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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—34:

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

Excused: Senators Avila and Davis; Senator Smith beginning at 4:00 p.m.

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Jones:

Dear God, known by many names—Adonai, Hashem, God of all creation. Before we ask you for anything this morning, we pause first to simply say thank you. Thank you for life. Thank you for health. Thank you for strength. But most of all, thank you for allowing us to see another day.

Lord, we haven't always been good, but you have always been good to us and, for that, we say thank you. Some of us may not feel our best in our bodies this morning, yet you still gave us the strength to rise, to get here, and to represent the people who sent us here and, for that, we say thank you. Some of us walked in here carrying burdens that nobody else can see, yet you carried us through another night and, for that, we say thank you. Some of us came here tired in our minds and weary in our spirits, but you woke us up with breath in our lungs and purpose in our hearts and, for that, we say thank you. And some of us are still trying to make sense of the journey we are on in life, but even in those moments, you have never left us nor forsaken us and, for that, we say thank you.

Dear God, sometimes this work can be heavy. It weighs on our bodies. It weighs on our minds. Sometimes, it even weighs on our hearts. But your word reminds us that you are the mender of the brokenhearted. You are the lifter of our souls, and you are the lifter up of our heads.

So today, Lord, I pray for my colleagues in this chamber. Give us wisdom in our decisions, humility in our disagreements, and hearts that remain focused on serving the people who sent us here. I lift up the legislative aides and staff who help make this work possible each day—the ones who answer the phones, meet with constituents, and help solve problems for the people we serve. I also lift up the committee staff, the bill drafters, the attorneys who guide us through complex issues, and the secretaries and administrative staff who keep this institution moving. Strengthen them when the days are long and remind them that their service matters.

Lord, remind us today that before we are Democrats or Republicans, before we carry titles or positions, we are first and foremost your children. And while we may not know what each person in this room is carrying this morning, you do. So be comfort for the one who needs comfort, peace for the one whose mind is restless, healing for the one whose body is hurting, and strength for the one who feels weary.

God, I lift up our families this morning—the spouses and partners who support us while we are away from home, holding things together so that we can serve here; the children who may not yet understand the weight that their mother or father carries in this room, but who will one day realize that the long nights, the missed dinners, and the time apart were all part of trying to build a better world for them; and for the grandparents in this chamber who may miss their grandchildren while they are here serving and the grandchildren who miss them right back. Lord, cover our families, protect them, strengthen them, and remind them that their sacrifice matters too.

I pray for Governor Ron DeSantis, his wife, Casey, and their children. I pray for President Ben Albritton, Missy, and their entire family. Lord, we may not know the weight that rests on his shoulders today but you do, and I ask that you lift him and strengthen him. I pray for Speaker Perez and his family. Lord, we may not know the weight he carries today but you do, so guide him and give him strength as well.

And lastly, Lord, I pray for our country this morning. There is so much happening in our world, so much noise, so much division, and so many people searching for hope and searching for peace. But your word reminds us that you are not the author of confusion but of peace.

So I ask that you give us wisdom today, wisdom greater than our titles, greater than our politics, and greater than our personal opinions. Help us remember that every vote we cast and every decision we make touches the lives of people across this state who may never walk these halls, who may never shake our hands, but who trust us to do right by them.

I pray for the people we represent, the families, the workers, the children, the seniors, and the communities across this state who are counting on us, often quietly, but counting on us nonetheless. And when the moment comes for us to make decisions, remind us to choose what is right, what is just, and what serves people well. Bind us together in love. Guide our hearts. Order our steps.

And as we end this prayer the way we began it, we simply say thank you. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve. Lord, it is an honor. Lord, it is a privilege. In your name, we pray. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senate Pages, John Edward Newsom of St. Petersburg; Bleakley Shettle, daughter of Senate staffer John Shettle, of Tallahassee; and Victoria Tarrazzi of Miami, 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. Michael Swartzon of Plantation, sponsored by Senator Rodriguez, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Swartzon specializes in family medicine.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Berman—

By Senator Berman—

**SR 724**—A resolution recognizing August 2026 as “Amblyopia Awareness Month” in Florida.

WHEREAS, amblyopia is the most common cause of vision loss in children, and

WHEREAS, amblyopia can cause permanent vision loss if not detected and treated early in a child’s life, and

WHEREAS, the detection of amblyopia and other vision-threatening disorders, including retinoblastoma tumors, cataracts, and strabismus, in early childhood increases the chances of successful treatment, especially when the disorder is detected before a child reaches 5 years of age, and

WHEREAS, many forms of amblyopia are difficult to detect and can be identified only through proper screening techniques, and

WHEREAS, the sooner children are identified as having amblyopia or any other vision-threatening disorder, the sooner treatment can commence, and

WHEREAS, millions of children in the United States have been left with permanent vision loss due to undetected amblyopia and other childhood vision disorders that, if detected with proper screening, could have been successfully treated, and

WHEREAS, less than 20 percent of preschool children are currently screened for vision problems, despite the fact that such screening is a service covered by many health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations, and

WHEREAS, parents should be encouraged to have their children screened for vision problems before admission to preschool, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and the For Eye Care Foundation, Inc., believe that it is of paramount importance to promote statewide preschool vision screening, with the goal of testing all children between 3 and 5 years of age, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That August 2026 is recognized as “Amblyopia Awareness Month” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Rouson—

By Senator Rouson—

**SR 1808**—A resolution recognizing and commending Pinellas County Schools’ Journeys in Journalism program on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, since 2001, Pinellas County Schools’ Journeys in Journalism program has provided students with innovative, hands-on journalism education through classroom instruction and real-world re-

porting experiences, inspiring young reporters, photographers, editors, and page designers and winning numerous national awards at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and

WHEREAS, the Journeys in Journalism program was founded by parent and journalist Gelareh Asayesh Brown at Melrose Elementary School in partnership with the *Tampa Bay Times* under the leadership of teacher and founding coordinator Cynda Mort and was later expanded to John Hopkins Middle School and Lakewood High School, where it operates as a district magnet program, and

WHEREAS, the program currently serves approximately 800 students across Melrose Elementary School, John Hopkins Middle School, and Lakewood High School, providing a continuous pathway for journalism education from elementary through high school, and

WHEREAS, as part of its curriculum, students in the Journeys in Journalism program cover the news of their respective schools and participate in reporting projects that take them into the field, where they conduct interviews, gather information, and report on stories through multiple formats, including audio, photography, print, and video, and

WHEREAS, students in the program have completed a wide range of reporting projects, including a documentary examining the proposed redevelopment of St. Petersburg’s historic Gas Plant neighborhood, interviews with prominent officials and celebrities, documenting changes in downtown St. Petersburg, photographing race car drivers, conducting man-on-the-street interviews at local festivals, and producing podcasts and video projects featuring local residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Journeys in Journalism program has produced alumni who have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of fields, including journalism and multimedia, media literacy, marketing, business, law, hospitality, grades K-12 and higher education, and nonprofit operations, and a number of these students are recipients of scholarships established in honor of program contributors, including the Cynda Mort Scholarship for Outstanding Journalist and the Peggy Peterman Book Scholarship, and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, the Journeys in Journalism program has enriched the lives of students in the Pinellas County school system by strengthening their communication skills, enhancing their critical thinking and media literacy, encouraging their civic engagement, and preparing them for future educational and professional opportunities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate hereby recognizes and commends Pinellas County Schools’ Journeys in Journalism program on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

## SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

### SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

**SB 6**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.E. by the Department of Children and Families; providing an appropriation to compensate L.E. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the department; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 6**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 6507** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**HB 6507**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of L.E. by the Department of Children and Families; providing an appropriation to compensate L.E. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the department; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 6** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **HB 6507** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Pizzo, Yarborough

**SB 26**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Mark LaGatta; providing an appropriation to compensate the estate for injuries and damages sustained by Mr. LaGatta as a result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 26**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 6509** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator McClain—

**CS for CS for HB 6509**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Mark LaGatta; providing an appropriation to compensate the estate for injuries and damages sustained by Mr. LaGatta as a result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 26** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator McClain, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 6509** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Pizzo, Yarborough

**CS for CS for SB 42**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specific medical diagnoses in child protective investigations; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that the Department of Children and Families immediately forward certain allegations to a law enforcement agency; requiring that such allegations be immediately forwarded to a law enforcement agency upon completion of the department’s investigation under certain circumstances; requiring a child protective investigator to inform the subject of an investigation of a certain duty; requiring the department to request relevant medical records from a licensed health care professional for certain children who are the subject of a central abuse hotline report; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 39.303, F.S.; requiring Child Protection Teams to consult with a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse with specified experience when evaluating certain reports; amending s. 39.304, F.S.; authorizing a parent or legal custodian of a child who is the subject of certain orders to request specified medical examinations of the child within a specified timeframe; requiring that such medical examinations be paid for by the parent or legal custodian making the request or as otherwise covered by insurance; requiring the physician or advanced practice registered nurse who performed certain medical examinations to submit a written report to the department and certain persons within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to immediately convene a case staffing with specified persons under certain circumstances; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; requiring that certain patient records be furnished to the Department of Children and Families within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 42**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 47** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Sharief—

**CS for CS for HB 47**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specific medical diagnoses in child protective investigations; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; providing an exception to the requirement that the Department of Children and Families immediately forward certain allegations to a law enforcement agency; requiring such allegations to be immediately forwarded to a law enforcement agency upon completion of the department’s investigation; requiring a child protective investigator to inform the subject of an investigation of a certain duty; requiring the department to request medical records of certain children from certain licensed health care professionals; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 39.303, F.S.; requiring Child Protection Teams to consult with a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse with certain experience when evaluating certain reports; conforming cross-references; amending s. 39.304, F.S.; authorizing a parent or legal custodian of a child who is the subject of a protective investigation or shelter order to request specified medical examinations of the child within a specified timeframe; requiring that certain medical examinations be paid for by the parent or legal custodian making the request or as otherwise covered by insurance; requiring the physician or advanced practice registered nurse who performed certain medical examinations to submit a written report to the department and certain persons within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to immediately convene a case staffing with specified persons under certain circumstances; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; requiring certain records be provided to the department within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 42** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Sharief, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 47** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Mr. President	Bernard	Bradley
Arrington	Boyd	Brodeur
Berman	Bracy Davis	Burgess

Burton	Jones	Rodriguez
Calatayud	Leek	Rouson
DiCeglie	Martin	Simon
Gaetz	Massullo	Smith
Garcia	Mayfield	Truenow
Grall	McClain	Trumbull
Gruters	Osgood	Wright
Harrell	Passidomo	
Hooper	Polsky	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Pizzo, Sharief, Yarborough

**CS for SB 206**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with autism spectrum disorder; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; requiring certain program participants at educator preparation institutes to complete the autism micro-credential; requiring each educator preparation institute to offer training on teaching students with certain disabilities; creating s. 1009.636, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Autism Educator Loan Forgiveness Program; providing eligibility requirements; providing criteria for loan repayment assistance; providing requirements for teachers to receive an annual payment; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; revising salary supplements a district school board must provide; revising which district school board duties collective bargaining may not preclude; amending s. 1012.551, F.S.; revising core curricula for teacher preparation programs; requiring a teacher preparation program to include the autism micro-credential; amending s. 1012.552, F.S.; providing that the Coaching for Educator Readiness and Teaching Certification Program must include completion of the autism micro-credential; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a professional certificate; amending s. 1012.586, F.S.; providing that personnel certified in exceptional student education who complete the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement are eligible for a stipend; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; requiring a professional learning system to provide at least one autism-specific professional development opportunity; providing requirements for the professional development; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 206**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 851** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

**CS for HB 851**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional learning for instructional and school administrative personnel; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; requiring certain professional learning systems to provide at least one autism-specific professional learning opportunity; providing requirements for the professional learning; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 206** and read the second time by title.

Senator Harrell moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (354086) (with title amendment)**—Delete every-thing after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1004.85, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

1004.85 Postsecondary educator preparation institutes.—

(3) Educator preparation institutes approved pursuant to this section may offer competency-based certification programs specifically designed for noneducation major baccalaureate degree holders to enable program participants to meet the educator certification requirements of s. 1012.56. An educator preparation institute choosing to offer a competency-based certification program pursuant to the provisions of this

section must implement a program developed by the institute and approved by the department for this purpose. Approved programs shall be available for use by other approved educator preparation institutes.

(b) Each program participant must:

1. Meet certification requirements pursuant to s. 1012.56(1) by obtaining a statement of status of eligibility in the certification subject area of the educational plan and meet the requirements of s. 1012.56(2)(a)-(f) before participating in field experiences.

2. Demonstrate competency and participate in field experiences that are appropriate to his or her educational plan prepared under paragraph (a). Beginning with candidates entering an educator preparation institute in the 2022-2023 school year, a candidate for certification in a coverage area identified pursuant to s. 1012.585(3)(f) must successfully complete all competencies for a reading endorsement, including completion of the endorsement practicum through the candidate's field experience, in order to graduate from the program.

3. Before completion of the program, fully demonstrate his or her ability to teach the subject area for which he or she is seeking certification by documenting a positive impact on student learning growth in a prekindergarten through grade 12 setting and, except as provided in s. 1012.56(7)(a)3., achieving a passing score on the professional education competency examination, the basic skills examination, and the subject area examination for the subject area certification which is required by state board rule.

4. For each participant who is certified in exceptional student education, complete the autism micro-credential created pursuant to s. 1004.551(1)(f).

(9) By August 1, 2027, as a condition for continued program approval, each educator preparation institute must offer instruction and training on evidence-based practices for teaching students with autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, other developmental disabilities, and emotional or behavioral disabilities, consistent with the uniform core curricula developed by the department.

Section 2. Section 1009.636, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.636 Autism educator loan forgiveness program.—

(1) The Legislature finds that an adequate supply of special education teachers is critical to provide students who have a neurodevelopmental disability, such as autism spectrum disorder, with individualized education to foster essential social-emotional skills, provide positive interventions, and build life skills for independence. The Autism Educator Loan Forgiveness Program is created to recruit and retain qualified individuals to serve as special education teachers for students with autism spectrum disorder.

(2) To be eligible, an individual must:

(a)1. Have earned a master's or higher degree in special education or exceptional student education from an accredited institution and have an active student loan balance from completion of that degree, and hold a temporary or professional certificate; or

2. Have earned a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited institution and have an active student loan balance from completion of that degree, hold a temporary or professional certificate, and hold the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement or Severe or Profound Disabilities Endorsement; and

(b) Serve as the primary teacher in a public school classroom in which a majority of the students have autism spectrum disorder.

(3) Eligible participants may receive up to \$17,500 in total student loan repayment assistance over 5 years, disbursed in annual payments not to exceed \$3,500 per year. Payments must be made directly to the lender servicing the participant's student loan.

(4) In order for the department to release each annual payment, a teacher must:

(a) Have completed a full year of service pursuant to paragraph (2)(b).

(b) *Have received a rating of effective or highly effective pursuant to s. 1012.34.*

(c) *Not have had any disciplinary action taken by the school district or by the department against the teacher's certificate.*

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

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1012.22 Public school personnel; powers and duties of the district school board.—The district school board shall:

(1) Designate positions to be filled, prescribe qualifications for those positions, and provide for the appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal of employees as follows, subject to the requirements of this chapter:

(c) *Compensation and salary schedules.—*

1. Definitions.—As used in this paragraph:

a. “Adjustment” means an addition to the base salary schedule that is not a bonus and becomes part of the employee’s permanent base salary and shall be considered compensation under s. 121.021(22).

b. “Grandfathered salary schedule” means the salary schedule or schedules adopted by a district school board before July 1, 2014, pursuant to subparagraph 4.

c. “Instructional personnel” means instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)-(d), excluding substitute teachers.

d. “Performance salary schedule” means the salary schedule or schedules adopted by a district school board pursuant to subparagraph 5.

e. “Salary schedule” means the schedule or schedules used to provide the base salary for district school board personnel.

f. “School administrator” means a school administrator as defined in s. 1012.01(3)(c).

g. “Supplement” means an annual addition to the base salary for the term of the negotiated supplement as long as the employee continues his or her employment for the purpose of the supplement. A supplement does not become part of the employee’s continuing base salary but shall be considered compensation under s. 121.021(22).

2. Cost-of-living adjustment.—A district school board may provide a cost-of-living salary adjustment if the adjustment:

a. Does not discriminate among comparable classes of employees based upon the salary schedule under which they are compensated.

b. Does not exceed 50 percent of the annual adjustment provided to instructional personnel rated as effective.

3. Advanced degrees.—A district school board may use advanced degrees in setting a salary schedule for instructional personnel or school administrators if the advanced degree is held in the individual’s area of certification.

4. Grandfathered salary schedule.—

a. The district school board shall adopt a salary schedule or salary schedules to be used as the basis for paying all school employees hired before July 1, 2014. Instructional personnel on annual contract as of July 1, 2014, shall be placed on the performance salary schedule adopted under subparagraph 5. Instructional personnel on continuing contract or professional service contract may opt into the performance salary schedule if the employee relinquishes such contract and agrees to be employed on an annual contract under s. 1012.335. Such an employee shall be placed on the performance salary schedule and may not return to continuing contract or professional service contract status. Any employee who opts into the performance salary schedule may not return to the grandfathered salary schedule.

b. In determining the grandfathered salary schedule for instructional personnel, a district school board must base a portion of each employee’s compensation upon performance demonstrated under s. 1012.34 and shall provide differentiated pay for both instructional personnel and school administrators based upon district-determined factors, including, but not limited to, additional responsibilities, school demographics, high-demand teacher needs areas, and level of job performance difficulties.

5. Performance salary schedule.—By July 1, 2014, the district school board shall adopt a performance salary schedule that provides annual salary adjustments for instructional personnel and school administrators based upon performance determined under s. 1012.34. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2014, or employees who choose to move from the grandfathered salary schedule to the performance salary schedule shall be compensated pursuant to the performance salary schedule once they have received the appropriate performance evaluation for this purpose.

a. Base salary.—The base salary shall be established as follows:

(I) The base salary for instructional personnel or school administrators who opt into the performance salary schedule shall be the salary paid in the prior year, including adjustments only.

(II) Instructional personnel or school administrators new to the district, returning to the district after a break in service without an authorized leave of absence, or appointed for the first time to a position in the district in the capacity of instructional personnel or school administrator shall be placed on the performance salary schedule.

b. Salary adjustments.—Salary adjustments for highly effective or effective performance shall be established as follows:

(I) The annual salary adjustment under the performance salary schedule for an employee rated as highly effective must be at least 25 percent greater than the highest annual salary adjustment available to an employee of the same classification through any other salary schedule adopted by the district.

(II) The annual salary adjustment under the performance salary schedule for an employee rated as effective must be equal to at least 50 percent and no more than 75 percent of the annual adjustment provided for a highly effective employee of the same classification.

(III) A salary schedule shall not provide an annual salary adjustment for an employee who receives a rating other than highly effective or effective for the year.

c. Salary supplements.—In addition to the salary adjustments, each district school board shall provide for salary supplements for activities that must include, but are not limited to:

(I) Assignment to a Title I eligible school.

(II) Assignment to a school that earned a grade of “F” or three consecutive grades of “D” pursuant to s. 1008.34 such that the supplement remains in force for at least 1 year following improved performance in that school.

(III) Certification and teaching in high-demand teacher needs areas. Statewide high-demand teacher needs areas shall be identified by the State Board of Education under s. 1012.07. However, the district school board may identify other areas of high-demand needs within the school district for purposes of this sub-sub-subparagraph and may remove areas identified by the state board which do not apply within the school district.

(IV) Assignment of additional academic responsibilities.

