Chair and ruled the point not well taken.

On motion by Senator Martin, the Senate resumed consideration of—

**CS for HB 1609**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waste incineration; amending ss. 403.706 and 403.707, F.S.; prohibiting a local government or the Department of Environmental Protection, respectively, from issuing a construction permit for a certain new solid waste disposal facility or a waste-to-energy facility in specified areas; providing applicability; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 403.703, 403.7049, and 403.705, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—which was previously considered this day with pending **Amendment 1 (397706)** by Senator Martin.

**Amendment 1 (397706)**, as amended, was adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for HB 1609**, as amended, was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1742**, **CS for CS for SB 1618**, **CS for SB 1590**, **CS for SB 1150**, and **CS for CS for SB 736** was deferred.

**CS for CS for SB 132**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal tender; requiring the Department of Financial Services to contract with an appropriate vendor to conduct a specified study and submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; prohibiting the vendor from having certain relationships; specifying requirements for the report; requiring, by a specified date, the department to provide proposed statutory and administrative rule language if certain conditions are met; authorizing the department to consult with other state agencies in developing such language and to make additional recommendations; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 132**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 999** was withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Senator Rodriguez, the rules were waived and—

**CS for HB 999**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal tender; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which tax is levied on the sale, use, consumption, and storage of coin and currency; revising circumstances under which tax is not levied on the sale, exchange, and trade of coin and currency; creating s. 215.986, F.S.; defining terms; specifying, beginning on a specified date, that gold coin and silver coin are legal tender for a specified purpose; prohibiting persons from being required to offer or accept any recognized legal tender for a specified purpose; prohibiting persons from incurring liability for refusing to offer or accept such legal tender; providing an exception; authorizing a governmental entity to accept gold coin or silver coin for a specified purpose and only in a specified manner; providing construction; providing applicability; authorizing governmental entities to enter into written contracts under certain circumstances; requiring certain custodians of gold coin or silver coin to meet certain requirements; specifying that a governmental entity that tenders or accepts gold coin or silver coin under certain circumstances need not comply with certain provisions; creating s. 280.21, F.S.; requiring custodians of gold coin or silver coin which hold public deposits to satisfy certain conditions; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 560.141, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to approve an application for a custodian of gold coin or silver coin under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to conduct an examination of certain applicants before issuing a specified license; amending s. 560.142, F.S.; requiring the office to approve a renewal application for a custodian of gold coin or silver coin under certain circumstances; creating s. 560.145, F.S.; prohibiting money services businesses from being required to offer certain products or services; specifying certain requirements if money services businesses offer certain products or services; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; amending s. 560.204, F.S.; prohibiting persons from engaging in or advertising that they engage in the activity of a custodian of gold coin or silver coin for compensation without a license; amending s. 560.205, F.S.; requiring applicants seeking to operate as a payment instrument seller, money transmitter, or custodian of gold coin or silver coin to provide specified information to the office; creating s. 560.214, F.S.; requiring a custodian of gold coin or silver coin to meet certain requirements; defining terms; specifying that certain actions constitute a violation of certain provisions; authorizing the office to take certain disciplinary actions; specifying that the obligations of a custodian of gold coin or silver coin to an owner of gold coin or silver coin are fiduciary in nature for a specified purpose; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 655.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “monetary instruments”; creating s. 655.97, F.S.; prohibiting financial institutions from being required to engage in certain activities; requiring financial institutions to take certain actions under certain circumstances; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 672.511, F.S.; providing construction; requiring, by a specified date, the Department of Financial Services to submit a specified report to the

Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 559.952, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 132** and read the second time by title.

Senator Rodriguez moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (253202) (with title amendment)**—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section 212.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.05 Sales, storage, use tax.—It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that every person is exercising a taxable privilege who engages in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail in this state, including the business of making or facilitating remote sales; who rents or furnishes any of the things or services taxable under this chapter; or who stores for use or consumption in this state any item or article of tangible personal property as defined herein and who leases or rents such property within the state.

(1) For the exercise of such privilege, a tax is levied on each taxable transaction or incident, which tax is due and payable as follows:

(j)1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, there is hereby levied a tax on the sale, use, consumption, or storage for use in this state of any coin or currency, whether in circulation or not, when such coin or currency:

- a. Is not legal tender;
- b. If legal tender, is sold, exchanged, or traded at a rate in excess of its face value; or
- c. Is sold, exchanged, or traded at a rate based on its precious metal content.

2. Such tax shall be at a rate of 6 percent of the price at which the coin or currency is sold, exchanged, or traded, except that, with respect to a coin or currency that ~~which~~ is legal tender of the United States or any gold coin or silver coin recognized as legal tender in this state pursuant to s. 215.986 and that ~~which~~ is sold, exchanged, or traded, such tax shall not be levied. *The person who claims the sales tax exemption bears the burden of determining whether the gold coin or silver coin meets the definitions provided in s. 215.986. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, there is a presumption that the gold coin or silver coin meets the percent purity requirements provided in s. 215.986 based upon:*

- a. *The purity imprinted or stamped on the gold coin or silver coin; or*
- b. *An electronic transfer, as defined in s. 215.986(1)(b), of a gold coin or silver coin or any fraction thereof.*

3. There are exempt from this tax exchanges of coins or currency which are in general circulation in, and legal tender of, one nation for coins or currency which are in general circulation in, and legal tender of, another nation when exchanged solely for use as legal tender and at an exchange rate based on the relative value of each as a medium of exchange.

4. With respect to any transaction that involves the sale of coins or currency taxable under this paragraph in which the taxable amount represented by the sale of such coins or currency exceeds \$500, the entire amount represented by the sale of such coins or currency is exempt from the tax imposed under this paragraph. The dealer must maintain proper documentation, as prescribed by rule of the department, to identify that portion of a transaction which involves the sale of coins or currency and is exempt under this subparagraph.

Section 2. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 215.986, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

215.986 Gold and silver coin as legal tender.—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Debt” means an obligation for the payment of money under express contract.

(b) “Electronic transfer” means any instruction, other than a transaction by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through debit card, mobile application, or computer to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution as defined in s. 655.005(1)(i) or a money services business as defined in s. 560.103 to debit or credit an account with gold coin or silver coin or any fraction thereof, or the equivalent coin or currency of the United States or foreign currency converted at current market price. An “electronic transfer” includes, but is not limited to, an instruction in a debit card transaction that authorizes the debit or credit of an account in a single, integrated step at the point of sale.

(c) “Gold coin” means a precious metal with the chemical element of atomic number 79 in solid form, in the shape of rounds, bars, ingots, or bullion coins, which is valued for its metal content and stamped or imprinted with its weight and purity and which solid form of chemical element atomic number 79 consists of at least 99.5 percent purity. The term does not include any goods as defined in s. 672.105(1), such as jewelry, other items of utility, such as picture frames, or collectables.

(d) “Governmental entity” means a state, regional, county, municipal, special district, or other political subdivision, whether executive, judicial, or legislative, including, but not limited to, a department, a division, a board, a bureau, a commission, an authority, a district, or an agency thereof, or a public school, a Florida College System institution, a state university, or an associated board.

(e) “Legal tender” means a medium of exchange recognized by this state pursuant to s. 10, Art. I of the United States Constitution as a valid and legal offer of payment for debts when tendered to a creditor that agrees to receive such medium of exchange.

(f) “Silver coin” means a precious metal with the chemical element of atomic number 47 in solid form, in the shape of rounds, bars, ingots, or bullion coins, which is valued for its metal content and is stamped or imprinted with its weight and purity and which solid form of chemical element atomic number 47 consists of at least 99.9 percent purity. The term does not mean any goods as defined in s. 672.105(1), such as jewelry, other items of utility, such as picture frames, or collectables.