(V) *Completion of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement.*

If budget constraints in any given year limit a district school board’s ability to fully fund all adopted salary schedules, the performance salary schedule shall not be reduced on the basis of total cost or the value of individual awards in a manner that is proportionally greater than reductions to any other salary schedules adopted by the district. Any compensation for longevity of service awarded to instructional person-

nel who are on any other salary schedule must be included in calculating the salary adjustments required by sub-subparagraph b.

(3)(a) *Collective bargaining.*—Notwithstanding provisions of chapter 447 related to district school board collective bargaining, collective bargaining may not preclude a district school board from carrying out its constitutional and statutory duties related to the following:

1. Providing incentives to effective and highly effective teachers.
2. Implementing intervention and support strategies under s. 1008.33 to address the causes of low student performance and improve student academic performance and attendance.
3. Implementing student discipline provisions required by law, including a review of a student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.
4. Implementing school safety plans and requirements.
5. Implementing staff and student recognition programs.
6. Distributing correspondence to parents, teachers, and community members related to the daily operation of schools and the district.
7. Providing any required notice or copies of information related to the district school board or district operations which is readily available on the school district's website.
8. The school district's calendar.
9. *Providing incentives to exceptional student education teachers who complete the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement, in addition to any stipend funded in the General Appropriations Act for completion of the endorsement, and who serve as the primary teacher in a classroom in which a majority of the students have autism spectrum disorder.*

Section 4. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 1012.551, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section to read:

1012.551 Teacher preparation core principles, standards, and content.—

(2) The uniform core curricula for each state-approved teacher preparation program must meet, at a minimum, the following standards:

(g) Must include strategies for differentiated instruction to meet student needs, including English language learners and students with disabilities, while maintaining grade-level expectations. *The strategies must also include specific training aligned with evidence-based practices for supporting students with autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, other developmental disabilities, and emotional or behavioral disabilities applicable across all levels of support.*

(4) *Each state-approved teacher preparation program using the uniform core curricula developed pursuant to this section must include the autism micro-credential created pursuant to s. 1004.551(1)(f), which shall count for at least 1 semester hour toward completion of the program.*

Section 5. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (2) of section 1012.552, Florida Statutes, to read:

1012.552 The Coaching for Educator Readiness and Teaching (CERT) Certification Program.—

(2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A CERT program must include all of the following:

(g) *Required successful completion of the autism micro-credential created pursuant to s. 1004.551(1)(f) for a candidate certification in exceptional student education.*

Section 6. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 1012.585, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.585 Process for renewal of professional certificates.—

(3) For the renewal of a professional certificate, the following requirements must be met:

(e) Beginning July 1, 2014, an applicant for renewal of a professional certificate must earn a minimum of one college credit or the equivalent inservice points in the area of instruction for teaching students with disabilities. The requirement in this paragraph may not add to the total hours required by the department for continuing education or inservice training. *Beginning August 1, 2027:*

1. *Instruction for teaching students with disabilities must include autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, other developmental disabilities, and emotional or behavioral disabilities.*

2. *An applicant certified in exceptional student education must earn the autism micro-credential created pursuant to s. 1004.551(1)(f), which must count toward 3 college credits or the equivalent inservice points. Once earned, an applicant is not required to earn the micro-credential for additional renewal periods.*

Section 7. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.586, Florida Statutes, to read:

1012.586 Additions or changes to certificates; duplicate certificates; reading endorsement pathways.—

(3) *Personnel certified in exceptional student education who complete the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement are eligible for a stipend as specified in the General Appropriations Act.*

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 1012.98, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.98 School Community Professional Learning Act.—

(5) The Department of Education, school districts, schools, Florida College System institutions, and state universities share the responsibilities described in this section. These responsibilities include the following:

(b) Each school district shall develop a professional learning system as specified in subsection (4). The system shall be developed in consultation with teachers, teacher-educators of Florida College System institutions and state universities, business and community representatives, and local education foundations, consortia, and professional organizations. The professional learning system must:

1. Be reviewed and approved by the department for compliance with s. 1003.42(3) and this section. Effective March 1, 2024, the department shall establish a calendar for the review and approval of all professional learning systems. A professional learning system must be reviewed and approved every 5 years. Any substantial revisions to the system must be submitted to the department for review and approval. The department shall establish a format for the review and approval of a professional learning system.

2. Be based on analyses of student achievement data and instructional strategies and methods that support rigorous, relevant, and challenging curricula for all students. Schools and districts, in developing and refining the professional learning system, shall also review and monitor school discipline data; school environment surveys; assessments of parental satisfaction; performance appraisal data of teachers, managers, and administrative personnel; and other performance indicators to identify school and student needs that can be met by improved professional performance.

3. Provide inservice activities coupled with *follow-up* ~~follow-up~~ support appropriate to accomplish district-level and school-level improvement goals and standards. The inservice activities for instructional and school administrative personnel shall focus on analysis of student achievement data; ongoing formal and informal assessments of student achievement; identification and use of enhanced and differentiated instructional strategies that emphasize rigor, relevance, and reading in the content areas; enhancement of subject content expertise; integrated use of classroom technology that enhances teaching and learning; classroom management; parent involvement; and school safety.

4. Provide inservice activities and support targeted to the individual needs of new teachers participating in the professional learning certification and education competency program under s. 1012.56(8)(a).

5. Include a professional learning catalog for inservice activities, pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education, for all district employees from all fund sources. The catalog must be updated annually by September 1, must be based on input from teachers and district and school instructional leaders, and must use the latest available student achievement data and research to enhance rigor and relevance in the classroom. Each district inservice catalog must be aligned to and support the school-based inservice catalog and school improvement plans pursuant to s. 1001.42(18). Each district inservice catalog must provide a description of the training that middle grades instructional personnel and school administrators receive on the district's code of student conduct adopted pursuant to s. 1006.07; integrated digital instruction and competency-based instruction and CAPE Digital Tool certificates and CAPE industry certifications; classroom management; student behavior and interaction; extended learning opportunities for students; and instructional leadership. District plans must be approved by the district school board annually in order to ensure compliance with subsection (1) and to allow for dissemination of research-based best practices to other districts. District school boards shall submit verification of their approval to the Commissioner of Education no later than October 1, annually. Each school principal may establish and maintain an individual professional learning plan for each instructional employee assigned to the school as a seamless component to the school improvement plans developed pursuant to s. 1001.42(18). An individual professional learning plan must be related to specific performance data for the students to whom the teacher is assigned, define the inservice objectives and specific measurable improvements expected in student performance as a result of the inservice activity, and include an evaluation component that determines the effectiveness of the professional learning plan.

6. Include inservice activities for school administrative personnel, aligned to the state's educational leadership standards, which address updated skills necessary for instructional leadership and effective school management pursuant to s. 1012.986.

7. Provide for systematic consultation with regional and state personnel designated to provide technical assistance and evaluation of local professional learning programs.

8. Provide for delivery of professional learning by distance learning and other technology-based delivery systems to reach more educators at lower costs.

9. Provide for the continuous evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of professional learning programs in order to eliminate ineffective programs and strategies and to expand effective ones. Evaluations must consider the impact of such activities on the performance of participating educators and their students' achievement and behavior.

10. For all grades, emphasize:

a. Interdisciplinary planning, collaboration, and instruction.

b. Alignment of curriculum and instructional materials to the state academic standards adopted pursuant to s. 1003.41.

c. Use of small learning communities; problem-solving, inquiry-driven research and analytical approaches for students; strategies and tools based on student needs; competency-based instruction; integrated digital instruction; and project-based instruction.

Each school that includes any of grades 6, 7, or 8 shall include in its school improvement plan, required under s. 1001.42(18), a description of the specific strategies used by the school to implement each item listed in this subparagraph.

11. Provide training to reading coaches, classroom teachers, and school administrators in effective methods of identifying characteristics of conditions such as dyslexia and other causes of diminished phonological processing skills; incorporating instructional techniques into the general education setting which are proven to improve reading performance for all students; and using predictive and other data to make instructional decisions based on individual student needs. The training

must help teachers integrate phonemic awareness; phonics, word study, and spelling; reading fluency; vocabulary, including academic vocabulary; and text comprehension strategies into an explicit, systematic, and sequential approach to reading instruction, including multisensory intervention strategies. Such training for teaching foundational skills must be based on the science of reading and include phonics instruction for decoding and encoding as the primary instructional strategy for word reading. Instructional strategies included in the training may not employ the three-cueing system model of reading or visual memory as a basis for teaching word reading. Such instructional strategies may include visual information and strategies which improve background and experiential knowledge, add context, and increase oral language and vocabulary to support comprehension, but may not be used to teach word reading. Each district must provide all elementary grades instructional personnel access to training sufficient to meet the requirements of s. 1012.585(3)(f).

12. Provide at least one autism-specific professional development opportunity annually for instructional personnel and school-based administrators. The professional development must be developed and delivered in coordination with the district's assigned Center for Autism and Related Disabilities and must include evidence-based practices for supporting students with autism spectrum disorder across all levels of need, including academic instruction, behavioral supports, communication strategies, and inclusive practices.

Section 9. 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 students with autism spectrum disorder; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; requiring certain program participants at educator preparation institutes to complete the autism micro-credential; requiring each educator preparation institute to offer training on teaching students with certain disabilities; creating s. 1009.636, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Autism Educator Loan Forgiveness Program; providing eligibility requirements; providing criteria for loan repayment assistance; providing requirements for teachers to receive an annual payment; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; revising the list of activities for which a district school board must provide salary supplements; revising the list of district school board duties collective bargaining may not preclude; amending s. 1012.551, F.S.; revising core curricula for teacher preparation programs; requiring a teacher preparation program to include the autism micro-credential; amending s. 1012.552, F.S.; providing that the Coaching for Educator Readiness and Teaching Certification Program must include completion of the autism micro-credential; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a professional certificate; amending s. 1012.586, F.S.; providing that personnel certified in exceptional student education who complete the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement are eligible for a stipend; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; requiring a professional learning system to provide at least one autism-specific professional development opportunity; providing requirements for the professional development; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 851**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Yarborough

**CS for SB 218**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to land use regulations; defining the term “impacted local government”; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 218** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Yarborough

**CS for SB 326**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to curators of estates; amending s. 733.501, F.S.; revising the authorization for a court to appoint a curator of estates; revising bond requirements for a curator of estates; clarifying who may subject a curator of estates to removal and surcharge; requiring a curator to file reports with the court in specified circumstances; requiring that certain details be included in such reports; requiring the court to review such reports; authorizing the court to require more frequent reporting or additional documents under certain circumstances; reenacting s. 90.5021(1), F.S., relating to fiduciary lawyer-client privilege, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 733.501, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 326**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 131** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Burgess—

**CS for HB 131**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to curators of estates; amending s. 733.501, F.S.; revising the requirements for a court to appoint a curator of estates; revising bond requirements for a curator of estates; clarifying who may subject a curator of estates to removal and surcharge; requiring a curator to file reports with the court in specified circumstances; requiring that certain details be included in such reports; requiring the court to review such reports; authorizing the court to require more frequent reporting or additional documents under certain circumstances; reenacting s. 90.5021(1), F.S., relating to fiduciary lawyer-client privilege, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 733.501, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 326** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 131** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Yarborough

**CS for CS for CS for SB 354**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to blue ribbon projects; creating s. 163.3249, F.S.; providing a purpose and legislative intent; defining terms; requiring that a development project meet certain requirements to qualify as a blue ribbon project; providing maximum residential density and nonresidential intensity permitted within the development area of a blue ribbon project; requiring that a specified percentage of the project’s residential units meet certain requirements; requiring the development area to be developed in phases; requiring certain development rights and mitigation of project impacts to be vested for a specified period; requiring a blue ribbon project to have a blue ribbon plan; requiring such plan to contain certain documents; requiring such plan to be based on a specified period and specify certain information during such period; providing that a plan is not required to demonstrate certain need; requiring a project to receive dollar-for-dollar credits from a local government under certain circumstances; providing that certain easements or property must be granted without charge; prohibiting a plan from contemplating the use of a certain district; requiring a landowner to apply to the local government for approval of a plan, including certain amendments; providing that a plan that meets certain requirements is presumed, subject to rebuttal, to be consistent with the local government’s comprehensive plan and in compliance with specified provisions; specifying that an applicant has a right to request that the application be reviewed at any time; prohibiting such a request from being made sooner than a specified time period; providing local government review requirements; providing notice requirements if the local government denies an application; providing that the blue ribbon plan governs the use of the property upon approval of the plan application by the local government; providing that a project may be located on land with any future land use designation or zoning designation; requiring the local government to record the plan following approval in the public records of the county in which the project property is located; requiring the local government to insert the text amendment into the comprehensive plan’s future land use element and denote the site-specific amendment on the comprehensive plan’s future land use map; prohibiting an applicant from amending a recorded plan or text amendment without undergoing a specified, limited review; authorizing an applicant to hire a private company to conduct plan reviews and building inspections; providing appeal procedures for the denial and approval of a blue ribbon plan application, including certain amendments; providing environmental review requirements; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

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

Senator McClain moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (688738)**—Delete line 94 and insert: *paragraph (3)(c) and subsection (4). Development areas may not contain data centers.*

On motion by Senator McClain, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 354** was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator McClain, further consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 354**, as amended, was deferred.

**CS for SB 530**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lotteries; amending s. 24.103, F.S.; defining the term “ball machine”; revising the definitions of the terms “major procurement” and “retailer”; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Department of the Lottery; amending s. 24.108, F.S.; revising the schedule for the department to have a certain report produced and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 24.111, F.S.; revising the information required to be provided to the department by persons who submit a bid, a proposal, or an offer to negotiate a contract for major procurement; amending s. 24.112, F.S.; revising the bond amount a retailer may be required to post for the period within which the retailer is required to remit lottery funds to the department; revising certain requirements relating to lottery vending machines; amending s. 24.116, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Security’s sworn law enforcement officers to purchase and present lottery tickets to a lottery retailer to claim a prize under certain circumstances; amending s. 24.118, F.S.; revising certain prohibitions and penalties relating to presenting a counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket; prohibiting certain false claims relating to state lottery tickets; prohibiting a lottery retailer or an employee thereof from using such position to knowingly facilitate, participate in, or otherwise assist in the theft of a lottery ticket from a retail establishment, patron, or customer; providing criminal penalties; defining the terms “patron” and “customer”; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 530** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Yarborough

**CS for SB 556**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to requirements for a standard high school diploma; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; providing that students can substitute marching band experience for physical education and performing fine arts credit requirements for a standard high school diploma; providing that students with disabilities may participate in the Special Olympics to meet the physical education requirement for a standard high school diploma; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 556**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 453** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Berman—

**CS for HB 453**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to requirements for a standard high school diploma; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; providing that completion of 2 years of marching band satisfies both the

physical education and performing arts requirements for a standard high school diploma; providing that students with disabilities may participate in the Special Olympics to meet the physical education requirement for a standard high school diploma; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 556** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Berman, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 453** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Yarborough

**CS for SB 688**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to naturopathic medicine; amending s. 456.47, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “telehealth provider” to include licensed naturopathic doctors; renaming ch. 462, F.S., as “Naturopathic Medicine”; creating s. 462.001, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; creating s. 462.002, F.S.; providing applicability and construction; renumbering and amending s. 462.01, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; creating s. 462.004, F.S.; creating the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Health; providing for membership of the board; providing applicability; renumbering and amending s. 462.023, F.S.; requiring the board and the department to adopt rules; deleting obsolete language; creating s. 462.006, F.S.; prohibiting unlicensed persons from practicing naturopathic medicine or promoting, identifying, or describing themselves using specified titles or abbreviations; providing criminal penalties; creating s. 462.007, F.S.; providing for licensure by examination of naturopathic doctors; prohibiting the board from certifying certain applicants for licensure until a certain investigation is completed; authorizing the board to take specified actions if it determines that an applicant does not meet all of the requirements for licensure; creating s. 462.008, F.S.; providing for licensure by endorsement of naturopathic doctors; renumbering and amending s. 462.08, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure renewal for naturopathic doctors; requiring the department to renew a license under certain circumstances; requiring the department to adopt rules; renumbering and amending s. 462.18, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for naturopathic doctors; requiring naturopathic doctors to use the department’s electronic continuing education tracking system to demonstrate compliance with continuing education requirements; renumbering and amending s. 462.19, F.S.; revising provisions related to reactivation of inactive naturopathic doctor licenses; requiring the board to adopt rules; specifying requirements for such rules; renumbering and amending s. 462.14, F.S.; revising grounds for disciplinary action; authorizing the board, rather than the department, to enter an order denying licensure or imposing disciplinary action for specified violations; requiring the board, rather than the department, to establish by rule disciplinary guidelines; repealing s. 462.17, F.S., relating to penalty for offenses relating to naturopathy; amending ss. 20.43, 381.0031, 468.301, 476.044, 477.0135, 485.003, 486.161, 627.351, 893.02, and 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 688** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—33

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

Nays—3

Gaetz	Harrell	Massullo
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**CS for CS for SB 758**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Justice Administrative Commission; amending s. 43.16, F.S.; revising the membership of the Justice Administrative Commission; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 758**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 625** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Bradley—

**CS for CS for HB 625**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Justice Administrative Commission; amending s. 43.16, F.S.; revising the membership of the Justice Administrative Commission; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 758** and read the second time by title.

Senator Bradley moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (154926)**—Delete lines 27-28 and insert:

*(d) One judge, or senior judge serving on a court, to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the*

On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 625**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**SB 830**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records

requirements for the personal identifying and location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, and assistant city managers, including the names and personal identifying and location information of the spouses and children of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, and assistant city managers; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **SB 830** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—31

Mr. President	Harrell	Rodriguez
Arrington	Hooper	Rouson
Bernard	Jones	Sharief
Boyd	Leek	Simon
Brodeur	Martin	Smith
Burgess	Massullo	Truenow
Burton	Mayfield	Trumbull
Calatayud	McClain	Wright
DiCeglie	Passidomo	Yarborough
Garcia	Pizzo	
Gruters	Polsky	

Nays—5

Berman	Gaetz	Osgood
Bracy Davis	Grall	

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

**SB 878**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clinical laboratory personnel; amending s. 483.815, F.S.; requiring that an applicant who qualifies for licensure under specified provisions provide proof of such qualification and pay the required fees to be eligible for licensure; amending s. 483.823, F.S.; requiring that applicants for licensure as a technologist or technician who meet specified criteria be deemed to have satisfied minimum qualifications for licensure to perform high or moderate complexity testing as a technologist or technician, as applicable; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 878**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 1347** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Yarborough—

**HB 1347**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clinical laboratory personnel; amending s. 483.815, F.S.; requiring that an applicant who qualifies for licensure under specified provisions provide proof of such qualification and pay the required fees to be eligible for licensure; amending s. 483.823, F.S.; requiring that applicants for licensure as a technologist or technician who meet specified criteria be deemed to have satisfied minimum qualifications for licensure to perform high or moderate complexity testing as a technologist or technician, as applicable; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 878** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **HB 1347** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 914**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dry needling; amending s. 468.203, F.S.; defining the terms “dry needling” and “myofascial trigger point”; creating s. 468.222, F.S.; requiring the Board of Occupational Therapy to establish minimum standards of practice for the performance of dry needling by occupational therapists, including specified standards; requiring the board, if it deems it necessary for patient safety, to adopt additional supervision and training requirements for occupational therapists to perform dry needling on specified areas; requiring the Department of Health to submit a report of specified information to the Legislature by a specified date; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 914**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 867** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for HB 867**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dry needling by occupational therapists; amending s. 468.203, F.S.; defining the terms “dry needling” and “myofascial trigger point”; creating s. 468.227, F.S.; requiring the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to establish minimum standards of practice for the performance of dry needling by occupational therapists; providing performance requirements; requiring the board to establish additional supervision and training requirements; requiring the Department of Health to submit a specified report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 914** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 867** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**SB 964**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosures; amending s. 112.3148, F.S.; requiring reporting individuals and procurement employees to file annual reports listing certain gifts with the Commission on Ethics instead of with the required financial disclosure statement; requiring such individuals and employees who have left office or employment within a specified timeframe to file the annual report with the commission instead of at the same location as their financial disclosure statement; amending s. 112.3149, F.S.; requiring reporting individuals and procurement employees to disclose the name, address, and affiliation of a person providing specified honorarium expenses with the commission instead of with the required financial disclosure statement; requiring such individuals and employees who have left office or employment within a specified timeframe to file the annual statement with the commission instead of at the same location as their financial disclosure statement; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 964**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 6011** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Wright—

**HB 6011**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reporting the receipt of gifts or honoraria; amending s. 112.3148, F.S.; providing that all annual reports shall be filed with the Commission on Ethics by a specified date; amending s. 112.3149, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Senator Wright moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (300312) (with title amendment)**—Delete line 80 and insert:

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2028, subsection (3) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies.—

(3)(a) The statement of financial interests for state officers, specified state employees, local officers, and persons seeking to qualify as candidates for state or local office ~~must~~ shall be filed even if the reporting person holds no financial interests requiring disclosure in a particular category, in which case that section of the statement ~~must~~ shall be marked “not applicable.” Otherwise, the statement of financial interests must include, *at the filer’s option*: ~~the information under paragraph (a).~~

~~1.a.(a)1.~~ *All sources of income in excess of 5 percent of the gross income received during the disclosure period by the person in his or her own name or by any other person for his or her use or benefit, excluding public salary. However, this may not be construed to require disclosure of a business partner’s sources of income. The person reporting shall list such sources in descending order of value with the largest source first;*

*b. All sources of income to a business entity in excess of 10 percent of the gross income of a business entity in which the reporting person held a material interest and from which he or she received an amount that was in excess of 10 percent of his or her gross income during the disclosure period and which exceeds \$1,500. The period for computing the gross income of the business entity is the fiscal year of the business entity which ended on, or immediately prior to, the end of the disclosure period of the person reporting;*

*c. The location or description of real property in this state, except for residences and vacation homes, owned directly or indirectly by the person reporting, when such person owns in excess of 5 percent of the value of such real property, and a general description of any intangible personal property worth in excess of 10 percent of such person’s total assets. For the purposes of this sub-subparagraph, indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child; and*

*d. Every individual liability that equals more than the reporting person’s net worth; or*

2.a. All sources of gross income in excess of \$2,500 received during the disclosure period by the person in his or her own name or by any other person for his or her use or benefit, excluding public salary. However, this ~~may shall~~ not be construed to require disclosure of a business partner's sources of income. The person reporting shall list such sources in descending order of value with the largest source first;

b.2. All sources of income to a business entity in excess of 10 percent of the gross income of a business entity in which the reporting person held a material interest and from which he or she received gross income exceeding \$5,000 during the disclosure period. The period for computing the gross income of the business entity is the fiscal year of the business entity which ended on, or immediately prior to, the end of the disclosure period of the person reporting;

c.3. The location or description of real property in this state, except for residence and vacation homes, owned directly or indirectly by the person reporting, when such person owns in excess of 5 percent of the value of such real property, and a general description of any intangible personal property worth in excess of \$10,000. For the purpose of this ~~sub-subparagraph—paragraph~~, indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child; and

d.4. Every liability in excess of \$10,000.

A person filing a statement of financial interests shall indicate on the statement whether he or she is using the method specified in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2.

(b) If disclosure of identifying information regarding a source of income or secondary sources of income will violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a filer who is also an attorney may indicate that he or she has a legal client who meets the disclosure criteria without providing further information about the client. The filer in such circumstance may write "Legal Client" in the disclosure fields without providing further information.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2-7 and insert: An act relating to financial disclosures; amending s. 112.3148, F.S.; requiring that all annual reports be filed with the Commission on Ethics by a specified date; amending s. 112.3149, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; authorizing a person filing a financial disclosure statement to report income and assets based on certain percentages; requiring such person to indicate the method used for such disclosure; providing effective dates.

On motion by Senator Wright, by two-thirds vote, **HB 6011**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

**CS for SB 1002**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "harm" to provide that exposure of a child to a controlled substance may be established by evidence of acute or chronic use of a controlled substance by a parent to a specified extent; revising the definition of the term "neglect" to provide that neglect occurs when there is evidence of acute or chronic use of a controlled substance by a parent to a specified extent; reenacting ss. 39.521(1)(c), 39.6012(1)(c), 39.806(1)(k), 61.13(2)(c), 61.401, 61.402(3), 390.01114(2)(b), 744.309(3), 984.03(24), and 1001.42(8)(c), F.S., relating to disposition hearings and powers of disposition; case plan tasks and services; grounds for termination of parental rights; support of children, parenting and time-sharing, and powers of the court; appointment of guardian ad litem; qualifications of guardians ad litem; the Parental Notice of and Consent for Abortion Act; who may be appointed guardian of a resident ward; definitions; and powers and duties of district school board, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 39.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 1002** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1632**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ideologies inconsistent with American principles; providing legislative intent and findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; defining the terms "foreign law" and "religious law"; prohibiting the application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending s. 617.1420, F.S.; providing that the Department of State may administratively dissolve a corporation that has been designated as a terrorist organization in certain situations; amending s. 775.30, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; amending s. 775.32, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing that a person who receives military training from a domestic terrorist organization in certain situations commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of "terrorist organization" to include a foreign terrorist organization and a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each designation within a specified time period; requiring the Chief to provide specified written notice to the Governor and the Cabinet within a certain time period before making the designation; providing the Governor and the Cabinet may by a majority vote approve or reject the designation; requiring the Chief to publish such designation in the Florida Administrative Register within a specified time period after approval of the designation by the Governor and the Cabinet; authorizing a designated organization to seek judicial review; providing for

removal of such designation in certain circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political subdivisions, and public school districts from expending certain public funds to support an organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, or accepting funds from such organizations; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising eligibility and obligations of private schools that participate in the state school choice scholarship program; creating s. 1003.035, F.S.; prohibiting a public school from expending certain funds to promote, support, or maintain certain programs or activities; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting certain institutions from expending public funds to promote, support, or maintain programs or campus activities that advocate for domestic terrorist organizations or foreign terrorist organizations; authorizing the withholding of specified funding of certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary educational institutions to report specified information of a student in certain circumstances; requiring immediate expulsion of such student from the institution; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending ss. 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of Florida College System institutions and state universities, respectively, be immediately expelled and assessed out-of-state fees after a determination has been made such students have promoted a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain students of school districts and Florida College System institutions are ineligible for specified fee waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting students who promote domestic terrorist organization or foreign terrorist organizations from being awarded certain public institution funds; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1632**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1471** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Grall—

**CS for CS for HB 1471**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to systems of law and terrorist organizations; providing legislative intent and findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; defining the terms “foreign law” and “religious law”; prohibiting the application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending s. 617.1420, F.S.; providing that the Department of State may administratively dissolve a corporation that has been designated as a terrorist organization in certain situations; amending s. 775.30, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; amending s. 775.32, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing a person who receives military training from a domestic terrorist organization in certain situations commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of “terrorist organization” to include a foreign terrorist organization and a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each designation within a specified time period; requiring the Chief to provide specified written notice to the Governor and the Cabinet within a certain time period before making the designation; providing the Governor and the Cabinet may by a majority vote approve or reject the designation; requiring the Chief to publish such designation in the Florida Administrative Register within a specified time period after approval of the designation by the Governor and the Cabinet; authorizing a designated organization to seek judicial review; providing for removal of such designation in certain circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political subdivisions, and public school districts from expending certain public funds to support an organization designated a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, or accepting funds from such organizations; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising eligibility and obligations of private schools that participate in the state

school choice scholarship program; amending s. 1003.035, F.S.; prohibiting a public school from expending certain funds to promote, support, or maintain certain programs or activities; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting certain institutions from expending public funds to promote, support, or maintain programs or campus activities that advocate for domestic terrorist organizations or foreign terrorist organizations; authorizing the withholding of specified funding of certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary educational institutions to report specified information of a student in certain circumstances; requiring immediate expulsion of such student from the institution; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending ss. 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of Florida College System institutions and state universities be immediately expelled and assessed out-of-state fees after a determination has been made such students have promoted a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain students of school districts and Florida College System institutions are ineligible for specified fee waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting students who promote domestic terrorist organization or foreign terrorist organizations from being awarded certain public institution funds; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1632** and read the second time by title.

Senator Osgood moved the following amendment which failed:

**Amendment 1 (569926) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 124-125 and insert:

*sacred texts or traditions of such religion.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 100-111 and insert: WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that a public or private authority or tribunal in the State of Florida should not enforce any religious practice that violates legal rights, NOW, THEREFORE,

Senator Grall moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 2 (915608) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 138-553 and insert:

(f) *A treaty that has been ratified by the United States and is in effect.*

(3) *A court, administrative law judge, hearing officer, agency, arbitration panel, or any other authority or tribunal established by law or agreement of the parties may not apply any provision of foreign law or religious law that would result in a violation of a person's rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the State Constitution.*

(4) *A court may not enforce a foreign judgment or order that is the result of the application of any provision of foreign law or religious law which is inconsistent with a person's rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the State Constitution or which violates the public policy of the United States or this state by being repugnant to fundamental principles of what is decent and just.*

(5) *A court, administrative law judge, hearing officer, agency, arbitration panel, or any other authority or tribunal established by law or agreement of the parties may not enforce a choice of law clause of a contract to the extent that the provision will result in a violation of a person's rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the State Constitution.*

(6) *A court may not enforce a forum selection clause of a contract which will likely result in the violation of a person's rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the State Constitution.*

(7) *This section does not apply to the governance, administration, or adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including, but not limited to:*

(a) *The selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of employees or clergy.*

(b) *The interpretation of doctrine.*

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 617.1420, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

617.1420 Grounds for administrative dissolution.—

(1) The Department of State may commence a proceeding under s. 617.1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if:

(a) The corporation has failed to file its annual report and pay the annual report filing fee by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Friday in September;

(b) The corporation is without a registered agent or registered office in this state for 30 days or more;

(c) The corporation does not notify the Department of State within 30 days after its registered agent or registered office has been changed, after its registered agent has resigned, or after its registered office has been discontinued;

(d) The corporation has failed to answer truthfully and fully, within the time prescribed by this act, interrogatories propounded by the Department of State; or

(e) The corporation's period of duration stated in its articles of incorporation has expired; or

(f) *The corporation has been designated as a domestic terrorist organization or foreign terrorist organization pursuant to s. 943.03102, such designation has been published in the Florida Administrative Register, and any timely judicial challenge under that section has been resolved against the organization.*

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 775.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

775.30 Terrorism; defined; penalties.—

(1) As used in this chapter and the Florida Criminal Code, the term:

(a) ~~terms~~ "Terrorism" or "terrorist activity" ~~means~~ ~~mean~~ an activity that:

1. ~~(a)~~ Involves:

~~a.1.~~ A violent act or an act dangerous to human life which is a violation of the criminal laws of this state or of the United States; or

~~b.2.~~ A violation of s. 815.06; and

2. ~~(b)~~ Is intended to:

~~a.1.~~ Intimidate, injure, or coerce a civilian population;

~~b.2.~~ Influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or

~~c.3.~~ Affect the conduct of government through destruction of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or aircraft piracy.

(b) *"Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(3) A person who ~~violates~~ ~~commits a violation of~~ subsection (2) which results in death or serious bodily injury commits a life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. As used in this subsection, the term "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person which creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or an organ.

Section 4. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1) of section 775.32, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (2), (3), and (4) are amended, and a new paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

775.32 Use of military-type training provided by ~~a designated foreign terrorist organizations~~ ~~organization~~.—

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

(c) *"Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(2) A person who has received military-type training from a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization may not use, attempt to use, or conspire to use such military-type training with the intent to unlawfully harm another person or damage a critical infrastructure facility.

(3) A person who ~~violates~~ ~~commits a violation of~~ subsection (2) commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(4) A person who ~~violates~~ ~~commits a violation of~~ subsection (2) which results in the death of, or serious bodily injury to, a person commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 5. Paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection (1) of section 775.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (f), respectively, subsections (3) and (5) are amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

775.33 Providing material support or resources for terrorism or to terrorist organizations.—

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

(b) *"Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(3) A person who knowingly provides material support or resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or attempts or conspires to do so, commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. To violate this subsection, a person must have knowledge that the organization is a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or that the organization has engaged in or engages in terrorism or terrorist activity.

(5)(a) For purposes of prosecution under subsection (2) or subsection (3), a person is deemed to provide material support or resources by providing personnel if the person knowingly provides, attempts to provide, or conspires to provide himself or herself or another person to:

1. Work under the direction and control of a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a person engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism; or

2. Organize, manage, supervise, or otherwise direct the operations of a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a person engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

(b) An individual who acts entirely independently of the designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or the person engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism to advance the organization's or person's goals or objectives is not working under the direction and control of the designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist organization or person engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

Section 6. Section 775.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.34 Membership in ~~a designated foreign~~ ~~terrorist organizations~~ ~~organization~~.—

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

(a) *"Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.*

(b) *"Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(2) A person who willfully becomes a member of a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of that organization with the intent to further the illegal acts of the organization commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~As used in this section, the term “designated foreign terrorist organization” has the same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.~~

Section 7. Subsection (7) of section 874.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

874.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(7) “Terrorist organization” means any organized group engaged in or organized for the purpose of engaging in terrorism as defined in s. 775.30. *The term includes:*

(a) *A domestic terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(b) *A foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

This definition ~~does not shall not be construed to~~ prevent prosecution under this chapter of individuals acting alone.

Section 8. Section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.03102 *Designation of terrorist organizations; effect of designation.—*

(1)(a) *In order to ensure the safety of this state, and the safety of the residents of this state, the Chief of Domestic Security may designate an organization:*

1. *A domestic terrorist organization if the Chief of Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the following criteria:*

a. *The organization is based or operates in this state or the United States.*

b. *The organization is engaging in terrorist activity as defined in s. 775.30.*

c. *The terrorist activity of the organization is an ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United States.*

2. *A foreign terrorist organization if the Chief of Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the following criteria:*

a. *The organization is designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to s. 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.*

b. *The terrorist activity of the organization is an ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United States.*

(b) *The Chief of Domestic Security must maintain and publish on the department’s website a current list of organizations that he or she designates as domestic terrorist organizations or foreign terrorist organizations.*

(c) *At least once every 5 years, the Chief of Domestic Security must review each designation made under paragraph (a) which labels an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization.*

(2)(a) *The Chief of Domestic Security must provide written notice to the Governor and Cabinet of his or her intent to designate an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, which notice must be accompanied by a summary of the basis for such designation.*

(b) *If the organization has a readily discernable location or office and notice can be delivered or furnished to that organization safely:*

1. *The notice of intent must be delivered or furnished to the organization. The written findings regarding the basis for such designation need not be included with the notice.*

2. *The notice must provide the date, time, and location of any public meeting regarding the designation.*

3. *The notice must provide information on how to object to the designation or appeal a designation.*

(c) *If the Governor and Cabinet hold a meeting to consider the notice of intent, the meeting materials relating to the notice of intent, excluding information that is confidential, exempt, or otherwise protected from disclosure by state or federal law, must be published and made available to the public consistent with s. 120.525.*

(d) *No earlier than 7 days after receipt of written notice made pursuant to paragraph (a), the Governor and Cabinet may, by a majority vote, approve or reject a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under subsection (1).*

(e) *Within 7 days after approval by the Governor and Cabinet of a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must publish notice of the designation in the Florida Administrative Register.*

(f) *Within 30 days after publication of a notice of the designation in the Florida Administrative Register, the organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, or any member of such organization, may challenge such designation in the circuit court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County. The court may not compel the public disclosure of any document that is confidential or exempt under state law or that is confidential, restricted, or otherwise protected from public disclosure according to federal law.*

(3)(a) *An organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization may petition the department, at any time, for the removal of such designation.*

(b) *At any time, the Governor and Cabinet may remove, by a majority vote, a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under subsection (1).*

(4) *A state agency, political subdivision, or public school district authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad valorem taxes may not:*

(a) *Expend such funds or taxes to support a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a member of such organization, whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with this section.*

(b) *Contract with a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization.*

(c) *Accept any funds from a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a member of such organization, whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with this section. However, this paragraph does not prohibit the acceptance of funds resulting from fines, penalties, forfeitures, taxes, or payment for goods or services provided to the organization or a member of the organization.*

(5) *The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.*

Section 9. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (1) of section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, to read:

1002.421 *State school choice scholarship program accountability and oversight.—*

(1) **PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—**A private school participating in an educational scholarship program established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as defined in s. 1002.01 in this state, be registered, and be in compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific requirements identified within respective scholarship program laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private schools, and must:

(t) *Prohibit:*

1. *Employment of or contracting with;*
2. *Ownership or operation by; and*
3. *Acceptance of funds from*

a person or entity that is affiliated with or in any way controlled by:

a. *A foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102, or a member of such organization;*

b. *A criminal gang or a criminal gang member as defined in s. 874.03;*

c. *A terrorist organization as defined in s. 874.03;*

d. *A transnational crime organization, as defined in s. 874.03, or a member of such organization;*

e. *A domestic terrorist organization as defined in s. 775.32;*

f. *A person or entity that has:*

(I) *Provided material support or resources, as defined in s. 775.33(1), to; or*

(II) *Received such support or resources from*

a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102, or a criminal gang, terrorist organization, transnational crime organization, or domestic terrorist organization, as those terms are defined in s. 874.03;

g. *A person or entity that has demonstrated a pattern or practice of supporting or advocating for terrorism as defined in s. 775.30(1);*

h. *A school program or student group that promotes a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102; or*

i. *A school program or student group that promotes a person or entity providing material support, as defined in s. 775.33, to a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may determine that the private school is ineligible to participate in a scholarship program.

Section 10. Section 1003.035, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1003.035 *Prohibited expenditures.*—A public school, including a charter school, school district, charter school administrator, or direct-support organization for any such school or school district, may not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support, or maintain any programs or campus activities that:

(1) *Promote a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(2) *Promote a person or entity providing material support, as defined in s. 775.33, to a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 1004.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.06 *Prohibited expenditures.*—

(2)(a) A Florida College System institution, state university, Florida College System institution direct-support organization, or state university direct-support organization may not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support, or maintain any programs or campus activities that:

1.~~(a)~~ *Violate s. 1000.05; or*

2.~~(b)~~ *Advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or promote or engage in political or social activism, as defined by rules of the State Board of Education and regulations of the Board of Governors; or*

3. *Promote a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(b) *The State Board of Education or the Board of Governors, as applicable, may withhold performance-based funding of a Florida College System institution or state university that violates subparagraph (a)3.*

(c) *Student fees to support student-led organizations are allowed ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that the public funds must be allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable. Use of institution facilities by student-led organizations is ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable.*

Section 12. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section 1006.61, Florida Statutes, to read:

1006.61 *Participation by students in disruptive activities, and promotion of foreign terrorist organizations,* at public postsecondary educational institution; penalties.—

(3)(a) *Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g)(2), a public postsecondary educational institution must report information relating to the current status of a student who is attending the institution on a student visa if the student promotes a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(b) *After a student of a state institution of higher learning has been determined to have promoted a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102, such student shall be immediately expelled from the institution.*

(4) *For purposes of this subsection, to “promote” a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization includes making a statement or taking an action that supports, approves, or encourages a terrorist organization’s extralegal violence and which in context:*

(a) *Is reasonably interpreted as a true threat of unlawful violence;*

(b) *Materially disrupts the orderly learning environment; or*

(c) *Involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others.*

Section 13. Section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.01 *Definitions.*—The term:

(1) *“Domestic terrorist organization” means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(2) *“Foreign terrorist organization” means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*

(3) “Out-of-state fee” means the additional fee for instruction charged by a public postsecondary educational institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s. 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose may not be included in this fee.