(2) **LEGAL TENDER.**—Gold coin and silver coin that meet the requirements of this section are recognized as legal tender by this state for the payment of debts incurred on or after July 1, 2026.

(a) Gold coin or silver coin recognized as legal tender in this section may not be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with any name, symbol, or other information or design, including, but not limited to, any suggestion that such coin has been minted or issued by any government, except that such coin must be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the coin’s weight and purity and may be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the name or symbol that identifies any refiner or mint of the gold coin or silver coin. A gold coin or silver coin that does not meet the requirements of this paragraph is not recognized as legal tender for the payment of debts in this state.

(b) This section may not be construed to restrict the electronic transfer of gold coin or silver coin as tender for the payment of a debt.

(c) This section may not be construed as altering the legal tender status of any United States coins or currency that has been prescribed as legal tender under federal law. Such coins or currency do not fall within the scope of this section and this section does not reauthorize or redesignate such coins or currency as legal tender. To the extent that any gold coin or silver coin minted or issued by the United States or a foreign government falls within the definitions in this section, federal law recognizing whether the foreign or United States minted or issued coins are legal tender, including any United States coins denominated in United States dollars, shall prevail.

(d) This section may not be construed to prohibit or limit the tender, acceptance, or use of Federal Reserve notes in the payment of debts.

(e) A person or an entity, including any governmental entity, may not be required to offer or accept any recognized legal tender as described in this subsection for the payment of a debt, deposit, or any other purpose. A person or an entity, including any governmental entity, may not incur any liability for refusing to offer or accept such legal tender, except as specifically provided for by contract.

(3) **GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION.**—A governmental entity may accept gold coin or silver coin for the payment of taxes, charges, or dues levied by the state or local government or any subdivision thereof. However, a governmental entity may tender or accept gold coin or silver coin as payment for debts, taxes, charges, or dues only by electronic transfer and may not tender or accept gold coin or silver coin in physical form.

(a) Each governmental entity that chooses to tender or to accept payment of gold coin or silver coin must enter into a written contract procured through competitive bidding with a qualified public depository as defined in s. 280.02.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in chapter 280, a custodian of gold coin or silver coin as defined in s. 560.103 which holds gold coin or silver coin as public deposits must meet the requirements for a qualified public depository under chapter 280.

(c) A governmental entity that tenders or accepts gold coin or silver coin as payment of debts, taxes, charges, and dues by one of the exemptions listed in s. 280.03(3) need not comply with this subsection for purposes of tendering or accepting such gold coin or silver coin.

Section 3. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 280.21, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

280.21 Custodians of gold coin and silver coin.—

(1) A custodian of gold coin or silver coin as defined in s. 560.103 which holds public deposits must do all of the following:

(a) Meet the definition of a qualified public depository as defined in s. 280.02, except that such custodian is not required to be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund for purposes of holding gold coin or silver coin as defined in s. 215.986. Such custodian must maintain insurance as prescribed in s. 560.214.

(b) Comply with all other applicable qualified public depository requirements and be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The Chief Financial Officer shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 4. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, present subsections (13) through (19), (20) through (34), and (35) and (36) of section 560.103, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (14) through (20), (22) through (36), and (38) and (39), respectively, new subsections (13) and (21) and subsection (37) are added to that section, and present subsections (18) and (24) of that section are amended, to read:

560.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(13) “Custodian of gold coin or silver coin” or “custodian” means any person or entity providing secure vault facilities to one or more persons for the safekeeping and storage of gold coin or silver coin, the ownership of which is or may be transferred electronically as defined in s. 215.986(1). The term includes any person who holds gold coin or silver coin for more than 10 days. The term does not include a person who holds gold coin or silver coin for personal use as legal tender.

(19)(18) “Foreign currency exchanger” means a person who exchanges, for compensation, currency of the United States or a foreign government, gold coin, or silver coin to currency of another government.

(21) “Gold coin” has the same meaning as in s. 215.986(1)(c).

(26)(24) “Money transmitter” means a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or foreign entity qualified to do business in this state which:

(a) Receives currency, monetary value, a payment instrument, gold coin, silver coin, or virtual currency for the purpose of acting as an intermediary to transmit currency, monetary value, a payment instrument, gold coin, silver coin, or virtual currency from one person to another location or person by any means, including transmission by wire, facsimile, electronic transfer, courier, the Internet, or through bill payment services or other businesses that facilitate such transfer within this country, or to or from this country. The term includes only an intermediary that has the ability to unilaterally execute or indefinitely prevent a transaction; or

(b) Acts as a custodian of gold coin or silver coin.

(37) “Silver coin” has the same meaning as in s. 215.986(1)(f).

Section 5. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, subsection (1) of section 560.109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

560.109 Examinations and investigations.—The office may conduct examinations and investigations, within or outside this state to determine whether a person has violated any provision of this chapter and related rules, or of any practice or conduct that creates the likelihood of material loss, insolvency, or dissipation of the assets of a money services business or otherwise materially prejudices the interests of their customers.

(1) The office may, without advance notice, examine or investigate each licensee as often as is warranted for the protection of customers and in the public interest. However, the office must examine each licensee at least once every 5 years, *except that a custodian of gold coin or silver coin must be examined at least annually.* The office may, without advance notice, examine or investigate a money services business, authorized vendor, affiliated party, or license applicant at any time if the office suspects that the money services business, authorized vendor, affiliated party, or license applicant has violated or is about to violate any provision of this chapter or any criminal law of this state or of the United States.

Section 6. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, subsection (3) is added to section 560.141, Florida Statutes, to read:

560.141 License application.—

(3) *The office shall conduct an examination of the applicant, including, but not limited to, the custodian’s vault facilities, before issuing a license to determine the applicant’s ability to conduct business immediately upon opening for business.*

Section 7. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 560.155, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

560.155 Gold and silver coin as legal tender.—

(1) *A money services business may not be required to offer products or services, including, but not limited to, transmitting, storing, exchanging, or accepting payment in gold coin or silver coin. To the extent that a money services business offers such products or services, the money services business must do all of the following, as applicable:*

(a) *Except as provided in s. 560.214, maintain separate accounts for any gold coin or silver coin and not commingle such gold coin or silver coin with any other accounts that hold coin or currency of the United States or of another country.*

(b) *Insure the gold coin or silver coin, if not otherwise insured by an independent custodian of gold coin or silver coin pursuant to s. 560.214(1)(i), for 100 percent of the full replacement value under an all-risk insurance policy issued by a nongovernmental operated insurer that is an authorized insurer or eligible surplus lines insurer.*

(c) *Securely store and safeguard all physical gold coin or silver coin with a custodian of gold coin or silver coin within this state.*

(d) *Ensure that any gold coin or silver coin that is purchased for use or circulation as legal tender is from an accredited refiner or wholesaler as prescribed by commission rule which certifies that the gold coin or silver coin being purchased meets the requirements of gold coin and silver coin.*

(e) *Make disclosures to a customer at the inception of the relationship for providing products or services relating to gold coin or silver coin before a customer initially purchases or uses a money services business product or service relating to such coin, prescribed on a form adopted by the commission. The commission must adopt rules to prescribe the general form of such disclosures. Such disclosures must include, at a minimum, all of the following:*

1. *Notice that the value of gold coin or silver coin will fluctuate over time and that such customer should seek professional advice about whether transacting in gold coin or silver coin may incur a federal capital gains tax.*

2. *Notice of potential fees that may be incurred for converting gold coin or silver coin to United States dollars or other currency, or any other transaction fees that may be incurred which can be incorporated by referencing the company’s terms and conditions.*