(4) “Promote” a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a person or entity providing material support to such organizations includes making a statement or taking an action that supports, approves, or encourages a terrorist organization’s extralegal violence and which in context:

- (a) Is reasonably interpreted as a true threat of unlawful violence;
- (b) Materially disrupts the orderly learning environment; or
- (c) Involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others.

(5) ~~(1)~~ “Tuition” means the basic fee charged to a student for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational institution in this state. A charge for any other purpose ~~shall~~ not be included in ~~within~~ this fee.

~~(2) “Out of state fee” means the additional fee for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s. 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose shall not be included within this fee.~~

(6) ~~(3)~~ “Tuition differential” means the supplemental fee

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 6-111 and insert: application or enforcement of certain laws or contract clauses; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending s. 617.1420, F.S.; providing that the Department of State may administratively dissolve a corporation that has been designated as a terrorist organization in certain situations; amending s. 775.30, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; amending s. 775.32, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing that a person who receives military training from a domestic terrorist organization in certain situations commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of “terrorist organization” to include a foreign terrorist organization and a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain and publish on the Department of Law Enforcement’s website a current list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each designation within a specified time period; requiring the Chief to provide specified written notice to the Governor, the Cabinet, and the organization of the designation; requiring that certain meeting materials be published and made publicly available if the Governor and Cabinet hold a meeting to consider the notice of intent; providing that the Governor and the Cabinet may by a majority vote approve or reject the designation; requiring the Chief to publish such designation in the Florida Administrative Register within a specified time period after approval of the designation by the Governor and the Cabinet; authorizing a designated organization to seek judicial review; prohibiting a court from compelling the public disclosure of certain documents; providing for removal of such designation in certain circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political subdivisions, and public school districts from expending certain public funds to support an organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, contracting with a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or accepting funds from such organizations; providing construction; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising eligibility and obligations of private schools that participate in the state school choice

scholarship program; creating s. 1003.035, F.S.; prohibiting a public school from expending certain funds to promote, support, or maintain certain programs or activities; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting certain institutions from expending public funds to promote, support, or maintain programs or campus activities that advocate for domestic terrorist organizations or foreign terrorist organizations; authorizing the withholding of specified funding of certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary educational institutions to report specified information of a student in certain circumstances; requiring immediate expulsion of such student from the institution; defining the term “promote”; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending ss. 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of Florida College System institutions and state universities, respectively, be immediately expelled and assessed out-of-state fees after a determination has been made such students have promoted a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain students of school districts and Florida College System institutions are ineligible for specified fee waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting students who promote domestic terrorist organization or foreign terrorist organizations from being awarded certain public institution funds; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the United States and Florida Constitutions guarantee the free exercise of religion and that the United States and the State of Florida have a long and cherished history of protecting religious freedom, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has acknowledged that the United States Constitution does not prohibit public authorities from regulating conduct or actions, even if motivated by religion, that “have invariably posed some substantial threat to public safety, peace or order,” *Sherbert v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398, 403 (1963), and

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article I of the State Constitution provides that “[r]eligious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety,” and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that certain practices inherent in some foreign laws or foreign legal systems violate fundamental due process rights, deny equal protection of the laws based on sex or religious belief, or authorize cruel and unusual punishments, and that such practices are incompatible with the United States and Florida Constitutions, and

WHEREAS, practices of some foreign laws or religious laws that are incompatible with the United States Constitution, the State Constitution, or are repugnant to fundamental principles of what is decent and just include, but are not limited, to practices that limit the testimony or weight of a woman’s testimony in judicial proceedings and practices that limit the testimony or weight of a person’s testimony in judicial proceedings due to the person’s religious beliefs, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that a public or private authority or tribunal in the State of Florida should not apply any foreign law or enforce any foreign judgment or order or contractual choice of law or forum selection provision that would result in a violation of a person’s rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the State Constitution, NOW, THEREFORE,

On motion by Senator Grall, further consideration of **CS for CS for HB 1471**, as amended, was deferred.

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Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1634** and **CS for CS for SB 1012** was deferred.

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**CS for SB 1016**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical assistance eligibility for working persons with disabilities; creating s. 409.9041, F.S.; defining the term “department”; creating the Working People with Disabilities program within the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing the purpose of the program; specifying eligibility requirements; specifying income and asset requirements for eligibility in the program; requiring the Department of Children and Families to provide a written notice of specified information to eligible adults upon their initial enrollment in certain Medicaid waiver programs, and at least annually thereafter; requiring the agency to identify certain Medicaid recipients and share such information with the department for a specified purpose; requiring the department to provide the initial written notice to currently eligible enrollees within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1016**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 915** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Bradley—

**CS for HB 915**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical assistance eligibility for working individuals with disabilities; creating s. 409.9041, F.S.; providing the definition of the term “department”; creating the Working People with Disabilities program within the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing for purpose of the program; providing eligibility requirements; providing income and assets requirements for eligibility in the program; requiring the department to provide written notice to eligible adults within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for such notice; requiring the agency to share specified information with the department; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1016** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 915** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1234**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building permits and inspections; amending s. 125.56, F.S.; providing for expiration of certain building permits issued by a county after a specified timeframe; providing construction; amending s. 489.129, F.S.; providing that certain persons are not subject to discipline for performing a job without applicable permits and inspections if otherwise provided by law; amending s. 553.382, F.S.; providing that any certified residential manufactured building may not be denied a building permit for placement on specified lots or property associations; creating s. 553.385, F.S.; defining the terms “local government” and “offsite-constructed residential dwelling”; requiring that an offsite-constructed residential dwelling be permitted as of right in any zoning district where certain dwellings are allowed; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing a certain zoning, land use, or development regulation that treats an offsite-constructed residential dwelling differently or more restrictively than certain dwellings in the same district; providing construction; authorizing a local government to adopt compatibility standards for specified architectural features; prohibiting a local government from treating offsite-constructed residential dwellings differently than factory-built buildings based on the method or location of construction; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain zoning, land use, or development ordinances or regulations; prohibiting local government ordinances or regulations from having the effect of excluding offsite-constructed residential dwellings; requiring that such ordinances or regulations be reasonable and uniformly enforced without distinction as to type of housing; providing that any such ordinance or regulation is void and unenforceable as applied to offsite-constructed residential dwellings; amending s. 553.77, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt by rule uniform statewide building permit applications for commercial and residential construction projects; requiring that such building permit applications, to the extent feasible, be capable of integration with existing building

permit software systems used by local governments and account for local amendments to the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; requiring local enforcement agencies to allow building permit applicants to submit certain documents and payments electronically; authorizing building officials to accept such documents and payments in person in a nonelectronic format; providing that a building permit issued by a local government for a single-family dwelling expires after a specified timeframe; authorizing a local government to extend such a building permit beyond the specified timeframe; prohibiting inspection fees from being based on the total cost of a project and from exceeding the actual inspection costs incurred by the local enforcement agency; prohibiting a local government that issues building permits from requiring the owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner’s contractor to obtain a building permit to perform work that is at valued less than a specified sum; providing exceptions; prohibiting the division of a construction project into more than one project for a specified purpose; requiring certain persons who perform work on a property to file a notice of permit exemption with the local enforcement agency within a specified timeframe; providing that a notice is not required for work performed personally by the property owner; providing that a local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or their successors or assigns for such work performed; prohibiting a local government that issues building permits from requiring an owner of certain dwellings, or the owner’s contractor, to obtain a building permit for certain work under certain circumstances; providing that a local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or their successors or assigns for such work performed; authorizing the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules; prohibiting a local government that issues building permits from requiring a building permit for each lot or parcel upon which a retaining wall is installed on the property of certain buildings; providing construction; prohibiting a political subdivision from imposing certain requirements for glazing on certain proposed construction or restoration projects; providing an exception; defining the terms “glazing” and “primary facade”; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising definitions; defining the term “registration”; revising the authorization of a fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor to use a private provider for certain services to include plans review; requiring that the written authorization of a fee owner to a contractor for the use of a private provider be explicit; providing that such explicit written authorization be submitted to the local building official; prohibiting a local enforcement agency from requiring that the explicit written authorization be submitted as part of a permit application or as a condition for issuing a permit; specifying how the permit fee must be calculated; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from charging certain administrative fees or other additional fees; requiring the local jurisdiction to promptly provide equal access to all permitting and inspection documents and reports to the private provider, fee owner, and contractor under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for reduced permit fees and surcharge calculations; prohibiting local governmental entities and local building officials from requiring additional forms in certain circumstances; providing an exception; requiring local enforcement agencies to create a registration system for private providers and private provider firms working in their jurisdiction; requiring a local enforcement agency to establish a method to register and update registration information electronically; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from charging an administrative fee for registration or updating registration; requiring private providers and private provider firms to include certain information when registering; prohibiting a private provider or a private provider firm from working in the local enforcement agency’s jurisdiction until it registers; requiring the private provider or private provider firm to update its registration within a specified timeframe if there is a change in specified information; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from altering a form adopted by the commission; deleting a requirement that a private provider’s qualification statements or resumes be included in a certain notice; deleting time restrictions for electing to use a private provider; revising the authorization for a fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor to use a private provider to provide inspection services for single-trade inspections for a single-family or two-family dwelling; requiring local enforcement agencies to accept electronically submitted affidavits; specifying which forms and documents a local building official may not review; providing that a local building official may review certain forms and documents for completeness only; requiring that written notice of incomplete forms be given to an applicant within a specified timeframe; requiring the written notice to state with specificity which forms or documents are incomplete; deleting a requirement that the local building official issue the requested permit or provide a written notice to the permit applicant

with specific information within a specified timeframe; revising the circumstances for when any time periods are tolled for any incomplete forms or documents; making technical changes; revising the timeframe in which the local building official has to issue the requested permit or provide a second written notice; providing that certain permits are deemed approved and a local building official is required to issue the permit within a specified timeframe; deleting a requirement of private providers that are performing required inspections to provide notice to the local building official of specified information; deleting a provision authorizing the local building official to visit the building site as often as necessary to verify certain information; prohibiting the local jurisdiction from charging reaudit or reinspection fees under certain circumstances; providing that local enforcement agencies are not responsible for the administration or supervision of services performed by a private provider; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; prohibiting local building officials from failing certain inspections under certain circumstances; revising the timeframe in which certain records must be provided; authorizing certain persons to sign certificates of compliance; authorizing a local building official to perform certain building inspections under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for local building officials under such circumstances; providing that a local building official may review certain forms and documents for completeness only; deleting a provision authorizing certain governmental entities to establish a system of registration for certain private providers, private provider firms, and duly authorized representatives; providing that certain virtual inspections may not be prohibited or limited; requiring that a private provider or private provider firm subject to an audit be given notice of such audit to be performed within a specified timeframe; prohibiting certain entities from prohibiting or discouraging the use of private providers; revising a provision authorizing a county, a municipality, a school district, or an independent special district to use a private provider or private provider firm, or a licensed building inspector or a person who holds the same licensure or certification as a private provider, to provide certain services; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which a local government must approve, approve with conditions, or deny certain work on certain buildings if such work is valued at less than a specified sum; amending s. 720.3035, F.S.; prohibiting an association or certain committees from requiring a building permit as a prerequisite for a certain review; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1234**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 803** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie—

**CS for CS for HB 803**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building permits and inspections; amending s. 125.56, F.S.; providing for expiration of certain building permits issued by a county; providing construction; amending s. 489.129, F.S.; providing that certain persons are not subject to discipline for performing a job without applicable permits and inspections if otherwise authorized by law; amending s. 553.382, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from denying a building permit for certain residential manufactured buildings; requiring certain housing units to be taxed in a certain manner; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; providing for expiration of certain building permits issued by a local government; providing construction; providing prohibitions for inspection fees; prohibiting a local government from requiring building permits for certain projects; providing an exception; prohibiting a construction project from being divided into multiple projects for a certain purpose; requiring a notice of permit exemption with specified information to be filed within a certain timeframe under certain circumstances; providing that local governments do not have a duty to certain persons; prohibiting local governments from requiring a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers that meet certain requirements; prohibiting local governments from requiring a building permit for the installation of certain retaining walls; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; requiring explicit written authorization from a fee owner for a contractor to use a private provider; requiring such authorization to be submitted to the local building official; removing the requirement that a contract for certain services be in writing; providing that a contract for certain services does not need to be submitted as part of a permit application; providing requirements for reduced permit fees; prohibiting a local jurisdiction

from charging punitive administrative fees or fees for plans review services; requiring that certain documents be promptly provided to certain persons; requiring local enforcement agencies to reduce permit fees by specified percentages under certain circumstances; providing that a local enforcement agency forfeits the ability to collect fees under certain circumstances; requiring a surcharge to be calculated based on the reduced permit fee; prohibiting local governments and local building officials from requiring additional forms; requiring local enforcement agencies to create a specified registration system that must have a method to register and update registration information electronically; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from charging an administrative fee to register or update registration information; requiring private provider firms to register with the local enforcement agency, provide certain information, and update its registration within a specified timeframe after changes occur; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from altering a form adopted by the commission; removing the requirement that a private provider's qualification statements or resumes be included in a certain notice; removing time restrictions for electing to use a private provider; requiring local enforcement agencies to accept a certain affidavit electronically; providing which forms and documents a local building official may review; providing notice requirements; providing that certain permits are deemed approved; providing that local enforcement agencies are not responsible for the administration or supervision of services performed by a private provider; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from requiring additional verification of certain requirements beyond that which is required at registration; revising the timeframe in which certain records must be provided; authorizing certain records to be electronically transmitted; prohibiting local building officials from failing certain inspections; authorizing certain persons to sign certificates of compliance; providing requirements for local building officials who have knowledge that a private provider failed to perform an inspection; providing that virtual inspections may not be prohibited; requiring certain notice before an audit; prohibiting certain entities from discouraging the use of private providers; authorizing certain public entities to use a private provider firm or to employ a licensed building inspector to provide building code inspection services; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; requiring a local government to make certain decisions relating to certain building permits within a specified timeframe; amending s. 553.77, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Commission to develop uniform commercial and residential building permit applications by a specified date; providing requirements for a uniform commercial building permit application; amending s. 720.3035, F.S.; prohibiting an association or certain committees from requiring a building permit as a prerequisite for a certain review; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1234** and read the second time by title.

Senator DiCeglie moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (741396) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 123-1101 and insert:

Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 287.056, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

287.056 Purchases from purchasing agreements and state term contracts; vendor disqualification.—

(4) *The department shall enter into and maintain one or more state term contracts with vendors for the purpose of providing building code inspection services as defined in s. 553.791.*

Section 3. Section 468.634, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

468.634 *Certification by endorsement during a state of emergency.—Notwithstanding any other law, a person may act in any of the following positions under the direction of the local building official for a period of 1 year from the date of a declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor for a natural emergency, a manmade emergency, or a technological emergency as those terms are defined in s. 252.34, if such person has entered into a state term contract pursuant to s. 287.056, is qualified for such work in any state that has a mutual aid agreement pursuant to s. 252.40(2), or has held a valid license for such work in any state for 5 years immediately before the date of the declaration:*

- (1) *Building code inspector.*
- (2) *Building inspector.*
- (3) *Coastal construction inspector.*
- (4) *Commercial electrical inspector.*
- (5) *Electrical inspector.*
- (6) *Mechanical inspector.*
- (7) *Plumbing inspector.*
- (8) *Residential electrical inspector.*
- (9) *Residential inspector.*
- (10) *Plans examiner.*
- (11) *Building plans examiner.*
- (12) *Plumbing plans examiner.*
- (13) *Mechanical plans examiner.*
- (14) *Electrical plans examiner.*

Section 4. Paragraph (o) of subsection (1) of section 489.129, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.129 Disciplinary proceedings.—

(1) The board may take any of the following actions against any certificateholder or registrant: place on probation or reprimand the licensee, revoke, suspend, or deny the issuance or renewal of the certificate or registration, require financial restitution to a consumer for financial harm directly related to a violation of a provision of this part, impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, require continuing education, or assess costs associated with investigation and prosecution, if the contractor, financially responsible officer, or business organization for which the contractor is a primary qualifying agent, a financially responsible officer, or a secondary qualifying agent responsible under s. 489.1195 is found guilty of any of the following acts:

(o) Proceeding on any job without obtaining applicable local building department permits and inspections, *unless otherwise provided by law.*

For the purposes of this subsection, construction is considered to be commenced when the contract is executed and the contractor has accepted funds from the customer or lender. A contractor does not commit a violation of this subsection when the contractor relies on a building code interpretation rendered by a building official or person authorized by s. 553.80 to enforce the building code, absent a finding of fraud or deceit in the practice of contracting, or gross negligence, repeated negligence, or negligence resulting in a significant danger to life or property on the part of the building official, in a proceeding under chapter 120.

Section 5. Section 553.382, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.382 Placement of certain housing.—Notwithstanding any other law or ordinance to the contrary, in order to expand the availability of affordable housing in this state, any residential manufactured building that is certified under this chapter by the department may *not be denied a building permit for placement* ~~be placed~~ on a mobile home lot in a mobile home park, on a lot in a recreational vehicle park, or in a mobile home condominium, cooperative, or subdivision. Any such housing unit placed on a mobile home lot is a mobile home for purposes of chapter 723 and, therefore, all rights, obligations, and duties under chapter 723 apply, including the specifics of the prospectus. However, a housing unit subject to this section may not be placed on a mobile home lot without the prior written approval of the park owner. Each housing unit *located on a mobile home lot and* subject to this section shall be taxed as a mobile home under s. 320.08(11) and is subject to payments to the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Fund under s. 723.06116.

Section 6. Section 553.385, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

553.385 *Permitting and zoning of offsite-constructed residential dwellings; parity.*—

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

(a) *“Local government” means a county or municipality.*

(b) *“Offsite-constructed residential dwelling” means a manufactured building as defined in s. 553.36(13) which is intended for single-family residential use, or a manufactured home as defined in s. 320.01(2)(b) which is constructed in whole or in part offsite and is treated as real property.*

(2)(a) *An offsite-constructed residential dwelling must be permitted as of right in any zoning district where single-family detached dwellings are allowed.*

(b) *A local government may not adopt or enforce any zoning, land use, or development regulation that treats an offsite-constructed residential dwelling differently or more restrictively than a single-family site-built dwelling allowed in the same district.*

(c) *This section does not prohibit a local government from applying generally applicable architectural, aesthetic, design, setback, height, or bulk standards to offsite-constructed residential dwellings, provided such standards apply equally to site-built single-family dwellings permitted in the same district. A local government may adopt compatibility standards that are limited to the following architectural features:*

1. *Roof pitch.*
2. *Square footage of livable space.*
3. *Type and quality of exterior finishing materials.*
4. *Foundation enclosure.*
5. *Existence and type of attached structures.*
6. *Building setbacks, lot dimensions, and the orientation of the home on the lot.*

(d) *A local government may not treat offsite-constructed residential dwellings differently than factory-built buildings subject to s. 553.38 based on the method or location of construction.*

(3) *A local government may not adopt or enforce any zoning, land use, or development ordinance or regulation that conflicts with this section or s. 553.38, or that imposes different or more restrictive treatment on an offsite-constructed residential dwelling based on its method of construction or the presence of components built off site. Local government ordinances or regulations may not have the effect of excluding offsite-constructed residential dwellings and must be reasonable and uniformly enforced without any distinction as to the type of housing. Any such ordinance or regulation is void and unenforceable as applied to offsite-constructed residential dwellings.*

Section 7. Present paragraphs (b) through (m) of subsection (1) of section 553.77, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (n), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, and present paragraph (c) of that subsection is amended, to read:

553.77 Specific powers of the commission.—

(1) The commission shall:

(b) *By July 1, 2027, adopt by rule a uniform commercial building permit application to be used statewide for commercial construction projects and a uniform residential building permit application to be used statewide for residential construction projects. To the extent feasible, the uniform commercial building permit application and the uniform residential building permit application adopted by the commission must be capable of integration with existing building permit software systems used by local governments and must account for local amendments to the Florida Building Code.*

(d)(e) *Upon written application by any substantially affected person or a local enforcement agency, issue declaratory statements pursuant to s. 120.565 relating to new technologies, techniques, and materials which have been tested where necessary and found to meet the objectives of the Florida Building Code. This paragraph does not apply to the*

types of products, materials, devices, or methods of construction required to be approved under paragraph (g) ~~(f)~~.