3. *Any additional disclosures the commission deems necessary for the protection of any person or entity that tenders or accepts gold coin or silver coin for the payment of debts, taxes, charges, or dues.*

(f) *Provide transparent contracts, products, services, storage terms, and fees, including, but not limited to, purchase, sale, conversion, storage, delivery, transaction, or other fees. The spot rate at which any gold coin or silver coin is converted must be disclosed at the time that the gold coin or silver coin is converted.*

(g) *Comply with chain of custody requirements, as prescribed by commission rule.*

(h) *Comply with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.*

(2) *The commission must adopt rules to implement this section.*

Section 8. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 560.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

560.205 Additional license application requirements.—In addition to the license application requirements under part I of this chapter, an applicant seeking a license under this part must also submit any information required to be submitted by each applicant under the relevant subsection to the office.:

(1) *Any applicant seeking to operate as a payment instrument seller or money transmitter must provide all of the following information to the office:*

(a) *A sample authorized vendor contract, if applicable.*

(b)(2) *A sample form of payment instrument, if applicable.*

(c)(3) *Documents demonstrating that the net worth and bonding requirements specified in s. 560.209 have been fulfilled.*

(d)(4) *A copy of the applicant’s financial audit report for the most recent fiscal year. If the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the financial audit report on the parent corporation’s financial statements satisfies shall satisfy this requirement.*

(2) *Any applicant seeking to operate as a money transmitter that is a custodian of gold coin or silver coin must also provide all of the following additional information to the office:*

(a) *All requirements specified in subsection (1).*

(b) *Evidence of:*

1. Insurance against loss for all gold coin or silver coin held in its custody;
2. Custody of the exact quantity and type of asset for all of its customers' gold coin or silver coin held in its physical custody; and
3. Depository accreditation from an entity approved by the office.

(c) A statement of a business plan providing for the safe and sound operation of custodial services pertaining to the storage, security, insurance, auditing, administration, authorized access, transacting, and transfer of gold coin or silver coin to the satisfaction of the office or in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

Section 9. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 560.214, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

**560.214 Custodians of gold coin or silver coin.—**

(1) A custodian of gold coin or silver coin must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be located in a manner that enables rapid response time by law enforcement.

(b) Meet security requirements in accordance with industry standards, including, but not limited to:

1. Use of a high-security vault rated by a reputable private security testing company approved by the office.
2. Physical security and video surveillance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
3. Biometric or multi-factor access controls;
4. Facility design that is disaster-resistant, including resistant to fire, flood, hurricanes, and earthquakes; and
5. Annual review of security procedures and, as necessary, updates of security procedures.

(c) Maintain accurate accounting records identifying all owners' gold coin or silver coin and the custodian's own gold coin or silver coin.

(d) Maintain records detailing the inventory system, including, but not limited to, serial number and bar number tracking and ledger accounts.

(e) Segregate asset classes that are not gold coin or silver coin.

(f) Store gold coin or silver coin on a fully allocated basis with an undivided interest for each owner. As used in this paragraph, the term:

1. "Fully allocated" means that each owner has a direct and specific legal claim to the exact gold coin or silver coin, or portion thereof, equal to their deposit that is held by the custodian of gold coin or silver coin.

2. "Undivided interest" means all owners share the physical gold coin or silver coin collectively, with each owner entitled to a proportional share of the total holdings equal to their ownership, even though the gold coin or silver coin may be stored as a larger unit.

(g) Comply with chain of custody requirements, as prescribed by commission rule.

(h) Have its custodial holdings examined or audited at least annually by an independent certified public accountant or other auditor acceptable to the office. The auditor must verify that the custodian's custodial assets are sufficient to cover all owner holdings and are held as represented. The results of such audit or examination must be reported to the office.

(i) Maintain insurance covering 100 percent of the full replacement value of the stored gold coin or silver coin under an all-risk insurance policy for loss, theft, damage, and employee dishonesty by an authorized insurer or eligible surplus lines insurer.

(j) Maintain secure technology, including all of the following cybersecurity measures:

1. Secure online portal for account access.
2. Data encrypted in transit and at rest.
3. Two-factor authentication for login.
4. Annual cybersecurity audits and vulnerability assessments.

(k) Maintain custody within this state of the exact quantity and type of gold coin or silver coin as that entrusted by each owner.

(l) Refrain from selling, lending, pledging, rehypothecating, or encumbering any owner's gold coin or silver coin except to the extent directed by the owner for a transfer or transaction.

(m) Comply with anti-money laundering regulations pursuant to this chapter, and any applicable state or federal regulations.

(n) Comply with all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

(2) For a custodian that has a direct contractual relationship with an owner of the gold coin or silver coin, in addition to the requirements provided in subsection (1), such custodian must also comply with all of the following requirements:

(a) Furnish to each owner, at the inception of the relationship for providing products or services relating to gold coin or silver coin and on at least an annual basis, a clear, written disclosure of the terms and conditions of the custodial arrangement and the associated risks of such arrangement as prescribed by commission rule. Such disclosure must include that the gold coin or silver coin is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Association, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation but is privately insured covering 100 percent of the full replacement value of the gold coin or silver coin as provided in paragraph (1)(i), and that the owner's gold coin or silver coin is held by a licensed custodian under Florida law.

(b) Provide quarterly account statements to an owner which itemize the gold coin or silver coin in custody for such owner, and promptly deliver an updated statement upon the owner's request.

(c) Return the owner's gold coin or silver coin to the owner upon the owner's request, which return must meet all of the following requirements, as applicable:

1. The custodian must deliver possession of the physical gold coin or silver coin no later than 10 business days after the date of the owner's request;

2. The owner may direct and the custodian must return physical gold coin or silver coin at the minimum weight of at least 1 gram; the custodian may also return some or all of the owners gold coin and silver coin at higher weights;

3. Any holdings of gold coin or silver coin less than 1 whole gram may be converted, at the discretion of the custodian, to United States currency at the market rate at the time the request is received by such custodian;

4. The owner may direct that any or all of his or her holdings of gold coin or silver coin be converted to United States currency and be delivered to the owner within 5 business days after a request; and

5. The owner and the custodian may agree on any other terms of delivery provided such terms meet the minimum requirements provided in this paragraph.

(d) Within 10 business days after a request, make available to an owner a copy of any audit report required pursuant to paragraph (1)(h) which has been completed within the most recent 2 calendar year period.

(e) Not disclose information relating to an account holder, including, but not limited to, the account holder's identity, account balances, account transactions, or other related data, except under any of the following circumstances:



1. The disclosure is made with the express written consent of the account holder.

2. The disclosure is made pursuant to a court order or a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil or criminal proceeding.

3. The disclosure is otherwise authorized or required by state or federal law.

Any information obtained in violation of this paragraph is inadmissible in any proceeding if a timely objection is made. A subcontractor or agent of a custodian of gold coin or silver coin may not disclose any information relating to an account holder, including, but not limited to, the account holder's identity, account balances, account transactions, or other related data, except under the circumstances described in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3.

(3) A custodian is a fiduciary to its customers.

(4) Transmission of gold coin or silver coin by a custodian to or from its customer is a two-party transaction for which the office has jurisdiction.

(5) The commission must adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 10. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 655.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

655.50 Florida Control of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Financial Institutions Act.—

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

(e) "Monetary instruments" means coin or currency of the United States or of any other country, travelers' checks, personal checks, bank checks, money orders, stored value cards, prepaid cards, gold coin or silver coin as defined in s. 215.986, investment securities or negotiable instruments in bearer form or otherwise in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery, or similar devices.

Section 11. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 655.97, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

655.97 Gold and silver coin as legal tender.—

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

(a) "Custodian of gold coin or silver coin" or "custodian" has the same meaning as in s. 560.103(13).

(b) "Electronic transfer" has the same meaning as in s. 215.986(1)(b).

(c) "Gold coin" has the same meaning as in s. 215.986(1)(c).

(d) "Receive deposits" means the taking of gold coin or silver coin to be credited to a new or existing account.

(e) "Silver coin" has the same meaning as in s. 215.986(1)(f).

(2) As provided in s. 215.986(2)(e), a financial institution may not be required to offer any products or services relating to gold coin or silver coin, including, but not limited to, taking any of the following actions:

(a) Receiving deposits consisting of gold coin or silver coin, whether in physical form or by electronic transfer.

(b) Exchanging gold coin or silver coin for coin or currency of the United States or of another country.

(3) A financial institution may not incur any liability for refusing to offer products or services relating to gold coin or silver coin as provided in subsection (1), except as specifically provided by contract.

(4) To the extent that a financial institution accepts gold coin or silver coin deposits or otherwise holds such coin on behalf of its custo-

mers, members, or the public, the financial institution must do all of the following:

(a) Except as provided in s. 560.214, maintain separate accounts for any gold coin or silver coin and not commingle such gold coin or silver coin with any other accounts that hold coin or currency of the United States or of another country.

(b) Insure the gold coin or silver coin, if not otherwise insured by a custodian of gold coin or silver coin pursuant to s. 560.214(1)(i), for 100 percent of the full replacement value under an all-risk insurance policy issued by a nongovernmental-operated insurer that is an authorized insurer or an eligible surplus lines insurer.

(c) If a financial institution decides to contract with a custodian of gold coin or silver coin, securely store and safeguard all physical gold coin or silver coin with such custodian within this state. A financial institution that contracts with a custodian of gold coin or silver coin to store customer deposits must disclose to such customers the name and location of where the gold coin and silver coin are stored.

(d) Comply, or be responsible and accountable for any third-party vendor that stores such gold coin or silver coin on its behalf to comply, with the requirements for a custodian of gold coin or silver coin as provided in s. 560.214. A financial institution regulated under the financial institutions code of this state which acts as a custodian is exempt from obtaining a separate license as a custodian pursuant to s. 560.204(1).

(e) Ensure that any gold coin or silver coin purchased for use or circulation as legal tender is from an accredited refiner or wholesaler as prescribed by commission rule which certifies that the gold coin or silver coin being purchased meets the requirements of gold coin and silver coin.

(f) Make disclosures to a customer at the inception of the relationship for providing products or services relating to gold coin or silver coin before a customer initially purchases or uses a product or service relating to such coin, prescribed on a form adopted by the commission. The commission must adopt rules to prescribe the general form of such disclosures. Such disclosures must include, at a minimum, all of the following:

1. Notice that the value of gold coin or silver coin will fluctuate over time and that such customer should seek professional advice about whether transacting in gold coin or silver coin may incur a federal capital gains tax.

2. Notice of potential fees that may be incurred for converting gold coin or silver coin to United States dollars or other currency, or any other transaction fees that may be incurred which can be incorporated by referencing the company's terms and conditions.

3. Any additional disclosures the commission deems necessary for the protection of any person or entity that tenders or accepts gold coin or silver coin for the payment of debts, taxes, charges, or dues.

(g) Provide transparent contracts, products, services, storage terms, and fees, including, but not limited to, purchase, sale, conversion, storage, delivery, transaction, or other fees. The spot rate at which any gold coin or silver coin is converted must be disclosed at the time the gold coin or silver coin is converted.

(h) Comply with chain of custody requirements, as prescribed by commission rule.

(i) Comply with all other applicable state and federal regulations.

(5) The commission must adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 12. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, subsection (2) of section 672.511, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

672.511 Tender of payment by buyer; payment by check.—

(2) Tender of payment is sufficient when made by any means or in any manner current in the ordinary course of business unless the seller demands payment in legal tender and gives any extension of time



reasonably necessary to procure it. *As provided in s. 215.986(2)(e), this section may not be construed to compel a person to tender payment in gold coin or silver coin as defined in s. 215.986.*

Section 13. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, section 731.1065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

**731.1065 Precious metals.—**

(1) For the purposes of the code, *gold coin or silver coin that is legal tender pursuant to s. 215.986 is not tangible personal property.* Precious metals in any tangible form, *which are not legal tender pursuant to s. 215.986 and which are such as bullion or coins* kept and acquired for their historical, artistic, collectable, or investment value apart from their normal use as legal tender for payment, are tangible personal property.

(2) This section is effective on July 1, 2026, for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2026. *Section 1 of chapter 2020-67, Laws of Florida, applies to decedents dying before July 1, 2026 intended to clarify existing law and applies retroactively to all written instruments executed before, on, or after July 1, 2020, as well as all proceedings pending or commenced before, on, or after July 1, 2020, in which the disposition of precious metals in any tangible form has not been finally determined.*

Section 14. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 559.952, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

**559.952 Financial Technology Sandbox.—**

**(4) EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL LAW AND WAIVERS OF RULE REQUIREMENTS.—**

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, upon approval of a Financial Technology Sandbox application, the following provisions and corresponding rule requirements are not applicable to the licensee during the sandbox period:

1. Section 516.03(1), except for the application fee, the investigation fee, the requirement to provide the social security numbers of control persons, evidence of liquid assets of at least \$25,000 or documents satisfying the requirements of s. 516.05(10), and the office's authority to investigate the applicant's background. The office may prorate the license renewal fee for an extension granted under subsection (7).

2. Section 516.05(1) and (2), except that the office shall investigate the applicant's background.

3. Section 560.109, only to the extent that the section requires the office to examine a licensee at least once every 5 years.

4. Section 560.118(2).

5. Section 560.125(1), only to the extent that the subsection would prohibit a licensee from engaging in the business of a money transmitter or payment instrument seller during the sandbox period.

6. Section 560.125(2), only to the extent that the subsection would prohibit a licensee from appointing an authorized vendor during the sandbox period. Any authorized vendor of such a licensee during the sandbox period remains liable to the holder or remitter.

7. Section 560.128.

8. Section 560.141, except for s. 560.141(1)(a)1., 3., 7.-10. and (b), (c), and (d).

9. Section 560.142(1) and (2), except that the office may prorate, but may not entirely eliminate, the license renewal fees in s. 560.143 for an extension granted under subsection (7).

10. Section 560.143(2), only to the extent necessary for proration of the renewal fee under subparagraph 9.

11. Section 560.204(1), only to the extent that the subsection would prohibit a licensee from engaging in, or advertising that it engages in, the activity of a payment instrument seller or money transmitter during the sandbox period.

12. *Section 560.205(1)(b) Section 560.205(2).*

13. Section 560.208(2).

14. Section 560.209, only to the extent that the office may modify, but may not entirely eliminate, the net worth, corporate surety bond, and collateral deposit amounts required under that section. The modified amounts must be in such lower amounts that the office determines to be commensurate with the factors under paragraph (5)(c) and the maximum number of consumers authorized to receive the financial product or service under this section.

Section 15. Effective July 1, 2026, upon legislative ratification of rules of the Financial Services Commission and the Chief Financial Officer as provided in section 17 of this act, the Division of Law Revision is directed to:

(1) Add s. 560.155, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, to part I of chapter 560, Florida Statutes.

(2) Add s. 560.214, Florida Statutes, as created by this act, to part II of chapter 560, Florida Statutes.

(3) Rename part II of chapter 560, Florida Statutes, entitled "Payment Instruments and Funds Transmission" as "Payment Instruments, Funds Transmission, and Custodians of Gold and Silver Coin," consisting of ss. 560.203-560.214, Florida Statutes.