Section 8. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (f) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (24) of section 553.79, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraphs (g) through (j) are added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

(1)(a) *Unless otherwise provided by law*, after the effective date of the Florida Building Code adopted as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity to construct, erect, alter, modify, repair, or demolish any building within this state without first obtaining a permit therefor from the appropriate enforcing agency or from such persons as may, by appropriate resolution or regulation of the authorized state or local enforcing agency, be delegated authority to issue such permits, upon the payment of such reasonable fees adopted by the enforcing agency. The enforcing agency is empowered to revoke any such permit upon a determination by the agency that the construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of the building for which the permit was issued is in violation of, or not in conformity with, the provisions of the Florida Building Code. Whenever a permit required under this section is denied or revoked because the plan, or the construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of a building, is found by the local enforcing agency to be not in compliance with the Florida Building Code, the local enforcing agency shall identify the specific plan or project features that do not comply with the applicable codes, identify the specific code chapters and sections upon which the finding is based, and provide this information to the permit applicant. A plans reviewer or building code administrator who is responsible for issuing a denial, revocation, or modification request but fails to provide to the permit applicant a reason for denying, revoking, or requesting a modification, based on compliance with the Florida Building Code or local ordinance, is subject to disciplinary action against his or her license pursuant to s. 468.621(1)(i). Installation, replacement, removal, or metering of any load management control device is exempt from and shall not be subject to the permit process and fees otherwise required by this section.

(b) A local enforcement agency shall post each type of building permit application, *as adopted by the commission*, including a list of all required attachments, drawings, or other requirements for each type of application, on its website. A local enforcement agency ~~shall~~ ~~must~~ post and update the status of every received application on its website until the issuance of the building permit. *A local enforcement agency shall allow applicants to submit completed applications, including payments, attachments, drawings, or other requirements or parts of the completed permit application, must be able to be submitted electronically to the appropriate building department. Accepted methods of electronic submission include, but are not limited to, e-mail submission of applications in Portable Document Format or submission of applications through an electronic fill-in form available on the building department's website or through a third-party submission management software. A building official, at his or her discretion, may accept completed applications, including payments, attachments, drawings, or other requirements or parts of the completed permit application, may also be submitted in person in a nonelectronic format, at the discretion of the building official.*

(c) A local government that issues building permits may send a written notice of expiration, by e-mail or United States Postal Service, to the owner of the property and the contractor listed on the permit, no less than 30 days before a building permit is set to expire. The written notice must identify the permit that is set to expire and the date the permit will expire. *A building permit issued by a local government for a single-family dwelling expires 1 year after the issuance of the permit or on the effective date of the next edition of the Florida Building Code, whichever is later. However, this paragraph does not prevent a local government from extending a building permit beyond the expiration date.*

(f) A local government may not require a contract between a builder and an owner, any copies of such contract, or any associated document, including, but not limited to, letters of intent, material costs lists, labor costs, or overhead or profit statements, for the issuance of a building permit or as a requirement for the submission of a building permit application. *Inspection fees may not be based on the total cost of a project*

*and may not exceed the actual inspection costs incurred by the local enforcement agency.*

*(g)1. A local government that issues building permits may not require an owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner's contractor to obtain a building permit to perform any work that is valued at less than \$7,500 on the owner's property. However, a local government may require a building permit for any electrical, plumbing, structural, mechanical, or gas work performed on property containing a single-family dwelling regardless of the value of the work. A construction project may not be divided into more than one project for the purpose of evading the requirements of this section.*

*2. For any work performed by a person other than the property owner under the exemption in subparagraph 1., the person performing the work must file a notice of permit exemption with the local enforcement agency that includes the name and license number of the person or entity hired to perform the work, the scope of the work performed, the property address at which the work was performed, and the value of such work as proof that such work complies with subparagraph 1. A notice of permit exemption must be filed within 30 days after the date the work begins. A notice is not required for work performed personally by the property owner. A local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or successors or assigns thereof for work performed under this paragraph.*

*(h)1. Except to the extent strictly necessary to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program for participating communities, a local government that issues building permits may not require an owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner's contractor to obtain a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers that meet all of the following conditions:*

*a. The wall or barrier is nonhabitable and non-load-bearing.*

*b. The wall or barrier is installed on the residential property of a single-family or two-family dwelling or townhouse.*

*c. The wall or barrier is constructed to mitigate or prevent storm surge or floodwaters from entering a structure or property.*

*d. The wall or barrier is installed by a contractor licensed under part I of chapter 489.*

*e. The wall or barrier complies with applicable local zoning, drainage, easement, and setback requirements.*

*2. A local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or successors or assigns thereof for work performed under this paragraph.*

*3. The commission may adopt rules under s. 120.54 to incorporate necessary standards to implement this paragraph.*

*(i) A local government that issues building permits may not require a building permit for each lot or parcel upon which a retaining wall is installed on the property of a single-family or two-family residential dwelling or a townhouse.*

*(j) This subsection may not be construed to limit a local government's authority under this chapter to maintain compliance with the regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the National Flood Insurance Program, regardless of the value of the work.*

(24)(a) A political subdivision of this state may not adopt or enforce any ordinance or impose any building permit or other development order requirement that:

1. Contains any building, construction, or aesthetic requirement or condition that conflicts with or impairs corporate trademarks, service marks, trade dress, logos, color patterns, design scheme insignia, image standards, or other features of corporate branding identity on real property or improvements thereon used in activities conducted under chapter 526 or in carrying out business activities defined as a franchise by Federal Trade Commission regulations in 16 C.F.R. ss. 436.1, et seq.; ~~or~~

2. Imposes any requirement on the design, construction, or location of signage advertising the retail price of gasoline in accordance with the requirements of ss. 526.111 and 526.121 which prevents the signage

from being clearly visible and legible to drivers of approaching motor vehicles from a vantage point on any lane of traffic in either direction on a roadway abutting the gas station premises and meets height, width, and spacing standards for Series C, D, or E signs, as applicable, published in the latest edition of Standard Alphabets for Highway Signs published by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads, Office of Highway Safety; or

3. Imposes a glazing requirement that results in the glazing of more than 15 percent of the surface area of the primary facade for the first 10 feet above the ground floor for a proposed new commercial or mixed-use construction or restoration project, except for individually listed contributing structures in a National Register of Historic Places district. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term:

a. “Glazing” means the installation of transparent or translucent materials, including glass or similar substances, in windows, doors, or storefronts. The term includes any actual or faux windows to be installed on a building facade.

b. “Primary facade” means the single building side housing the primary entrance to the building.

Section 9. Section 553.791, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.—

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

(a) “Applicable codes” means the Florida Building Code and any local technical amendments to the Florida Building Code but does not include the applicable minimum fire prevention and firesafety codes adopted pursuant to chapter 633.

(b) “Audit” means the process to confirm that the building code inspection services have been performed by the private provider, including ensuring that the required affidavit for the plan review has been properly completed and submitted with the permit documents and that the minimum mandatory inspections required under the building code have been performed and properly recorded. The local building official may not replicate the plan review or inspection being performed by the private provider, unless expressly authorized by this section.

(c) “Building” means any construction, erection, alteration, demolition, or improvement of, or addition to, any structure or site work for which permitting by a local enforcement agency is required.

(d) “Building code inspection services” means those services described in s. 468.603(5) and (8) involving the review of building plans as well as those services involving the review of site plans and site work engineering plans or their functional equivalent, to determine compliance with applicable codes and those inspections required by law, conducted either in person or virtually, of each phase of construction for which permitting by a local enforcement agency is required to determine compliance with applicable codes.

(e) “Deliver” or “delivery” means any method of delivery used in conventional business or commercial practice, including delivery by electronic transmissions such as e-mail or submission through an electronic fill-in form available on the building department’s website or through a third-party submission management software.

(f) “Duly authorized representative” means an agent of the private provider identified in the permit application who reviews plans or performs inspections as provided by this section and who is licensed as an engineer under chapter 471 or as an architect under chapter 481 or who holds a standard or provisional certificate under part XII of chapter 468. A duly authorized representative who only holds a provisional certificate under part XII of chapter 468 must be under the direct supervision of a person licensed as a building code administrator under part XII of chapter 468.

(g) “Electronic signature” means any letters, characters, or symbols manifested by electronic or similar means which are executed or adopted by a party with an intent to authenticate a writing or record.

(h) “Electronic transmission” or “submitted electronically” means any form or process of communication not directly involving the physical transfer of paper or another tangible medium which is suitable for

the retention, retrieval, and reproduction of information by the recipient and is retrievable in paper form by the receipt through an automated process. All notices, documents, and applications provided for in this section may be transmitted electronically and shall have the same legal effect as if physically posted or mailed.

(i) “Electronically posted” means providing notices of decisions, results, or records, including inspection records, through the use of a website or other form of electronic communication used to transmit or display information.

(j) “Immediate threat to public safety and welfare” means a building code violation that, if allowed to persist, constitutes an immediate hazard that could result in death, serious bodily injury, or significant property damage. This paragraph does not limit the authority of the local building official to issue a Notice of Corrective Action at any time during the construction of a building project or any portion of such project if the official determines that a condition of the building or portion thereof may constitute a hazard when the building is put into use following completion as long as the condition cited is shown to be in violation of the building code or approved plans.

(k) “Local building official” means the individual within the governing jurisdiction responsible for direct regulatory administration or supervision of plans review, enforcement, and inspection of any construction, erection, alteration, demolition, or substantial improvement of, or addition to, any structure for which permitting is required to indicate compliance with applicable codes and includes any duly authorized designee of such person.

(l) “Permit application” means a properly completed and submitted application for the requested building or construction permit, including:

1. The plans reviewed by the private provider, or in the case of a single-trade plans review where a private provider uses an automated or software-based plans review system pursuant to subsection (7) ~~(6)~~, the information reviewed by the automated or software-based plans review system to determine compliance with one or more applicable codes.

2. The affidavit from the private provider required under subsection (7) ~~(6)~~.

3. Any applicable fees.

4. Any documents required by the local building official to determine that the fee owner has secured all other government approvals required by law.

(m) “Plans” means building plans, site engineering plans, or site plans, or their functional equivalent, submitted by a fee owner or fee owner’s contractor to a private provider or duly authorized representative for review.

(n) “Private provider” means a person licensed as a building code administrator under part XII of chapter 468, as an engineer under chapter 471, or as an architect under chapter 481. For purposes of performing inspections under this section for additions and alterations that are limited to 1,000 square feet or less to residential buildings, the term “private provider” also includes a person who holds a standard certificate under part XII of chapter 468.

(o) “Private provider firm” means a business organization, including a corporation, partnership, business trust, or other legal entity, which offers services under this chapter to the public through licensees who are acting as agents, employees, officers, or partners of the firm. A person who is licensed as a building code administrator under part XII of chapter 468, an engineer under chapter 471, or an architect under chapter 481 may act as a private provider for an agent, employee, or officer of the private provider firm.

(p) “Registration” means the roster of authorized private provider firms held by each local enforcement agency.

(q) ~~(p)~~ “Request for certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion” means a properly completed and executed application for:

1. A certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion.

2. A certificate of compliance from the private provider required under subsection (15) ~~(13)~~.

3. Any applicable fees.

4. Any documents required by the local building official to determine that the fee owner has secured all other government approvals required by law.

(r)~~(q)~~ “Single-trade inspection” or “single-trade plans review” means any inspection or plans review focused on a single construction trade, such as plumbing, mechanical, or electrical. The term includes, but is not limited to, inspections or plans reviews of door or window replacements; fences and block walls more than 6 feet high from the top of the wall to the bottom of the footing; stucco or plastering; reroofing with no structural alteration; solar energy and energy storage installations or alterations; HVAC replacements; ductwork or fan replacements; alteration or installation of wiring, lighting, and service panels; water heater changeouts; sink replacements; and repiping.

(s)~~(r)~~ “Site work” means the portion of a construction project that is not part of the building structure, including, but not limited to, grading, excavation, landscape irrigation, and installation of driveways.

(t)~~(s)~~ “Stop-work order” means the issuance of any written statement, written directive, or written order which states the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work will be permitted to resume.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any other law or local government ordinance or local policy, the fee owner of a building or structure, or the fee owner’s contractor upon *explicit* written authorization from the fee owner, may choose *at any time* to use a private provider to provide *plans review* or building code inspection services with regard to such building or structure and may make payment directly to the private provider for the provision of such services. All such services shall be the subject of a ~~written~~ contract between the private provider, or the private provider’s firm, and the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor, upon *explicit* written authorization of the fee owner. *A copy of such written authorization must be submitted to the local building official. The local enforcement agency may not require the contract to be provided as part of the permit application or as a condition for issuing a permit.* The fee owner may elect to use a private provider to provide plans review or required building inspections, or both. However, if the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor uses a private provider to provide plans review, the local building official, in his or her discretion and pursuant to duly adopted policies of the local enforcement agency, may require the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor to use a private provider to also provide required building inspections.

(b) ~~If a fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee by the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement agency for not having to perform such services. Such reduction may be calculated on a flat fee or percentage basis, or any other reasonable means by which a local enforcement agency assesses the cost for its plans review or inspection services. The permit fee must be based on the cost incurred by the local jurisdiction, including the labor cost of the personnel providing such services and the clerical and supervisory assistance required to comply with this section. The local jurisdiction may not charge fees for plans review or building inspections if the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor hires a private provider to perform such services. The local enforcement agency may not charge punitive administrative fees when a fee owner has chosen to work with a private provider; however, the local jurisdiction may charge a reasonable administrative fee, which shall be based on the cost that is actually incurred, including the labor cost of the personnel providing the service, by the local jurisdiction or attributable to the local jurisdiction for the clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both.~~

(c) ~~If a fee owner or the fee owner’s a contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the local jurisdiction must provide equal access to all permitting and inspection documents and reports to the private provider, owner, and contractor if such access is provided by software that protects exempt records from disclosure. Access to these documents must be promptly provided.~~

~~(d) If a fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services for a commercial construction project, the local enforcement agency must reduce the permit fee by at least 25 percent of the portion of the permit fee attributable to plans review or building inspection services, as applicable. If the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor retains a private provider for all required plans review and building inspection services, the local enforcement agency must reduce the total permit fee by at least 50 percent of the amount otherwise charged for such services. If the local enforcement agency does not reduce such fee by at least the percentages provided in this paragraph, the local enforcement agency forfeits the ability to collect any fees for the commercial construction project. The surcharge required by s. 553.721 must be calculated based on the amount of the reduced permit fee. This paragraph does not prohibit a local enforcement agency from reducing a permit fee in excess of the percentages provided in this paragraph.~~

~~(e) A local government or local building official may not require additional forms beyond those required at registration, except for the written notice required under subsection (5), if a fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor uses a private provider.~~

(3) A private provider and any duly authorized representative may only perform building code inspection services that are within the disciplines covered by that person’s licensure or certification under chapter 468, chapter 471, or chapter 481, including single-trade inspections. A private provider may not provide building code inspection services pursuant to this section upon any building designed or constructed by the private provider or the private provider’s firm.

~~(4) A local enforcement agency must create a registration system for private providers and private provider firms working in the local enforcement agency’s jurisdiction. A local enforcement agency must have a method to register and update registration information electronically. The local enforcement agency may not charge an administrative fee for registration or updates to a registration. The private provider or private provider firm must provide its contact information and verify compliance with the licensure requirements of paragraph (1)(n) or paragraph (1)(o), as applicable, and the insurance requirements of subsection (20). The private provider or private provider firm must register with the local enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the provider or firm is working before contracting to provide services in such jurisdiction. The private provider or private provider firm must update its registration within 5 business days after any change to the provider’s or firm’s contact information, licensure, or insurance coverage.~~

~~(5)(4) A fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor using a private provider to provide building code inspection services shall notify the local building official in writing at the time of permit application, or by 2 p.m. local time, 2 business days before the first scheduled inspection by the local building official or building code enforcement agency that a private provider has been contracted to perform the required inspections of construction under this section, including single-trade inspections, on a form to be adopted by the commission. The local enforcement agency may not alter the form. This notice must ~~shall~~ include the following information:~~

(a) The services to be performed by the private provider.

(b) The name, firm, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of each private provider who is performing or will perform such services, his or her professional license or certification number, ~~qualification statements or resumes~~, and, if required by the local building official, a certificate of insurance demonstrating that professional liability insurance coverage is in place for the private provider’s firm, the private provider, and any duly authorized representative in the amounts required by this section.

(c) An acknowledgment from the fee owner or the fee owner’s contractor in substantially the following form:

I have elected to use one or more private providers to provide building code plans review and/or inspection services on the building or structure that is the subject of the enclosed permit application, as authorized by s. 553.791, Florida Statutes. I understand that the local building official may not review the plans submitted or perform the required building inspections to determine compliance with the applicable codes, except to the extent

specified in said law. Instead, plans review and/or required building inspections will be performed by licensed or certified personnel identified in the application. The law requires minimum insurance requirements for such personnel, but I understand that I may require more insurance to protect my interests. By executing this form, I acknowledge that I have made inquiry regarding the competence of the licensed or certified personnel and the level of their insurance and am satisfied that my interests are adequately protected. I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the local government, the local building official, and their building code enforcement personnel from any and all claims arising from my use of these licensed or certified personnel to perform building code inspection services with respect to the building or structure that is the subject of the enclosed permit application.

If the fee owner or the fee owner's contractor makes any changes to the listed private providers or the services to be provided by those private providers, the fee owner or the fee owner's contractor shall, within 1 business day after any change or within 2 business days before the next scheduled inspection, update the notice to reflect such changes. A change of a duly authorized representative named in the permit application does not require a revision of the permit, and the building code enforcement agency shall not charge a fee for making the change.

~~(6)(5)~~ After construction has commenced ~~and if either the local building official is unable to provide inspection services in a timely manner or the work subject to inspection is related to a single trade inspection for a single family or two family dwelling~~, the fee owner or the fee owner's contractor may elect to use a private provider to provide inspection services ~~for a single-trade inspection for a single-family or two-family dwelling~~ by notifying the local building official of the owner's or contractor's intention to do so ~~by 2 p.m. local time, 2 business days before the next scheduled inspection using the notice provided for in paragraphs (5)(a), (b), and (c)~~ ~~(4)(a)-(e)~~.

~~(7)(6)~~ A private provider performing plans review under this section shall review the plans to determine compliance with the applicable codes. For single-trade plans reviews, a private provider may use an automated or software-based plans review system designed to determine compliance with one or more applicable codes, including, but not limited to, the National Electrical Code and the Florida Building Code. Upon determining that the plans reviewed comply with the applicable codes, the private provider shall prepare an affidavit or affidavits certifying, under oath, that the following is true and correct to the best of the private provider's knowledge and belief:

(a) The plans were reviewed by the affiant, who is duly authorized to perform plans review pursuant to this section and holds the appropriate license or certificate.

(b) The plans comply with the applicable codes.