Section 16. (1) The Department of Financial Services and the Office of Financial Regulation must submit a report by November 1, 2025, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which contains all the following information:

(a) The rules adopted by the Financial Services Commission and the rules adopted by the Chief Financial Officer to implement this act.

(b) Whether the department intends to tender or accept gold coin or silver coin as payment of debts, taxes, charges, or dues.

(c) Whether the department or office anticipates any unintended consequences that may harm Florida's economy or its citizens by the implementation of this act.

(d) If applicable, an explanation of any challenges that require additional legislation to enable the state to choose to accept gold coin or silver coin as legal tender for payment of debts, taxes, charges, or dues pursuant to s. 215.986, Florida Statutes. The department and office must provide proposed language for potential legislation to address any challenges identified.

(e) Any other recommendations to implement this act. The department and office must provide proposed language for additional legislation that is needed to implement this act. Such additional legislation includes, but is not limited to, public records exemption language for the expanded exemption coverage under chapters 560 and 655, Florida Statutes, and language for the expanded application of fees to custodians of gold coin and silver coin in s. 560.141(1)(b), Florida Statutes.

(2) This section is effective upon becoming a law.

Section 17. (1) The Chief Financial Officer shall adopt rules to implement s. 280.21, Florida Statutes, as created by this act. The Financial Services Commission shall adopt rules to implement any provisions in chapter 560, Florida Statutes, or chapter 655, Florida Statutes, as created or amended by this act, including, but not limited to, ss. 560.155, 560.214, and 655.97, Florida Statutes. Such rules must be adopted by November 1, 2025, and submitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before November 1, 2025, in the report specified in section 16. Such rules may not take effect until they are ratified by the Legislature. The Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Services Commission shall notify the Division of Law Revision upon legislative ratification of such rules.

(2) *This section is effective upon becoming a law solely for the purpose of adopting the rules required under this section, but such rules may not be implemented until such rules are ratified by the Legislature and until such time that the provisions for which the rules are adopted become law.*

Section 18. (1) *To avoid this act taking effect before the required rules have been adopted and ratified, this act shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through re-enactment by the Legislature after ratification of the required rules.*

(2) *This section is effective upon becoming a law.*

Section 19. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal tender; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; revising the sales and use tax exemption for certain coin or currency; specifying that a person who claims the sales tax exemption bears the burden for determining whether the gold coin or silver coin meets a specified definition; providing a presumption regarding the purity requirements of gold coin and silver coin; creating s. 215.986, F.S.; defining terms; specifying that gold coin and silver coin are recognized as legal tender for a specified purpose; prohibiting gold coin or silver coin recognized as legal tender from being imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked in a specified manner; providing an exception; specifying that a gold coin or silver coin that does not meet certain requirements is not recognized as legal tender for a specified purpose; providing construction; prohibiting persons or entities from being required to offer or accept any legal tender for a specified purpose; prohibiting persons or entities from incurring liability for refusing to offer or accept legal tender; providing an exception; authorizing a governmental entity to accept gold coin or silver coin for a specified purpose and only in a specified manner; authorizing governmental entities to tender or accept gold coin or silver coin for certain purposes; authorizing governmental entities to tender or accept gold coin or silver coin by electronic transfer and not in physical form; requiring governmental entities to enter into specified written contracts under certain circumstances; requiring certain custodians of gold coin or silver coin to meet certain requirements; specifying that a governmental entity that tenders or accepts gold coin or silver coin under certain circumstances need not comply with certain provisions; creating s. 280.21, F.S.; requiring custodians of gold coin or silver coin which hold public deposits to meet certain requirements; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to adopt rules; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 560.109, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to examine a custodian of gold coin or silver coin at least annually; amending s. 560.141, F.S.; authorizing the office to conduct an examination of certain applicants before issuing a specified license; creating s. 560.155, F.S.; prohibiting money services businesses from being required to offer certain products or services; specifying certain requirements if money services businesses offer certain products or services; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; amending s. 560.205, F.S.; requiring applicants seeking to operate as a payment instrument seller, money transmitter, or a custodian of gold coin or silver coin to provide specified information to the office; creating s. 560.214, F.S.; requiring a custodian of gold coin or silver coin to meet certain requirements; defining the terms “fully allocated” and “undivided interest”; specifying that a custodian is a fiduciary to its customers; specifying that transmission of gold coin or silver coin in a specified manner is a two-party transaction; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 655.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “monetary instrument”; creating s. 655.97, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting financial institutions from being required to offer certain products or services; prohibiting financial institutions from incurring liability for refusing to offer certain products or services; specifying certain requirements if financial institutions offer certain products or services; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 672.511, F.S.; providing construction; amending s. 731.1065, F.S.; specifying that gold or silver coin that is legal tender is not tangible personal property; specifying that certain provisions are effective for decedents on or after a specified date; providing applicability; deleting construction and applicability; amending s. 559.952, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing directives to the Division of Law Revision; requiring, by a specified date, the De-

partment of Financial Services and the Office of Financial Regulation to submit a specified report to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; requiring that such rules be adopted by a specified date and submitted to the Legislature in a specified report; providing that such rules may not take effect until ratified by the Legislature; requiring the Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Services Commission to make a specified notification to the Division of Law Revision; prohibiting such rules from being implemented until a specified time; repealing certain provisions unless reviewed and saved from the repeal through re-enactment; providing effective dates.

On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 999**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingolia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1702**, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1270**, and **CS for CS for SB 1624** was deferred.

**CS for CS for SB 622**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to jai alai permitholders; amending s. 550.475, F.S.; authorizing holders of valid pari-mutuel permits to lease certain facilities to any other holder of the same pari-mutuel permit or to any jai alai permitholder when located within a specified radius of each other; authorizing such lessees to apply for a certain license; prohibiting such lessees from operating a cardroom or slot machine at the leased facility; requiring certain jai alai permitholders to conduct a minimum number of live performances using their existing permit; prohibiting operation under a lessor's permit; 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 622** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingolia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Nays—1

Yarborough

**SB 776**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aggravating factors for capital felonies; amending s. 921.141, F.S.; adding as an aggravating factor that the capital felony was committed against the head of a state, or in an attempt to commit such crime a capital felony was committed against another individual; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 776**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 653** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Ingoglia—

**HB 653**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aggravating factors for capital felonies; amending s. 921.141, F.S.; adding as an aggravating factor that the capital felony was committed against the head of a state, or in an attempt to commit such crime a capital felony was committed against another individual; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 776** and read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **HB 653** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

**CS for SB 1382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to access to school readiness programs for economically disadvantaged households; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “economically disadvantaged” and “single point of entry”; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the Department of Education’s duties for adopting specific program support services to coordinate a comprehensive early learning program; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising duties of early learning coalitions relating to the creation of a uniform waiting list; amending s. 1002.85, F.S.; revising requirements for the school readiness program plan; revising data elements relating to early learning programs collected by the Department of Education; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising which groups of students receive priority in a school readiness program; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising criteria for the determination of the annual allocation for the school readiness program; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1382**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 859** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for CS for HB 859**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising requirements for a specified statewide data information program within the school readiness program; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising requirements for the program’s uniform waiting list; amending s. 1002.85, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising the requirements for determining the school readiness program allocation; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1382** and read the second time by title.

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (766134)**—Delete lines 27-160 and insert: income that does not exceed 55 percent of the state median income ~~150 percent of the federal poverty level~~ and includes being a child of a working migratory family as defined by 34 C.F.R. s. 200.81(d) or (f) or an agricultural worker who is employed by more than one agricultural employer during the course of a year, and whose income varies according to weather conditions and market stability.

(13) “Single point of entry” means an integrated information system that allows a parent to enroll his or her child in the school readiness program or the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program at various locations throughout a county, that may allow a parent to enroll his

or her child by telephone or through a website, and that uses a uniform waiting list to track ~~eligible~~ children waiting for enrollment in the school readiness program *based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87*.

Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

(2) The department shall:

(f) Establish a unified approach to the state’s efforts to coordinate a comprehensive early learning program. In support of this effort, the department:

1. Shall adopt specific program support services that address the state’s school readiness program, including:

a. Statewide data information program requirements that include:

(I) Eligibility requirements.

(II) Financial reports.

(III) Program accountability measures.

(IV) Child progress reports.

b. Child care resource and referral services.

c. A single point of entry and uniform waiting list *that tracks children waiting for school readiness program services based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87*.

2. May provide technical assistance and guidance on additional support services to complement the school readiness program, including:

a. Warm-Line services.

b. Anti-fraud plans.

c. Training and support for parental involvement in children’s early education.

d. Family literacy activities and services.

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1002.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.84 Early learning coalitions; school readiness powers and duties.—Each early learning coalition shall:

(2) Establish a uniform waiting list to track ~~eligible~~ children waiting for enrollment in the school readiness program *based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87* and in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (5) of section 1002.85, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.85 Early learning coalition plans.—

(2) Each early learning coalition must submit a school readiness program plan every 3 years to the department before the expenditure of funds. A coalition may not implement its school readiness program plan until it receives approval from the department. A coalition may not implement any revision to its school readiness program plan until the coalition submits the revised plan to and receives approval from the department. If the department rejects a plan or revision, the coalition must continue to operate under its previously approved plan. The plan must include, but is not limited to:

(b) The coalition’s procedures for implementing the requirements of this part, including:

1. Single point of entry.

2. Uniform waiting list *that tracks children waiting for school readiness program services based on family household income and the priorities established under s. 1002.87.*

3. Eligibility and enrollment processes and local eligibility priorities for children pursuant to s. 1002.87.

4. Parent access and choice.

5. Sliding fee scale and policies on applying the waiver or reduction of fees in accordance with s. 1002.84(9).

6. Use of preassessments and postassessments, as applicable.

7. Use of contracted slots, as applicable, based on the results of the assessment required under paragraph (i).

(5) The department shall collect and report data on coalition delivery of early learning programs. Elements shall include, but are not limited to, measures related to progress towards reducing the number of children on the waiting list, the percentage of children served by the program as compared to the number of administrative staff and overhead, the percentage of children served compared to total number of children under the age of 5 years below *55 percent of the state median income* ~~150 percent of the federal poverty level~~, provider payment processes, fraud intervention, child attendance and stability, use of child care resource and referral, and kindergarten readiness outcomes for children in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program or the school readiness program upon entry into kindergarten. The department shall request input from the coalitions and school readiness program providers before finalizing the format and data to be used. The report shall be implemented beginning July 1, 2014, and results of the report must be included in the annual report under s. 1002.82.

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1002.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.89 School readiness program; funding.—

(1) DETERMINATION OF EARLY LEARNING COALITION SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM FUNDING.—Funding for the school readiness program shall be used by the early learning coalitions in accordance with this part and the General Appropriations Act.

(a) *School readiness program allocation.*—If the annual allocation for the school readiness program is not determined in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill implementing the General Appropriations Act, it shall be determined as follows:

1. For each county in the early learning coalition, the total number of unweighted full-time equivalent school readiness children, as adopted by the Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136(8), *which shall consider the historical trend of children served and population changes for each county*, shall be multiplied by the appropriate care level factor to calculate the weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term “care level factor” means the adjustment made based on the relative differences in reimbursement rates associated with the eligible school readiness children pursuant to s. 1002.87.

2. The total weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children shall be multiplied by the rate index to calculate the adjusted weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term “rate index” means the adjustment made based on the impact of geographic location on reimbursement rates.

3. The school readiness program funds shall be distributed based on each county’s proportionate share of the total adjusted weighted full-time equivalent school readiness children.

Section 6. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 859**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President

Arrington

Avila

Berman  
Bernard  
Boyd  
Bradley  
Brodeur  
Burgess  
Burton  
Calatayud  
Collins  
Davis  
DiCeglie  
Gaetz

Garcia  
Grall  
Gruters  
Harrell  
Hooper  
Ingoglia  
Jones  
Leek  
Martin  
McClain  
Osgood  
Passidomo

Pizzo  
Polsky  
Rodriguez  
Rouson  
Sharief  
Simon  
Smith  
Truenow  
Trumbull  
Wright  
Yarborough

Nays—None

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1444**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public safety; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; authorizing first responder amputees to continue to serve as first responders under certain circumstances; creating s. 112.195, F.S.; creating the Florida Medal of Valor and the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; providing requirements for such medals; creating a board to evaluate applications for awarding such medals; providing for board membership; creating s. 316.2675, F.S.; prohibiting the use of motor vehicle kill switches; providing exceptions; providing a criminal penalty; amending s. 500.92, F.S.; providing increased criminal penalties for the selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving of any kratom product to a person younger than 21 years of age; amending s. 775.0823, F.S.; requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for attempted murder in the first degree committed against specified justice system personnel; amending s. 790.052, F.S.; providing that specified persons may carry concealed firearms under certain circumstances and use them in the same manner as on-duty law enforcement officers; amending s. 817.49, F.S.; providing legislative findings concerning prosecution of the false reporting of crimes; amending s. 843.025, F.S.; prohibiting a person from depriving specified officers of digital recording devices or restraint devices; prohibiting a person from rendering a specified officer’s weapon, radio, digital recording device, or restraint device useless or otherwise preventing the officer from defending himself or herself or summoning assistance; providing a criminal penalty; amending ss. 937.021 and 937.022, F.S.; revising requirements for the reporting of missing persons information; creating s. 943.0413, F.S.; creating the Critical Infrastructure Mapping Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing eligibility; specifying requirements for maps created by the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 951.27, F.S.; specifying requirements for testing inmates for infectious diseases; requiring that test results be reported to specified persons; requiring a first responder and other specified persons to provide notice upon his or her exposure to certain substances; requiring an employing agency to provide notice if a first responder or specified person is unable to provide notice; requiring a detention facility to test an inmate upon receipt of a specified notice; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1444**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1371** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Collins—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 1371**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement officers and other personnel; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; authorizing first responder amputees to continue to serve as first responders under certain circumstances; creating s. 112.195, F.S.; creating the Florida Medal of Valor and the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; providing requirements for such medals; creating a board to evaluate applications for awarding such medals; providing for board membership; creating s. 316.2675, F.S.; prohibiting the use of motor vehicle kill switches; providing exceptions; providing a criminal penalty; amending s. 775.0823, F.S.; requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for attempted murder in the first degree committed against specified justice system personnel; amending s. 817.49, F.S.; providing legislative findings concerning prosecution of the false reporting of crimes; amending s. 843.025, F.S.; prohibiting a person from depriving specified officers of digital recording devices or restraint de-

vices; prohibiting a person from rendering a specified officer's weapon, radio, digital recording device, or restraint device useless or otherwise preventing the officer from defending himself or herself or summoning assistance; providing a criminal penalty; amending s. 933.05, F.S.; requiring certain search warrants to be returned to the court within a specified time period; amending ss. 937.021 and 937.022, F.S.; revising requirements for the reporting of missing persons information; creating s. 943.0413, F.S.; creating the Critical Infrastructure Mapping Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing eligibility; specifying requirements for maps created by the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 951.27, F.S.; specifying requirements for testing inmates for infectious diseases; requiring test results to be reported to specified persons; requiring a first responder and other specified persons to provide notice upon his or her exposure to certain substances; requiring an employing agency to provide notice if a first responder or specified person is unable to provide notice; requiring a detention facility to test an inmate upon receipt of a specified notice; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for CS for SB 1444** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1371** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Arrington	Garcia	Polsky
Avila	Grall	Rodriguez
Berman	Gruters	Rouson
Bernard	Harrell	Sharief
Boyd	Hooper	Simon
Bradley	Ingoglia	Smith
Brodeur	Jones	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	McClain	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	
Davis	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gaetz

On motion by Senator Martin, the Senate resumed consideration of—

**CS for CS for HB 481**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.60, F.S.; restricting local regulation of vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring fields in certain counties; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; designating specified sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County as grandfathered-in anchoring limitation areas; amending s. 327.4109, F.S.; increasing the prohibited anchoring and mooring distance of vessels and floating structures near public mooring fields; providing an effective date.