Such affidavit may bear a written or electronic signature and may be submitted electronically to the local building official. *A local enforcement agency must accept electronically submitted affidavits.*

~~(8)(a)~~ *The local building official may not review plans, construction drawings, or any other related documents determined by a private provider to be compliant with the applicable codes, except to the extent necessary to determine compliance with local ordinances, floodplain management regulations, site review requirements, and any other administrative or life-safety review unrelated to building code compliance.*

~~(b)~~ *The local building official may review other forms and documents required under this section for completeness only. The local building official must provide written notice to a permit applicant of any incomplete forms or documents required under this section no later than 10 business days after receipt of a permit application or, if the permit application is relating to a single-trade plans review for a single-family or two-family dwelling, no later than 5 business days after receipt of a permit application, and an affidavit from the private provider as required in subsection (7). The written notice must state with specificity which forms or documents are incomplete.*

~~(7)(a)~~ *No more than 20 business days, or if the permit application is related to a single-trade plans review for a single family or two family dwelling, no more than 5 business days, after receipt of a permit application and the affidavit from the private provider required pursuant*

~~to subsection (6), the local building official shall issue the requested permit or provide a written notice to the permit applicant identifying the specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, as well as the specific code chapters and sections. If the local building official does not provide such a written notice of the plan deficiencies within the prescribed time period, the permit application must be deemed approved as a matter of law, and the permit must be issued by the local building official on the next business day.~~

~~(c)(b)~~ If the local building official provides a written notice of ~~plan deficiencies~~ to the permit applicant of any incomplete forms or documents required under this section at the time of plan submission within the prescribed time period, ~~such the~~ time period is tolled pending resolution of the matter. To resolve the ~~issues raised in the notice plan deficiencies~~, the permit applicant may elect to dispute the ~~issues deficiencies~~ pursuant to subsection (17) ~~(15)~~ or to submit revisions to correct the ~~issues deficiencies~~.

~~(d)(e)~~ If the permit applicant submits revisions, the local building official has the remainder of the tolled ~~10-day or 5-day~~ time period plus 5 business days ~~after the date of resubmittal~~ to issue the requested permit or to provide a second written notice to the permit applicant stating which of the previously identified ~~forms or documents plan features~~ remain incomplete ~~in noncompliance with the applicable codes~~, with specific reference to the relevant code chapters and sections. Any subsequent review by the local building official is limited to the ~~issues deficiencies~~ cited in the original written notice. If the local building official does not provide the second written notice within the prescribed time period, the permit must be deemed approved as a matter of law, and the local building official must issue the permit on the next business day.

~~(e)(d)~~ If the local building official provides a second written notice of ~~plan deficiencies~~ to the permit applicant within the prescribed time period, the permit applicant may elect to dispute the ~~issues raised in the second notice deficiencies~~ pursuant to subsection (17) ~~(15)~~ or to submit additional revisions to correct the ~~issues deficiencies~~. For all revisions submitted after the first revision, the local building official has an additional 5 business days ~~after the date of resubmittal~~ to issue the requested permit or to provide a written notice to the permit applicant stating which of the previously identified ~~forms or documents plan features~~ remain incomplete. ~~If the local building official does not provide the notice within the prescribed time period, the permit must be deemed approved as a matter of law, and the local building official must issue the permit on the next business day in noncompliance with the applicable codes, with specific reference to the relevant code chapters and sections.~~

~~(9)(8)~~ A private provider performing required inspections under this section shall inspect each phase of construction as required by the applicable codes. Such inspection, including a single-trade inspection, may be performed in person or virtually. The private provider may have a duly authorized representative perform the required inspections, provided all required reports are prepared by and bear the written or electronic signature of the private provider or the private provider's duly authorized representative. The duly authorized representative must be an employee of the private provider entitled to receive re-employment assistance benefits under chapter 443. The contractor's contractual or legal obligations are not relieved by any action of the private provider.

~~(10)(9)~~ ~~A private provider performing required inspections under this section shall provide notice to the local building official of the approximate date and time of any such inspection.~~ The local building official may not prohibit the private provider from performing any inspection outside the local building official's normal operating hours, including after hours, weekends, or holidays. ~~The local building official may visit the building site as often as necessary to verify that the private provider is performing all required inspections.~~ A deficiency notice must be posted by the private provider, the duly authorized representative of the private provider, or the building department whenever a noncomplying item related to the building code or the permitted documents is found. Such notice may be physically posted at the job site or electronically posted. After corrections are made, the item must be re-inspected by the private provider or ~~the~~ representative of the private provider before being concealed. ~~Reinspection or reaudit fees shall not be charged by~~ The local jurisdiction ~~may not charge reinspection or reaudit fees~~ as a result of the local jurisdiction's audit inspection occurring

before the performance of the private provider's inspection or for any other administrative matter not involving the detection of a violation of the building code or a permit requirement.

(11) *A local enforcement agency is not responsible for the regulatory administration or supervision of building code inspection services performed by a private provider hired by a fee owner or the fee owner's contractor. A local enforcement agency may not require additional verification of licensure or insurance requirements beyond that which is required at registration.*

(12)(10) If the private provider is a person licensed as an engineer under chapter 471 or an architect under chapter 481 and affixes his or her professional seal to the affidavit required under subsection (7) (6), the local building official must issue the requested permit or provide a written notice to the permit applicant identifying the specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, as well as the specific code chapters and sections, within 10 business days after receipt of the permit application and affidavit. In such written notice, the local building official must provide with specificity the plan's deficiencies, the reasons the permit application failed, and the applicable codes being violated. If the local building official does not provide specific written notice to the permit applicant within the prescribed 10-day period, the permit application is deemed approved as a matter of law, and the local building official must issue the permit on the next business day.

(13)(11) If equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, subject to the emergency permitting provisions of the Florida Building Code, a private provider may perform emergency inspection services without first notifying the local building official pursuant to subsection (9). A private provider must conduct the inspection within 3 business days after being contacted to conduct an emergency inspection and must submit the inspection report to the local building official within 1 day after the inspection is completed.

(14)(12) Upon completing the required inspections at each applicable phase of construction, the private provider shall record such inspections on a form provided by the commission acceptable to the local building official. The form must bear the written or electronic signature of the private provider or the private provider's duly authorized representative. These inspection records must shall reflect those inspections required by the applicable codes of each phase of construction for which permitting by a local enforcement agency is required. The private provider, upon completion of the required inspection, shall post each completed inspection record, indicating pass or fail, and provide the record to the local building official within 4 2 business days. Such inspection record may be electronically posted by the private provider, or the private provider may post such inspection record physically at the project site. The private provider may electronically transmit the record to the local building official. The local building official may waive the requirement to provide a record of each inspection within 4 2 business days if the record is electronically posted or transmitted or posted at the project site and all such inspection records are submitted with the certificate of compliance. Unless the records have been electronically posted or transmitted, records of all required and completed inspections shall be maintained at the building site at all times and made available for review by the local building official. A local building official may not fail any inspection performed by a private provider for not having the inspection records at the job site if the inspection records have been electronically transmitted to the local building official within the 4-business-day requirement. The private provider shall report to the local enforcement agency any condition that poses an immediate threat to public safety and welfare.

(15)(13) Upon completion of all required inspections, the private provider firm shall prepare a certificate of compliance, on a form provided by the commission acceptable to the local building official, summarizing the inspections performed and including a written representation, under oath, that the stated inspections have been performed and that, to the best of the private provider's knowledge and belief, the building construction inspected complies with the approved plans and applicable codes. The certificate of compliance may be signed by any qualified licensed individual employed full time by the private provider firm under whose authority the inspection was completed. The statement required of the private provider shall be substantially in the following form and shall be signed and sealed by a private provider as

established in subsection (1) or may be electronically transmitted to the local building official:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the building components and site improvements outlined herein and inspected under my authority have been completed in conformance with the approved plans and the applicable codes.

(16)(a)(14)(a) *The local building official may only perform building inspections of construction that a private provider has determined to be compliant with the applicable codes if the local building official has knowledge that the private provider did not perform the required inspections. If the local building official has such knowledge, the local building official must provide to the private provider written notice of the facts and circumstances upon which the local building official relied for such knowledge before performing a required inspection. The local building official may review forms and documents required under this section for completeness only. No more than 10 business days, or if the permit is related to single-family or two-family dwellings then no more than 2 business days, after receipt of a request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion and the applicant's presentation of a certificate of compliance and approval of all other government approvals required by law, including the payment of all outstanding fees, the local building official shall issue the certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion or provide a notice to the applicant of any incomplete forms or documents required under this section identifying the specific deficiencies, as well as the specific code chapters and sections.*

(b) If the local building official does not provide notice of any incomplete forms or documents the deficiencies within the applicable time periods under paragraph (a), the request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion is automatically granted and deemed issued as of the next business day. The local building official must provide the applicant with the written certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion within 10 days after it is automatically granted and issued. To resolve any identified issues deficiencies, the applicant may elect to dispute the issues deficiencies pursuant to subsection (17) (15) or to submit a corrected request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion.

(17)(15) If the local building official determines that the building construction or plans do not comply with the applicable codes, the official may deny the permit or request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion, as appropriate, or may issue a stop-work order for the project or any portion thereof as provided by law, if the official determines that the noncompliance poses an immediate threat to public safety and welfare, subject to the following:

(a) The local building official shall be available to meet with the private provider within 2 business days to resolve any dispute after issuing a stop-work order or providing notice to the applicant denying a permit or request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion.

(b) If the local building official and private provider are unable to resolve the dispute, the matter shall be referred to the local enforcement agency's board of appeals, if one exists, which shall consider the matter at its next scheduled meeting or sooner. Any decisions by the local enforcement agency's board of appeals, or local building official if there is no board of appeals, may be appealed to the commission as provided by this chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, any decisions regarding the issuance of a building permit, certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion may be reviewed by the local enforcement agency's board of appeals, if one exists. Any decision by the local enforcement agency's board of appeals, or local building official if there is no board of appeals, may be appealed to the commission as provided by this chapter, which shall consider the matter at the commission's next scheduled meeting.

(18)(16) For the purposes of this section, any notice to be provided by the local building official shall be deemed to be provided to the person or entity when successfully transmitted to the e-mail address listed for that person or entity in the permit application or revised permit application, or, if no e-mail address is stated, when actually received by that person or entity.

(19)(a)(17)(a) A local enforcement agency, local building official, or local government may not adopt or enforce any laws, rules, procedures, policies, qualifications, or standards more stringent than those prescribed by this section.

~~(b) A local enforcement agency, local building official, or local government may establish, for private providers, private provider firms, and duly authorized representatives working within that jurisdiction, a system of registration to verify compliance with the licensure requirements of paragraph (1)(a) and the insurance requirements of subsection (18).~~

(b)(e) This section does not limit the authority of the local building official to issue a stop-work order for a building project or any portion of the project, as provided by law, if the official determines that a condition on the building site constitutes an immediate threat to public safety and welfare.

(c) A local enforcement agency may not prohibit or limit private providers from using virtual inspections if a virtual inspection is not prohibited by any applicable code.

(20)(18) A private provider may perform building code inspection services on a building project under this section only if the private provider maintains insurance for professional liability covering all services performed as a private provider. Such insurance shall have minimum policy limits of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate for any project with a construction cost of \$5 million or less and \$2 million per occurrence and \$4 million in the aggregate for any project with a construction cost of over \$5 million. Nothing in this section limits the ability of a fee owner to require additional insurance or higher policy limits. For these purposes, the term “construction cost” means the total cost of building construction as stated in the building permit application. If the private provider chooses to secure claims-made coverage to fulfill this requirement, the private provider must also maintain coverage for a minimum of 5 years ~~after subsequent to~~ the performance of building code inspection services. The insurance required under this subsection shall be written only by insurers authorized to do business in this state with a minimum A.M. Best’s rating of A. Before providing building code inspection services within a local building official’s jurisdiction, a private provider must provide to the local building official a certificate of insurance evidencing that the coverages required under this subsection are in force.

(21)(19) When performing building code inspection services, a private provider is subject to the disciplinary guidelines of the applicable professional board with jurisdiction over his or her license or certification under chapter 468, chapter 471, or chapter 481. All private providers shall be subject to the disciplinary guidelines of s. 468.621(1)(c)-(h). Any complaint processing, investigation, and discipline that arise out of a private provider’s performance of building code inspection services shall be conducted by the applicable professional board.

(22)(20) A local building code enforcement agency may not audit the performance of building code inspection services by private providers operating within the local jurisdiction until the agency has created standard operating private provider audit procedures for the agency’s internal inspection and review staff, which includes, at a minimum, the private provider audit purpose and scope, private provider audit criteria, an explanation of private provider audit processes and objections, and detailed findings of areas of noncompliance. Such private provider audit procedures must be publicly available online, and a printed version must be readily accessible in agency buildings. The private provider audit results of staff for the prior two quarters also must be publicly available. The agency’s audit processes must adhere to the agency’s posted standard operating audit procedures. The same private provider or private provider firm may not be audited more than four times in a year unless the local building official determines a condition of a building constitutes an immediate threat to public safety and welfare, which must be communicated in writing to the private provider or private provider firm. *The private provider or private provider firm must be given notice of each audit to be performed at least 5 business days before the audit.* Work on a building or structure may proceed after inspection and approval by a private provider. The work may not be delayed for completion of an inspection audit by the local building code enforcement agency.

(23)(21) The local government, ~~the~~ local building official, and ~~their~~ building code enforcement personnel shall be immune from liability to any person or party for any action or inaction by a fee owner of a building, or by a private provider or its duly authorized representative, in connection with building code inspection services as authorized in this act. *The local government, local enforcement agency, local building official, and building code enforcement personnel may not prohibit or discourage the use of a private provider or a private provider firm.*

(24)(22) Notwithstanding any other law, a county, a municipality, a school district, or an independent special district may use a private provider or a private provider firm, or may employ a licensed building inspector as described in s. 468.603(5)(a) or a person who holds the same licensure or certification as a private provider, to provide building code inspection services for a public works project, an improvement, a building, or any other structure that is owned by the county, municipality, school district, or independent special district.

Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 553.792, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.792 Building permit application to local government.—

(1)(a) A local government must approve, approve with conditions, or deny a building permit application after receipt of a completed and sufficient application within the following timeframes, unless the applicant waives such timeframes in writing:

1. *Within 5 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a local government plans reviewer to obtain the following building permits for an existing single-family residential dwelling if the value of the work is less than \$15,000: structural, accessory structure, alarm, electrical, gas, irrigation, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, or roofing.*

2. ~~1.~~ Within 30 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a local government plans reviewer to obtain the following building permits if the structure is less than 7,500 square feet: residential units, including a single-family residential unit or a single-family residential dwelling, accessory structure, alarm, electrical, irrigation, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, or roofing.

3. ~~2.~~ Within 60 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a local government plans reviewer to obtain the following building permits if the structure is 7,500 square feet or more: residential units, including a single-family residential unit or a single-family residential dwelling, accessory structure, alarm, electrical, irrigation, landscaping, mechanical, plumbing, or roofing.

4. ~~3.~~ Within 60 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a local government plans reviewer to obtain the following building permits: signs or nonresidential buildings that are less than 25,000 square feet.

5. ~~4.~~ Within 60 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a local government plans reviewer to obtain the following building permits: multifamily residential, not exceeding 50 units; site-plan approvals and subdivision plats not requiring public hearing or public notice; and lot grading and site alteration.

6. ~~5.~~ Within 12 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant using a master building permit consistent with s. 553.794 to obtain a site-specific building permit.

7. ~~6.~~ Within 10 business days after receiving a complete and sufficient application, for an applicant for a single-family residential dwelling applied for by a contractor licensed in this state on behalf of a property owner who participates in a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program ~~administered by the Department of Commerce~~, unless the permit application fails to satisfy the Florida Building Code or the enforcing agency’s laws or ordinances.

However, the local government may not require the waiver of the timeframes in this section as a condition precedent to reviewing an applicant’s building permit application.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 5-97 and insert: construction; amending s. 287.056, F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services to enter into and maintain state term contracts for building code inspection services; creating s. 468.634, F.S.; authorizing individuals to work in specified positions, for a specified timeframe, if they meet certain requirements; amending s. 489.129, F.S.; providing that certain persons are not subject to discipline for performing a job without applicable permits and inspections if otherwise authorized by law; amending s. 553.382, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Business and Professional Regulation from denying a building permit for certain residential manufactured buildings; requiring that certain housing units be taxed in a certain manner; creating s. 553.385, F.S.; defining the terms “local government” and “offsite-constructed residential dwelling”; requiring that an offsite-constructed residential dwelling be permitted as of right in any zoning district where certain dwellings are allowed; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing a certain zoning, land use, or development regulation that treats an offsite-constructed residential dwelling differently or more restrictively than certain dwellings in the same district; providing construction; authorizing a local government to adopt compatibility standards for specified architectural features; prohibiting a local government from treating offsite-constructed residential dwellings differently than factory-built buildings based on the method or location of construction; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain zoning, land use, or development ordinances or regulations; prohibiting local government ordinances or regulations from having the effect of excluding offsite-constructed residential dwellings; requiring that such ordinances or regulations be reasonable and uniformly enforced without distinction as to type of housing; providing that any such ordinance or regulation is void and unenforceable as applied to offsite-constructed residential dwellings; amending s. 553.77, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Commission to develop uniform commercial and residential building permit applications by a specified date; providing requirements for a uniform commercial building permit application; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; providing for expiration of certain building permits issued by a local government; providing construction; providing prohibitions for inspection fees; prohibiting a local government from requiring building permits for certain projects; providing an exception; prohibiting a construction project from being divided into multiple projects for a certain purpose; requiring that a notice of permit exemption with specified information be filed within a certain timeframe under certain circumstances; providing that local governments do not have a duty to certain persons; prohibiting local governments from requiring a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers that meet certain requirements; providing an exception; authorizing the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules; prohibiting local governments from requiring a building permit for the installation of certain retaining walls; providing construction; prohibiting a political subdivision from imposing certain requirements for glazing on certain proposed construction or restoration projects; providing an exception; defining the terms “glazing” and “primary facade”; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; requiring explicit written authorization from a fee owner for a contractor to use a private provider; requiring that such authorization be submitted to the local building official; deleting the requirement that a contract for certain services be in writing; providing that a contract for certain services does not need to be submitted as part of a permit application; providing requirements for reduced permit fees; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from charging punitive administrative fees or fees for plans review services; requiring that certain documents be promptly provided to certain persons; requiring local enforcement agencies to reduce permit fees by specified percentages under certain circumstances; providing that a local enforcement agency forfeits the ability to collect fees under certain circumstances; requiring that a surcharge be calculated based on the reduced permit fee; prohibiting local governments and local building officials from requiring additional forms; requiring local enforcement agencies to create a specified registration system that must have a method to register and update registration information electronically; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from charging an administrative fee to register or update registration information; requiring private provider firms to register with the local enforcement agency, provide certain information, and update their registration within a specified timeframe after changes occur; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from altering a form adopted by the commission; deleting the requirement that a private provider’s qualification statements or resumes be

included in a certain notice; deleting time restrictions for electing to use a private provider; requiring local enforcement agencies to accept a certain affidavit electronically; providing which forms and documents a local building official may review; providing notice requirements; providing that certain permits are deemed approved; providing that local enforcement agencies are not responsible for the administration or supervision of services performed by a private provider; prohibiting local enforcement agencies from requiring additional verification of certain requirements beyond that which is required at registration; revising the timeframe in which certain records must be provided; authorizing certain records to be electronically transmitted; prohibiting local building officials from failing certain inspections; authorizing certain persons to sign certificates of compliance; providing requirements for local building officials who have knowledge that a private provider failed to perform an inspection; providing that virtual inspections may not be prohibited; requiring certain notice before an audit; prohibiting certain entities from discouraging the use of private providers; authorizing certain public entities to use a private provider firm or to employ a licensed building inspector to provide building code inspection services; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; requiring a local government to make certain decisions relating to certain building permits within a specified timeframe; amending s.

Senator DiCeglie moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (741396)** which was adopted:

**Amendment 1A (390734) (with directory and title amendments)**—Delete lines 247-302 and insert:

*(g)1. A local government that issues building permits shall exempt an owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner’s contractor from the requirement to obtain a building permit to perform any work valued at less than \$7,500 on the owner’s property.*

*2. The exemption under subparagraph 1. does not apply to any of the following:*

*a. Work on a property that is partially or entirely located in a flood hazard area as defined by the Florida Building Code.*

*b. Any electrical, plumbing, structural, mechanical, or gas work performed on property containing a single-family dwelling. A construction project may not be divided into more than one project for the purpose of evading the requirements of this paragraph.*

*3. To qualify for the exemption under subparagraph 1., the owner or the owner’s contractor must submit a written request for exemption to the local enforcement agency with a copy of the contract or other documentation demonstrating the nature and the value of the work to be performed.*

*4. A local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or successors or assigns thereof for exempted work performed under this paragraph.*

*(h)1. A local government that issues building permits shall exempt an owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner’s contractor from the requirement to obtain a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers that meet all of the following conditions:*

*a. The wall or barrier is nonhabitable and non-load-bearing.*

*b. The wall or barrier is installed on the residential property of a single-family or two-family dwelling or townhouse.*

*c. The wall or barrier is constructed to mitigate or prevent storm surge or floodwaters from entering a structure or property.*

*d. The wall or barrier is installed by a contractor licensed under part I of chapter 489.*

*e. The wall or barrier complies with applicable local zoning, drainage, easement, and setback requirements.*

*2. The exemption under subparagraph 1. does not apply to work on a property that is partially or entirely located in a flood hazard area as defined by the Florida Building Code.*

3. To qualify for the exemption under subparagraph 1., the owner or the owner's contractor must submit a written request for exemption to the local enforcement agency with a copy of the contract or other documentation demonstrating the nature of the work to be performed.

4. A local government has no legal duty to the owner, contractor, or successors or assigns thereof for work performed under this paragraph.

5. The commission may adopt rules under s. 120.54 to incorporate necessary standards to implement this paragraph.

(i) If a retaining wall spans more than one lot or parcel, a local government that issues building permits must issue a permit for a retaining wall for the project as a whole and may not require a building permit for each lot or parcel upon which a retaining wall is installed on the property of a single-family or two-family residential dwelling or a townhouse.

And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete line 168 and insert: Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraphs (g), (h), and (i)

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 1166-1182 and insert: prohibitions for inspection fees; requiring a local government to exempt certain owners and contractors from building permit requirements for work valued below a specified amount; providing exceptions; prohibiting a construction project from being divided into multiple projects for a certain purpose; requiring certain owners and contractors to submit a written request for exemption to the local enforcement agency with specified documentation; providing that local governments do not have a duty to certain persons; requiring local governments to exempt certain owners and contractors from requiring a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers that meet certain requirements; providing an exception; requiring certain owners and contractors to submit a written request for exemption to the local enforcement agency with specified documentation; providing that local governments do not have a duty to certain persons; authorizing the Florida Building Commission to adopt rules; requiring certain local governments to issue a building permit for the installation of certain retaining walls as a whole; prohibiting such local governments from requiring building permits for each lot or parcel under certain circumstances; prohibiting a

**Amendment 1 (741396)**, as amended, was adopted.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 803**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1288**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waterbody designations; creating s. 258.603, F.S.; designating the Andrew "Red" Harris Spoil Island; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to erect specified suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1288**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1219** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Harrell—

**CS for HB 1219**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to waterbody designations; creating s. 258.603, F.S.; designating the Andrew "Red" Harris Spoil Island; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1288** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 1219** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**SB 1318**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; removing language requiring certain program funds to revert to the state; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1318** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 1332**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career offender registration; amending s. 322.141, F.S.; requiring a certain driver license or identification card marking for a career offender; requiring a career offender to report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in a certain month to obtain an updated or renewed driver license or identification card; amending s. 775.261, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; providing that if a sanction is not imposed upon a career offender, such offender is deemed to have been released

upon conviction; requiring a career offender to report in person at the sheriff's office for initial registration; revising the time of such report; revising information and documentation required upon initial registration; specifying that information and documents are provided to the Department of Law Enforcement through the sheriff's office; specifying the manner in which changes to a career offender's information must be reported; requiring certain career offenders to report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and obtain a driver license or identification card containing a required marking within a certain period of time; revising the information and documentation certain career offenders must provide to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles when reporting; requiring a career offender to report changes to any information provided upon initial registration within certain periods of time; requiring the custodian of a jail to notify the Department of Law Enforcement within a certain period of time if such custodian has a career offender in his or her custody and upon release of such offender; requiring such custodian to take a digitized photograph of the career offender and provide it to the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the custodian to notify the Department of Law Enforcement if a career offender escapes or dies; specifying the procedure for a career offender to establish a residence after initial registration; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to forward photographs and certain information to the Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Corrections; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to release certain images to the Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of public notification; requiring that certain career offenders report changes to certain information to the sheriff's office within a certain period of time; requiring a career offender to report an in-state travel residence within a certain period of time; requiring a career offender who vacates a residence and does not establish another residence to report certain information in person within a certain period of time; requiring a career offender who remains at an address that such offender previously reported he or she was vacating to report such information in person within a certain period of time; requiring the sheriff's office to report such information to the Department of Law Enforcement; removing a provision relating to the registration of a career offender at an office of the Department of Law Enforcement; revising procedures for establishing a residence outside this state; requiring a career offender to report previously unknown travel in person to the sheriff's office as soon as possible before departure; revising the entities to which the career offender must provide certain residence information; requiring annual reregistration of career offenders during a certain month; specifying information that a career offender must provide upon reregistration; requiring the sheriff's office to electronically submit to and update with the Department of Law Enforcement such information within a specified timeframe; requiring certain governmental entities to verify certain career offender information at least once per year; requiring local law enforcement agencies to report to the Department of Law Enforcement failure by a career offender to comply with registration requirements; providing that certain career offenders shall be considered for removal of registration requirements in certain circumstances; revising the location in which a career offender may petition for such removal; requiring notice to the Department of Law Enforcement of such petition within a certain time period; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to present evidence in opposition to removal; revising the circumstances in which a sheriff or chief of police may notify the community of the presence of a career offender; prohibiting the Department of Law Enforcement from publicly displaying information about a vehicle owned by a person who is not required to register as a career offender; revising the manner in which career offender addresses are verified and reported by law enforcement agencies; expanding circumstances under which a failure to report can result in a criminal offense; providing that a career offender commits a separate offense for each failure to register or report a piece of information; expanding the jurisdictions in which a career offender may be prosecuted for an act or omission; specifying what events constitute actual notice of the duty to register; providing that the failure to immediately register upon the occurrence of such events is grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to register; restricting a career offender from claiming a lack of notice as a defense in certain circumstances; enhancing the penalty for assisting in career offender noncompliance; amending s. 944.608, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain career offenders under the supervision of the Department of Corrections to provide certain information after sentencing; requiring the Department of Corrections to report to the Department of Law Enforcement any failure of a career offender to comply with registration requirements;

requiring a career offender to report to the sheriff's office any vehicle changes within a certain period of time; revising the information the Department of Corrections is required to provide to the Department of Law Enforcement relating to career offenders; requiring the custodian of a jail to notify the Department of Law Enforcement within a certain period of time if such custodian has a career offender in his or her custody and upon release of such offender; requiring such custodian to take a digitized photograph of the career offender and provide it to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing that a federal agency responsible for supervising a career offender may forward certain information about the offender to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing that such federal agency may indicate whether use of the information is restricted to law enforcement purposes only or may be used for purposes of public notification; requiring a certain driver license or identification card marking for a career offender who is under supervision but is not incarcerated; expanding the jurisdictions in which a career offender may be prosecuted for an act or omission; specifying what events constitute actual notice of the duty to register; providing that the failure to immediately register upon the occurrence of such events is grounds for a subsequent charge of failure to register; restricting a career offender from claiming a lack of notice as a defense in certain circumstances; creating offenses and penalties for assisting in career offender noncompliance with provisions relating to notification to the Department of Law Enforcement; specifying that such offenses and penalties do not apply if a career offender is incarcerated in or is in the custody of certain facilities; requiring annual reregistration of career offenders during a certain month; specifying information that a career offender must provide upon reregistration; providing penalties; requiring the sheriff's office to electronically submit to and update with the Department of Law Enforcement such information within a specified timeframe; amending s. 944.609, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative findings; specifying information the Department of Corrections must provide upon release of a career offender within a certain period of time; requiring the Department of Corrections or any law enforcement agency to notify the community of the presence of a sexual predator in the community when a career offender who is also designated as a sexual predator is in such community; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 1332** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—1

Osgood

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Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1296** was deferred.

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**CS for CS for SB 1434**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to infill redevelopment; creating s. 163.2525, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; providing applicability; requiring that a local government permit qualifying parcels to be developed with residential uses; limiting the density of certain development for a specified purpose; requiring that the intensity of certain development comply with certain standards; requiring a local government to administratively approve an application for the subdivision of a qualifying parcel under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from using the subdivision process to restrict development in a certain manner; requiring developers of qualifying parcels to maintain a

specified buffer between new developments and single-family homes and townhouses under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such buffer areas; providing construction; requiring developers of qualifying parcels to establish that certain recreational facilities and areas reserved for recreational use have not been in operation or use for a certain timeframe; requiring developers of such parcels to pay double the parks and recreation facilities impact fees for a certain purpose and provide certain written notice to property owners; providing requirements for the written notice; requiring property owners who receive such written notice and wish to exercise an option to purchase certain parcels or portions thereof to meet specified requirements within a specified timeframe or forfeit the option; limiting the price at which such parcels or portions of parcels may be offered to the property owners for purchase; requiring the administrative approval of certain proposed developments; authorizing a local government to administratively require compliance with architectural design regulations under certain circumstances; requiring a developer to establish consistency with applicable concurrency requirements; requiring each local government to maintain a certain policy on its website; providing applicability; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain local laws, ordinances, or regulations; requiring liberal construction of certain provisions; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1434** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

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Consideration of **SB 1574** was deferred.

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**CS for CS for SB 1602**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to housing for veterans; creating s. 83.684, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; establishing the Homes for Veterans Property Management Incentive Pilot Program in certain counties, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, in consultation with other entities and persons, to establish and oversee specified aspects of the pilot program; providing the responsibilities of the corporation for the pilot program; requiring contracted program administrators to maintain certain functions of the pilot program; authorizing certain landlords to apply to a contracted program administrator to request funding from the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund under certain circumstances; providing the purpose of such trust fund; requiring a landlord to submit to the contracted program administrator required documentation within a specified time period to apply for the trust fund; requiring certain case managers to assist the contracted program administrator; requiring the contracted program administrator to maintain and provide certain documentation to the corporation; requiring the entity responsible for certain functions to maintain any supporting documentation; authorizing the corporation to rely on certifications, determinations, and documentation provided by specified entities; authorizing a landlord to apply for up to a specified dollar amount from the trust fund; providing requirements to apply for the trust fund; providing that funding for the

pilot program is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis; authorizing the corporation to suspend the acceptance of applications under certain circumstances; requiring specified notice; requiring the corporation to adopt rules; providing a contingent effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Wright, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1602** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—1

Mr. President

Vote after roll call:

Nay to Yea—Mr. President

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**CS for CS for SB 1604**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 420.56, F.S.; creating the Vacancy Relief and Risk Mitigation Trust Fund within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for a specified purpose; authorizing any unexpended balance at a specified time to revert and be reappropriated for a certain purpose; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Wright, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1604** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional three-fifths vote of the membership, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

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**CS for CS for CS for SB 1614**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to enforcement of the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.80, F.S.; revising the manner in which a local government is required to spend excess funds; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1614** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1668**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association; amending s. 409.910, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to recover from the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association specified costs incurred by Medicaid; reordering and amending s. 766.302, F.S.; defining terms; revising definitions; amending s. 766.303, F.S.; revising the exclusiveness of rights and remedies of the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan; making technical and conforming changes; amending s. 766.305, F.S.; making technical and conforming changes; amending s. 766.309, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 766.31, F.S.; revising the expenses covered by an award for compensation under the plan; revising services eligible for compensation under certain annual benefits under the plan; providing an additional benefit for psychotherapeutic services for family members upon the death of a participant; revising eligibility criteria for transportation and housing assistance benefits under the plan; providing coverage of certain legal costs under the plan; requiring the plan to reimburse certain claims and payments for plan participants also enrolled in the state Medicaid program; requiring that such funds be credited to the agency's Medical Care Trust Fund; requiring the plan to reimburse certain participants by a specified date; prohibiting compensation under the plan for family residential or custodial care under certain circumstances; authorizing the association to file a petition with the Division of Administrative Hearings if there is a dispute regarding overpayment of an expense reimbursement under the plan; deleting obsolete language; requiring family members of plan participants to continuously maintain certain health insurance coverage for the participant; requiring family members of plan participants to obtain such coverage or apply for Medicaid coverage within a specified timeframe after entry of a final order for an award for compensation under the plan; requiring family members of current plan participants to obtain the requisite health insurance coverage by a specified date; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; requiring the directors of the association to submit a plan of operation, and any amendments thereto, to the Office of Insurance Regulation for approval; revising requirements for such plan; revising the schedule of assessments participating hospitals and physicians are required to pay to the association; deleting obsolete language; making technical and conforming changes; requiring the association to submit revised quarterly claim estimates to the office within a specified timeframe; extending the timeframe in which the association is authorized to accept new claims notwithstanding certain other provisions; requiring the association to notify the Governor, the Legislature, the office, the agency, and the Department of Health within a specified timeframe if certain plan estimates exceed specified limits; postponing the future repeal of a specified provision; amending s. 766.315, F.S.; revising membership of the association's board of directors; prohibiting the board of directors from creating new benefits or expanding existing benefits under the plan under certain circumstances; providing construction; revising requirements for certain reports of the association; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Burton, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1668** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

**CS for SB 1682**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local administration of vessel restrictions; amending ss. 327.4107, 327.4111, and 823.11, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to administer, in coordination with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, certain provisions relating to vessels at risk of becoming derelict, the enforcement of long-term anchoring permit requirements, and derelict and migrant vessels, respectively; authorizing counties and municipalities to designate code enforcement officers for specified purposes; providing that certain determinations made by the code enforcement officers are for administrative purposes only and are not criminal findings; requiring counties and municipalities to comply with specified provisions; authorizing the commission to provide technical assistance and guidance; providing construction; requiring certain designations and actions by code enforcement officers to be treated as equivalent to specified law enforcement actions under certain circumstances; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; revising the exemption from requirements for vessel relocation for certain vessels under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1682**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1103** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

**CS for CS for HB 1103**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local administration of vessel restrictions; amending ss. 327.4107 and 327.4111, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances authorizing code enforcement officers to administer the enforcement of certain provisions relating to vessels at risk of becoming derelict and long-term anchoring permit requirements, respectively; providing that such ordinances may not take effect until reviewed and approved by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 327.4108, F.S.; revising an exemption from anchoring limitation area requirements for certain vessels; amending s. 327.46, F.S.; authorizing municipalities and counties to adopt ordinances to extend boating-restricted areas under certain conditions; requiring the boundaries of such areas to be clearly marked with specified markers; amending ss. 327.73 and 327.74, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1682** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Trumbull, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1103** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Bernard	Bradley
Arrington	Boyd	Brodeur
Berman	Bracy Davis	Burgess

Burton	Leek	Rouson
Calatayud	Martin	Sharief
DiCeglie	Massullo	Simon
Gaetz	Mayfield	Smith
Garcia	McClain	Truenow
Grall	Osgood	Trumbull
Gruters	Passidomo	Wright
Harrell	Pizzo	Yarborough
Hooper	Polsky	
Jones	Rodriguez	

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Bracy Davis—

**SB 1574**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; providing a short title; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; revising rulemaking procedures; requiring that newborns, beginning on a specified date, be screened for biliary atresia; requiring the Department of Health to consult with the Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council before adopting certain rules; requiring the department, by a specified date, to implement a certain education campaign relating to biliary atresia; creating s. 395.3043, F.S.; requiring hospitals that provide birthing services to screen for biliary atresia in a specified manner; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Bracy Davis, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1574** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

#### CO-INTRODUCERS

All Senators voting yea, not previously shown as co-introducers, were recorded as co-introducers of **SB 1574**.

Yeas—35

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

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Bracy Davis recognized Michael and Allison Beacham, and their daughter, Mattie, who were present in the gallery in support of SB 1574.

**SB 1718**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educator preparation and certification; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; authorizing an educator preparation institute to allow certain program participants to enroll in introductory coursework; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the criteria for the award of a temporary educator certification to include certain persons with expired professional certificates; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; requiring that subject area coverages and endorsements for a certificateholder be reinstated with the certificateholder's professional certificate; revising requirements for reinstatement of a professional certificate; providing that certain requirements for reinstatement of a professional certificate may not be satisfied using specific inservice points; amending s. 1012.981, F.S.; requiring the Florida Center for Teaching Excellence to collaborate with the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching for specified purposes; requiring, rather than authorizing, the center to submit a specified professional learning system for approval by the department; requiring the center to allow certain certified educators to use such professional learning system for specified purposes at no cost to the educator; requiring the center to submit inservice points for such educators to the department; requiring the center to provide information on certain school district professional learning systems to certain certified educators; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 1718**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 561** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

**CS for HB 561**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educator preparation and certification; amending s. 1004.85, F.S.; authorizing an educator preparation institute to allow certain program participants to enroll in introductory coursework; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the criteria for the award of a temporary educator certification to include certain persons with expired professional certificates; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; requiring that subject area coverages and endorsements for a certificateholder be reinstated with the certificateholder's professional certificate; providing that certain requirements for reinstatement of a professional certificate may not be satisfied using specific inservice points; amending s. 1012.981, F.S.; requiring the Florida Center for Teaching Excellence to collaborate with the David C. Anchin Center for the Advancement of Teaching for specified purposes; requiring, rather than authorizing, the center to submit a specified professional learning system for approval by the department; requiring the center to allow certain certified educators to use such professional learning system for specified purposes at no cost to the educator; requiring the center to submit inservice points for such educators to the department; requiring the center to provide information on certain school district professional learning systems to certain certified educators; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 1718** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 561** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

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

Nays—None

Consideration of **SB 7034** and **CS for CS for SB 1138** was deferred.