—which was previously considered 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 failed:

**Amendment 1 (134212)**—Delete line 32 and insert:  
*of a county with a population of 800,000 or more, excluding*

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for HB 481** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

## BILLS ON THIRD READING

**CS for CS for HB 903**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corrections; amending s. 57.085, F.S.; revising provisions relating to deferral of prepayment of court costs and fees for indigent prisoners for actions involving challenges to prison disciplinary reports; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; providing for a 1-year period of limitation for bringing certain actions relating to the condition of confinement of prisoners; creating s. 760.701, F.S.; defining the term “prisoner”; requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies before certain actions concerning confinement of prisoners may be brought; providing for dismissal of certain actions involving prisoner confinement in certain circumstances; requiring a showing of physical injury or the commission of a certain act as a condition precedent for bringing certain actions relating to prisoner confinement; specifying a time limitation period for bringing an action concerning any condition of confinement; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing that prison terms for certain offenses committed in conjunction with another felony offense may be sentenced to be served consecutively; amending ss. 922.10 and 922.105, F.S.; revising provisions concerning methods of execution of death sentences; amending s. 934.425, F.S.; exempting persons working for the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, or persons authorized pursuant to a court order, from provisions regulating the use of tracking devices or tracking applications; amending s. 945.41, F.S.; revising legislative intent; revising provisions relating to mental health treatment for inmates; providing that an inmate must give his or her express and informed consent to such treatment; specifying information an inmate must receive regarding treatment; authorizing the warden to authorize certain emergency medical treatment under the direction of the inmate’s attending physician under certain circumstances; amending s. 945.42, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; amending s. 945.43, F.S.; revising provisions concerning involuntary examinations; amending s. 945.44, F.S.; revising provisions concerning involuntary placement and treatment of an inmate in a mental health treatment facility; repealing s. 945.45 F.S., relating to continued placement of inmates in mental health treatment facilities; amending s. 945.46, F.S.; providing requirements for filing petitions for involuntary inpatient placement for certain inmates; authorizing the court to order alternative means and venues for certain hearings; requiring, rather than authorizing, inmates to be transported to the nearest receiving facility in certain circumstances; amending s. 945.47, F.S.; specifying purposes for which an inmate’s mental health treatment records may be provided to the Florida Commission on Offender Review and the Department of Children and Families; authorizing such records to be provided to certain facilities upon request; amending s. 945.48, F.S.; substantially rewording provisions relating to emergency treatment orders and use of force and providing requirements therefore; providing requirements for emergency and psychotropic medications and use of force; creating s. 945.485, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing requirements for management and treatment for an inmate’s self-injurious behaviors; requiring facility wardens to consult with an inmate’s treating physician in certain circumstances and make certain determinations; providing for petitions to compel an inmate to submit to medical treatment in certain circumstances; providing construction; amending s. 945.49, F.S.; removing a requirement that the Department of Corrections adopt certain rules in cooperation with the Mental Health Program Office of the Department of Children and Families; creating s. 945.6402, F.S.; providing definitions; providing legislative findings and intent; providing requirements for inmate capacity, health care advance directives, and proxies; authorizing the use of force on incapacitated inmates in certain circumstances; providing immunity from liability for certain persons in certain circumstances; amending s. 947.02, F.S.; revising the manner in which the membership of the Florida Commission on Offender Review is appointed; repealing s. 947.021, F.S., relating to expedited appointments of the Florida Commission on Offender Review; amending s. 947.12, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 957.04, F.S.; revising requirements for contracting for certain services; amending s. 957.09, F.S.; removing a provision relating to minority business enterprises; amending s. 20.32, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the third time by title.

Senator Grall moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (894320) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 108-376 and insert:

Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (i) is added to subsection (5) of that section, to read:

95.11 Limitations other than for the recovery of real property.— Actions other than for recovery of real property shall be commenced as follows:

(2) WITHIN FIVE YEARS.—

(b) A legal or equitable action on a contract, obligation, or liability founded on a written instrument, except for an action to enforce a claim against a payment bond, which shall be governed by the applicable provisions of paragraph (6)(e), s. 255.05(10), s. 337.18(1), or s. 713.23(1)(e), and except for an action for a deficiency judgment governed by paragraph (6)(f) ~~(6)(h)~~.

(5) WITHIN TWO YEARS.—

(i) *Except for actions described in subsection (9), or a petition challenging a criminal conviction, all petitions; extraordinary writs; tort actions, including those under s. 768.28(14); or other actions which concern any condition of confinement of a prisoner filed by or on behalf of a prisoner as defined in s. 57.085. Any petition, writ, or action brought under this paragraph must be commenced within 2 years after the time the incident, conduct, or conditions occurred or within 2 years after the time the incident, conduct, or conditions were discovered, or should have been discovered.*

(6) WITHIN ONE YEAR.—

~~(f) Except for actions described in subsection (9), a petition for extraordinary writ, other than a petition challenging a criminal conviction, filed by or on behalf of a prisoner as defined in s. 57.085.~~

~~(g) Except for actions described in subsection (9), an action brought by or on behalf of a prisoner, as defined in s. 57.085, relating to the conditions of the prisoner's confinement.~~

~~(h)~~ An action to enforce a claim of a deficiency related to a note secured by a mortgage against a residential property that is a one-family to four-family dwelling unit. The limitations period shall commence on the day after the certificate is issued by the clerk of court or the day after the mortgagee accepts a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

Section 3. Section 760.701, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

760.701 *Lawsuits by prisoners.*—

(1) *For the purposes of this section, the term “prisoner” means any person incarcerated or detained in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility, who is accused of, convicted of, sentenced for, or adjudicated delinquent for, violations of criminal law or the terms and conditions of parole, probation, pretrial release, or diversionary program.*

(2) *An action may not be brought by or on behalf of a prisoner relating to the conditions of the prisoner's confinement under 42 U.S.C. s. 1983, or any other state or federal law, until such administrative remedies as are available are fully exhausted.*

(3) *The court shall on its own motion or on the motion of a party dismiss any action brought relating to the conditions of the prisoner's confinement under 42 U.S.C. s. 1983, or any other state or federal law, by a prisoner if the court is satisfied that the action is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. The court shall review any such action pursuant to s. 57.085(6).*

(4) *An action may not be brought in state court by or on behalf of a prisoner relating to the conditions of the prisoner's confinement under 42 U.S.C. s. 1983, or any state tort action, for mental or emotional injury suffered while in custody without a prior showing of physical injury or the commission of a sexual act as defined in 18 U.S.C. s. 2246(2).*

(5) *The time for bringing an action which concerns any condition of confinement of a prisoner shall be the limitations period as described in s. 95.11(5)(i).*

Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, para-

graph (e) of subsection (3) is redesignated as paragraph (f), paragraph (d) of that subsection is amended, a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) are republished, to read:

775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery; felony reclassification; minimum sentence.—

(2)(a)1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for:

- a. Murder;
- b. Sexual battery;
- c. Robbery;
- d. Burglary;
- e. Arson;
- f. Aggravated battery;
- g. Kidnapping;
- h. Escape;
- i. Aircraft piracy;
- j. Aggravated child abuse;
- k. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- l. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb;
- m. Carjacking;
- n. Home-invasion robbery;
- o. Aggravated stalking;
- p. Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs, capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 893.135(1);
- q. Possession of a firearm by a felon; or
- r. Human trafficking

and during the commission of the offense, such person actually possessed a “firearm” or “destructive device” as those terms are defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years, except that a person who is convicted for possession of a firearm by a felon or burglary of a conveyance shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years if such person possessed a “firearm” or “destructive device” during the commission of the offense. However, if an offender who is convicted of the offense of possession of a firearm by a felon has a previous conviction of committing or attempting to commit a felony listed in s. 775.084(1)(b)1. and actually possessed a firearm or destructive device during the commission of the prior felony, the offender shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-p. or sub-subparagraph 1.r., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a “firearm” or “destructive device” as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-p. or sub-subparagraph 1.r., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony,

and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a “firearm” or “destructive device” as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who actually possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use firearms or destructive devices be punished to the fullest extent of the law. ~~The court shall impose, and the minimum term terms of imprisonment required under paragraph (a) imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed for each qualifying felony offense count for which the person is convicted. If the offender is convicted of multiple felony offenses for which paragraph (a) requires the imposition of a minimum term of imprisonment, the court shall impose any such terms term of imprisonment provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.~~

(e) ~~If an offender commits a felony enumerated in subparagraph (a)1. in conjunction with any other felony offense not enumerated in subparagraph (a)1., the court may impose any term of imprisonment provided for in paragraph (a) consecutively to any other term of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense not enumerated in subparagraph (a)1.~~

(3)(a)1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a firearm is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for:

- a. Murder;
- b. Sexual battery;
- c. Robbery;
- d. Burglary;
- e. Arson;
- f. Aggravated battery;
- g. Kidnapping;
- h. Escape;
- i. Sale, manufacture, delivery, or intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver any controlled substance;
- j. Aircraft piracy;
- k. Aggravated child abuse;
- l. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;
- m. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb;
- n. Carjacking;
- o. Home-invasion robbery;
- p. Aggravated stalking;
- q. Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs, capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 893.135(1); or
- r. Human trafficking

and during the commission of the offense, such person possessed a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years.

2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in subparagraph 1., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box magazine or a “machine gun” as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in subparagraph 1., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box magazine or a “machine gun” as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001 be punished to the fullest extent of the law. ~~The court shall impose, and the minimum term terms of imprisonment required under paragraph (a) imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed for each qualifying felony offense count for which the person is convicted. If the offender is convicted of multiple felony offenses for which paragraph (a) requires the imposition of a minimum term of imprisonment, the court shall impose any such terms term of imprisonment provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.~~

(e) ~~If an offender commits a felony enumerated in subparagraph (a)1. in conjunction with any other felony offense not enumerated in subparagraph (a)1., the court may impose any term of imprisonment provided for in paragraph (a) consecutively to any other term of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense not enumerated in subparagraph (a)1.~~

(f)(e) As used in this subsection, the term:

1. “High-capacity detachable box magazine” means any detachable box magazine, for use in a semiautomatic firearm, which is capable of being loaded with more than 20 centerfire cartridges.

2. “Semiautomatic firearm” means a firearm which is capable of firing a series of rounds by separate successive depressions of the trigger and which uses the energy of discharge to perform a portion of the operating cycle.

Section 5. Subsection (13) of section 517.191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

517.191 Enforcement by the Office of Financial Regulation; enforcement by Attorney General.—

(13) ~~Notwithstanding s. 95.11(5)(f),~~ An enforcement action brought under this section based on a violation of this chapter or any rule or order issued under this chapter shall be brought within 6 years after the facts giving rise to the cause of action were discovered or should have been discovered with the exercise of due diligence, but not more than 8 years after the date such violation occurred.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 7-25 and insert: providing for a 2-year period of limitation for bringing certain actions relating to the condition of confinement of prisoners; creating s. 760.701, F.S.; defining the term “prisoner”; requiring exhaustion of administrative remedies before certain actions concerning confinement of prisoners may be brought; providing for dismissal of certain actions involving prisoner confinement in certain circumstances; requiring a showing of physical injury or the commission of a certain act as a condition precedent for bringing certain actions relating to prisoner confinement; specifying a time limitation period for bringing an action concerning any condition of confinement; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing that prison terms for certain offenses committed in conjunction with another felony offense may be sentenced to be served consecutively; amending s. 517.191, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act;

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

Senator Grall moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (894320)** which was adopted:

**Amendment 1A (535700) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 247-257.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 279-281 and insert: sentenced to be served consecutively;

**Amendment 1 (894320)**, as amended, failed to receive the required two-thirds vote.

The vote was:

Yeas—22

Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bernard	Grall	Rouson
Bradley	Gruters	Sharief
Burton	Harrell	Simon
Calatayud	Jones	Smith
Davis	Osgood	
DiCeglie	Pizzo	

Nays—16

Mr. President	Hooper	Truenow
Avila	Ingoglia	Trumbull
Boyd	Leek	Wright
Brodeur	Martin	Yarborough
Burgess	McClain	
Collins	Passidomo	

On motion by Senator Martin, **CS for CS for HB 903** was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—26

Mr. President	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
DiCeglie	Passidomo	

Nays—11

Arrington	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Sharief
Bernard	Jones	Smith
Davis	Osgood	

MOTIONS

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

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and a deadline of one hour after adjournment was set for filing amendments to Bills on Third Reading to be considered Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

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 Tuesday, April 29, 2025: CS for SB 80, SB 200, CS for CS for SB 492, CS for SB 494, CS for CS for SB 500, CS for SB 524, CS for CS for SB 592, CS for SB 716, CS for SB 742, SB 776, CS for CS for SB 822, SB 936, CS for SB 964, CS for SB 976, CS for SB 1084, CS for CS for SB 1156, CS for CS for CS for SB 1240, CS for CS for SB 1252, SB 1268, CS for CS for CS for SB 1348, CS for SB 1354, CS for SB 1382, CS for CS for CS for SB 1444, CS for CS for HB 481, CS for CS for HB 1133, CS for SB 10, CS for SB 26.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Passidomo, Rules Chair  
Jim Boyd, Majority Leader  
Lori Berman, Minority Leader

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 8.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 14.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 20.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 22.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 28.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 106.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.



The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 118.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 130.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 150.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 158.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 232.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 262.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 268 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 282.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 296.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SM 314.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 316.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 322.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 344.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 348.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 356.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/CS/SB 462.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 472.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 480.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 538.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 578.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 582.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 584.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 612.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 678.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/CS/SB 700.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/CS/SB 784.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 796.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 878.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 910.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 940.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 944.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 948.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 958.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1102.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1168.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1198.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1202.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 1228.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 1286.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/CS/SB 1344.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1374.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 1402.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1430.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SM 1488.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 1516.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1622.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 1640 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 1652 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 1678.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7000.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7004.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7006 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 7010.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7018.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7020.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

## **CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

The Journal of April 28 was corrected and approved.

## **CO-INTRODUCERS**

Senators Rodriguez—CS for SB 494; Sharief—CS for CS for SB 1156

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 5:12 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 30 or upon call of the President.

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