**CS for CS for SB 314**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payment stablecoin; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “money services business”; defining terms; amending s. 560.123, F.S.; revising the Florida Control of Money Laundering in Money Services Business Act to include payment stablecoins; requiring certain payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain regulations; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to submit a specified certification to the Office of Financial Regulation annually; requiring the office to make such certifications available to the Secretary of the Treasury upon request; authorizing the office to revoke the license of qualified payment stablecoin issuers under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 560.125, F.S.; revising the circumstances relating to violations of certain provisions; revising penalties; creating part V of ch. 560, F.S., entitled “Payment Stablecoin Issuers”; creating s. 560.501, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting persons from engaging in the activity of a qualified payment stablecoin issuer without being licensed or exempted from licensure; requiring the office to give a specified written notice under certain circumstances; providing applicability; requiring out-of-state state-qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified written notice to the office within a specified timeframe; specifying that certain transactions are not regulated under certain provisions; specifying that certain stablecoin is not a security and not subject to certain provisions; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements under certain circumstances; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified notice to the office; specifying that qualified payment stablecoin issuers are subject to certain provisions under certain circumstances; specifying that the office remains solely responsible for supervising qualified payment stablecoin issuers or is jointly responsible with the United States Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for such supervision under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to enter into an specified agreement; creating s. 560.502, F.S.; requiring applicants seeking to be a qualified payment stablecoin issuer to submit a specified application to the office; specifying requirements of such application; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements; authorizing certain information to be incorporated into other licensing application forms; creating s. 560.503, F.S.; specifying that licensed qualified payment stablecoin issuers may only engage in certain activities; creating s. 560.504, F.S.; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting qualified payment stablecoin issuers from engaging in certain conduct; creating s. 560.505, F.S.; requiring the office to submit initial certification to a specified committee on a specified form in accordance with a specified timeline; requiring the office to submit a specified additional certification no later than a specified date; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements; creating s. 560.506, F.S.; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt specified rules; amending s. 655.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “monetary instruments”; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain provisions; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to submit to the office a specified certification no later than a specified date; requiring the office to make such certification available to the Secretary of the Treasury upon request; authorizing the office to revoke the license of qualified payment stablecoin issuers under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 658.19, F.S.; revising the application requirements for the application for authority to organize a bank or trust company; creating s. 658.997, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a trust company from engaging in the activity of a qualified payment stablecoin issuer unless the trust company obtains a certificate of approval or is exempted from such certificate; requiring a trust company to request a specified certificate in conjunction with a specified application to obtain such certificate or apply for the certificate; specifying application requirements; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements;

requiring that the application be deemed approved under certain circumstances; providing that denial of an application does not prohibit an applicant from filing a subsequent application; specifying that failure to comply with certain provisions is considered good cause for revocation of a certificate of approval; requiring the office to give a specified notice to a qualified payment stablecoin issuer within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; requiring out-of-state state-qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified written notice to the office within a specified timeframe; specifying that certain transactions are not regulated under certain provisions; specifying that certain stablecoin is not a security and not subject to certain provisions; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements under certain circumstances; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified notice to the office; specifying that qualified payment stablecoin issuers are subject to certain provisions under certain circumstances; specifying that the office remains solely responsible for supervising qualified payment stablecoin issuers or is jointly responsible with the United States Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for such supervision under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to enter into an specified agreement; authorizing qualified payment stablecoin issuers to engage in certain activities; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; prohibiting qualified payment stablecoin issuers from engaging in certain conduct; requiring that the office’s initial and annual recertification include certain information; providing for certain rule adoption by the commission; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 314**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 175** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Burton—

**CS for CS for HB 175**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payment stablecoin; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “money services business”; defining terms; amending s. 560.123, F.S.; revising the Florida Control of Money Laundering in Money Services Business Act to include payment stablecoins; requiring certain payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain regulations; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to submit a specified certification to the Office of Financial Regulation annually; requiring the office to make such certifications available to the Secretary of the Treasury upon request; authorizing the office to revoke the license of qualified payment stablecoin issuers under certain circumstances and to refer certain matters to specified entities; amending s. 560.125, F.S.; revising the circumstances relating to violations of certain provisions; revising penalties; creating part V of ch. 560, F.S., entitled “Payment Stablecoin Issuers”; creating s. 560.501, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting persons from engaging in the activity of a qualified payment stablecoin issuer without being licensed or exempted from licensure; requiring the office to give a specified written notice under certain circumstances; providing applicability; requiring out-of-state state-qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified written notice to the office within a specified timeframe; specifying that certain transactions are not regulated under certain provisions; specifying that certain payment stablecoin is not a security and not subject to certain provisions; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified notice to the office; specifying that qualified payment stablecoin issuers are subject to certain provisions; specifying that the office remains solely responsible for supervising qualified payment stablecoin issuers or is jointly responsible with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for such supervision under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to enter into an specified agreement; creating s. 560.502, F.S.; requiring applicants seeking to be qualified payment stablecoin issuers to submit a specified application to the office; specifying requirements of such application; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements; authorizing certain information to be incorporated into other licensing application forms; creating s. 560.503, F.S.; specifying that qualified payment stablecoin issuer licenses authorize issuers to engage only in certain activities; creating s. 560.504, F.S.; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting qualified payment stablecoin issuers from engaging in certain conduct; creating s. 560.505, F.S.; requiring the office to submit initial certification to a specified committee on a specified form in ac-

cordance with a specified timeline; requiring the office to submit a specified additional certification no later than a specified date; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements; creating s. 560.506, F.S.; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt specified rules; amending s. 655.50, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “monetary instruments”; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain provisions; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to submit to the office a specified certification no later than a specified date; requiring the office to make such certification available to the Secretary of the Treasury upon request; authorizing the office to revoke the license of qualified payment stablecoin issuers and to refer certain matters to specified entities; amending s. 658.19, F.S.; revising the application requirements for the application for authority to organize a bank or trust company; creating s. 658.997, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a trust company from engaging in the activity of a qualified payment stablecoin issuer unless the trust company obtains a certificate of approval or is exempted from such certificate; requiring a trust company to request a specified certificate in conjunction with a specified application or apply for the certificate; specifying application requirements; requiring the office to comply with certain requirements; requiring that the application be deemed approved under certain circumstances; providing that the denial of an application does not prohibit an applicant from filing a subsequent application; specifying that the failure to comply with certain provisions is considered good cause for revocation of a certificate of approval; requiring the office to give a specified notice to a qualified payment stablecoin issuer within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; requiring out-of-state state-qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified written notice to the office within a specified timeframe; specifying that certain transactions are not regulated under certain provisions; specifying that certain stablecoin is not a security and not subject to certain provisions; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; requiring certain qualified payment stablecoin issuers to provide a specified notice to the office; specifying that qualified payment stablecoin issuers are subject to certain provisions; specifying that the office remains solely responsible for supervising qualified payment stablecoin issuers or is jointly responsible with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for such supervision under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to enter into an specified agreement; authorizing qualified payment stablecoin issuers to engage in certain activities; providing construction; requiring qualified payment stablecoin issuers to comply with certain requirements; prohibiting qualified payment stablecoin issuers from engaging in certain conduct; requiring that the office’s initial certification and annual recertification include certain information; providing for certain rule adoption by the commission; providing effective dates.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 314** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Burton, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 175** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

## RECESS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate recessed at 1:17 p.m. to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. or upon call of the President.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order by Senator Brodeur at 1:45 p.m. A quorum present—36:

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

## SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, continued

The Senate resumed consideration of—

**CS for CS for HB 1471**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to systems of law and terrorist organizations; providing legislative intent and findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; defining the terms “foreign law” and “religious law”; prohibiting the application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings; providing exceptions; providing applicability; amending s. 617.1420, F.S.; providing that the Department of State may administratively dissolve a corporation that has been designated as a terrorist organization in certain situations; amending s. 775.30, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; amending s. 775.32, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing a person who receives military training from a domestic terrorist organization in certain situations commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term “domestic terrorist organization”; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of “terrorist organization” to include a foreign terrorist organization and a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each designation within a specified time period; requiring the Chief to provide specified written notice to the Governor and the Cabinet within a certain time period before making the designation; providing the Governor and the Cabinet may by a majority vote approve or reject the designation; requiring the Chief to publish such designation in the Florida Administrative Register within a specified time period after approval of the designation by the Governor and the Cabinet; authorizing a designated organization to seek judicial review; providing for removal of such designation in certain circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political subdivisions, and public school districts from expending certain public funds to support an organization designated a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, or accepting funds from such organizations; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising eligibility and obligations of private schools that participate in the state school choice scholarship program; amending s. 1003.035, F.S.; prohibiting a public school from expending certain funds to promote, support, or maintain certain programs or activities; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting certain institutions from expending public funds to promote, support, or maintain programs or campus activities that advocate for domestic terrorist organizations or foreign terrorist organizations; authorizing the withholding of specified funding of certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary educational institutions to report specified information of a student in certain circumstances; requiring immediate expulsion of such student from the institution; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending

ss. 1009.23 and 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of Florida College System institutions and state universities be immediately expelled and assessed out-of-state fees after a determination has been made such students have promoted a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain students of school districts and Florida College System institutions are ineligible for specified fee waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting students who promote domestic terrorist organization or foreign terrorist organizations from being awarded certain public institution funds; providing an effective date.

—which was previously considered and amended this day.

**RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT**

On motion by Senator Grall, the Senate reconsidered the vote by which **Amendment 2 (915608)** was adopted.

Senator Grall moved the following amendment to **Amendment 2 (915608)** which was adopted:

**Amendment 2A (294294)**—Delete lines 423-460 and insert:

(4) *For purposes of this subsection, to “promote” a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization means making a statement or taking an action that supports, approves, or encourages a terrorist organization’s extralegal violence and which in context:*

- (a) *Is reasonably interpreted as a true threat of unlawful violence;*
- (b) *Materially disrupts the orderly learning environment;*
- (c) *Involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others; or*
- (d) *Constitutes the provision of material support for or the recruitment of members for such an organization.*

Section 13. Section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

- (1) *“Domestic terrorist organization” means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*
- (2) *“Foreign terrorist organization” means an organization whose designation as such has been published in the Florida Administrative Register in accordance with s. 943.03102.*
- (3) *“Out-of-state fee” means the additional fee for instruction charged by a public postsecondary educational institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s. 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose may not be included in this fee.*
- (4) *“Promote” a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist organization, or a person or entity providing material support to such organizations means making a statement or taking an action that supports, approves, or encourages a terrorist organization’s extralegal violence and which in context:*

- (a) *Is reasonably interpreted as a true threat of unlawful violence;*
- (b) *Materially disrupts the orderly learning environment;*
- (c) *Involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others; or*
- (d) *Constitutes the provision of material support for or the recruitment of members for such an organization.*

**Amendment 2 (915608)**, as amended, was adopted.

On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1471**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—25

Mr. President	Gruters	Pizzo
Boyd	Harrell	Rodriguez
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Leek	Truenow
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Massullo	Wright
DiCeglie	Mayfield	Yarborough
Gaetz	McClain	
Grall	Passidomo	

Nays—11

Arrington	Calatayud	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Rouson
Bernard	Jones	Smith
Bracy Davis	Osgood	

On motion by Senator Martin—

**CS for CS for SB 1296**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Public Employees Relations Commission; amending s. 110.227, F.S.; conforming final order requirements to ch. 120, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring exceptions to a recommended order to be filed within a specified timeframe; amending s. 112.0455, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which an appeal hearing must be conducted; conforming final order requirements to ch. 120, F.S.; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 295.14, F.S.; conforming final order requirements to ch. 120, F.S.; reordering and amending s. 447.203, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 447.205, F.S.; revising the seal of the Public Employees Relations Commission; amending s. 447.207, F.S.; authorizing subpoenas to be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service; revising requirements for proof of service; deleting the requirement that the commission adopt rules for the qualifications of persons who may serve as mediators; authorizing the commission, under certain circumstances, to waive the application of part II of ch. 447, F.S., rather than only specified provisions; amending s. 447.301, F.S.; revising requirements for an employee organization membership authorization form; requiring an employee organization, within a specified timeframe, to revoke the membership of and cease the collection of membership dues from a public employee; providing that a membership authorization form is valid if it meets certain requirements; revising applicability; amending s. 447.303, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; revising application requirements for employee organization registration and renewal of registration; requiring an employee organization to provide an application for renewal of registration to certain persons within a specified timeframe; requiring a bargaining agent to provide a remedy for incomplete application information to the commission within a specified timeframe; requiring the commission to dismiss an application for renewal of registration under certain circumstances; requiring the commission to notify the bargaining agent when such application information is complete; requiring the bargaining agent to petition for recertification within a specified timeframe thereafter; requiring the commission or one of its designated agents to conduct an investigation if a challenge to an application for renewal of registration is filed; authorizing a designated agent of the commission to conduct an investigation to confirm validity of submitted information; exempting certain employee organizations from a specified requirement; requiring a registration fee for applications for registration and renewal of registration; requiring that certain employee organization accounts be open for inspection by the commission and certain public employees at a reasonable time and place; providing for the revocation of an employee organization’s certification under certain circumstances; providing that decisions issued by the commission in accordance with certain provisions are final agency actions; amending s. 447.307, F.S.; revising requirements for the certification and recertification of an employee organization; creating s. 447.3076, F.S.; providing that a petition to clarify the composition of a bargaining unit may be filed with the commission under certain circumstances; requiring that a copy of the petition be served on certain persons; requiring the public employer to provide a copy of the petition to certain affected employees within a specified timeframe; requiring that a petition be dismissed under certain circumstances; amending s. 447.308, F.S.; revising requirements

for the decertification of an employee organization; amending s. 447.309, F.S.; requiring that certain agreements be returned to the bargaining agent, rather than the employee organization; amending s. 447.401, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 447.403, F.S.; specifying requirements for when an impasse occurs; requiring a hearing within a specified timeframe; authorizing the recommended decision of a special magistrate from an impasse hearing to be transmitted by any method of service agreed to by the parties which establishes proof of delivery; amending s. 447.405, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 447.4095, F.S.; providing that implementation of appropriations from the Legislature which are specifically directed to be disbursed as salaries for employees of local governments are considered a financial urgency; requiring the chief executive officer or his or her representative to meet with the bargaining agent or its representative within a specified timeframe if the use of such funds requires modification of an agreement; providing meeting and dispute requirements; prohibiting the filing of unfair labor charges during specified time periods; providing applicability; amending s. 447.501, F.S.; requiring a public employer to provide to all registered employee organizations or petitioning employees equal access to the employer's facilities and communication systems for a specified time period; amending s. 447.503, F.S.; authorizing certain public employers, public employees, and employee organizations, or combinations thereof, to file certain charges with the commission; amending s. 447.507, F.S.; increasing fines for certain violations; amending s. 447.509, F.S.; prohibiting public employers, their agents or representatives, and any persons acting on their behalf from taking certain actions; authorizing certain actions by public employees under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending ss. 110.114, 110.205, 112.3187, 121.031, 447.02, 447.609, and 1011.60, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Martin moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (151210) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 886-972 and insert:  
by any member of the organization or by the commission. ~~In addition, each employee organization that has been certified as a bargaining agent must provide to its members an annual financial report prepared by an independent certified public accountant licensed under chapter 473 that includes a detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures in such categories as the commission may prescribe, and an accounting of membership dues and assessments. The employee organization must notify its members annually of all costs of membership.~~

(12) *The certification of an employee organization that does not comply with this section is revoked. An employee organization that has its certification revoked under this subsection may not file a petition for certification under s. 447.307 which covers any of the public employees in the bargaining unit described in the revoked certification for at least 12 months after the date the certification was revoked.*

(13) *A decision issued by the commission under this section is a final agency action that is reviewable pursuant to s. 447.504.*

Section 11. Section 447.307, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.307 Certification and recertification of employee organizations organization.—

(1)(a) ~~Any~~ *An employee organization seeking certification or recertification as a bargaining agent must file a petition with the commission accompanied by a showing of interest from at least 30 percent of the public employees in the proposed or existing bargaining unit. The showing of interest statements must be signed and dated by the public employees not more than 12 months before the filing of which is designated or selected by a majority of public employees in an appropriate unit as their representative for purposes of collective bargaining shall request recognition by the public employer. The public employer shall, if satisfied as to the majority status of the employee organization and the appropriateness of the proposed unit, recognize the employee organization as the collective bargaining representative of employees in the designated unit. Upon recognition by a public employer, the employee organization shall immediately petition the commission for certification. The commission shall review only the appropriateness of the unit*

~~proposed by the employee organization. If the unit is appropriate according to the criteria used in this part, the commission shall immediately certify the employee organization as the exclusive representative of all employees in the unit. If the unit is inappropriate according to the criteria used in this part, the commission may dismiss the petition.~~

~~(b) Whenever a public employer recognizes an employee organization on the basis of majority status and on the basis of appropriateness in accordance with subparagraph (4)(b)5., the commission shall, in the absence of inclusion of a prohibited category of employees or violation of s. 447.501, certify the proposed unit.~~

~~(b)(2) A If the public employer refuses to recognize the employee organization, the employee organization may file a petition with the commission for certification as the bargaining agent for a proposed bargaining unit. The petition shall be accompanied by dated statements signed by at least 30 percent of the employees in the proposed unit, indicating that such employees desire to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the petitioning employee organization. Once a petition for certification has been filed by an employee organization, any registered employee organization desiring placement on the ballot in any certification or recertification election to be conducted pursuant to this section may be permitted by the commission to intervene in the proceeding upon a motion accompanied by a showing of interest from dated statements signed by at least 10 percent of the public employees in the proposed or existing bargaining unit, indicating that such employees desire to be represented for the purposes of collective bargaining by the moving employee organization. The showing of interest petitions and dated statements must be signed and dated by the public employees not more than 12 months before the filing of the petition.~~

~~(c) The showing of interest is are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except that any public employee, public employer, or employee organization having sufficient reason to believe that the showing of interest was any of the employee signatures were obtained by collusion, coercion, intimidation, or misrepresentation or is are otherwise invalid shall be given a reasonable opportunity to verify and challenge the showing of interest signatures appearing on the petition.~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if any employees in the proposed unit are included in a bargaining unit for which there is a bargaining agent currently certified by the commission, such~~

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 57-58 and insert: organization accounts be open for inspection by any member of the organization or by the commission at a

Senator Mayfield moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 2 (553092)**—Delete lines 1734-1765 and insert:

Section 22. Section 447.509, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.509 Other unlawful acts; exceptions.—

(1) Employee organizations, their members, agents, or representatives, or any persons acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from:

(a) Soliciting public employees during working hours of any employee who is involved in the solicitation.

(b) Distributing literature during working hours in areas where the actual work of public employees is performed, such as offices, warehouses, schools, police stations, fire stations, and any similar public installations. This section may shall not be construed to prohibit the distribution of literature during the employee's lunch hour or in such areas not specifically devoted to the performance of the employee's official duties.

(c) Instigating or advocating support, in any positive manner, for an employee organization's activities from high school or grade school students during classroom time.

(d) Offering anything of value to a public officer as defined in s. 112.313(1) which the public officer is prohibited from accepting under s. 112.313(2).

(e) Offering any compensation, payment, or thing of value to a public officer as defined in s. 112.313(1) which the public officer is prohibited from accepting under s. 112.313(4).

(2) ~~An~~ No employee organization may not ~~shall~~ directly or indirectly pay any fines or penalties assessed against individuals pursuant to ~~the provisions of this part.~~

(3) Public employers, their agents or representatives, or persons acting on their behalf may not provide any form of compensation or paid leave to a public employee, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of engaging in employee organization activities.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a public employee may do any of the following:

(a) Be granted time off without pay or benefits to engage in employee organization activities, provided that the public employer and the bargaining agent agree. An employee organization may compensate a public employee for engaging in employee organization activities.

(b) Use compensated personal leave, whether the leave is the public employee's or is voluntarily donated by other public employees in the bargaining unit, to engage in employee organization activities if:

1. The leave is accrued at the same rate by similarly situated public employees in the bargaining unit without regard to membership in or participation with an employee organization.

2. The public employee may freely choose the manner in which to use the leave.

(c) Engage in representational employee organization activities on behalf of the bargaining agent while in a duty status without loss of pay or benefits, provided that the public employer and the bargaining agent agree.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a public employer may provide compensation and benefits to a public employee for the purpose of engaging in employee organization activities if agreed to in the collective bargaining agreement and if the public employer is fully reimbursed by the employee organization for such compensation and benefits.

(6) Subsections (3) and (4) do not apply to public employees in public safety units.

(7) The circuit courts of this state ~~shall~~ have jurisdiction to enforce ~~the provisions of this section by injunction and contempt proceedings, if necessary. A public employee who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this section may be discharged or otherwise disciplined by his or her public employer, notwithstanding further provisions of law, and notwithstanding the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement.~~

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

Senator Martin moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 3 (351914) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 1009-1011 and insert:

(b) Conduct elections by mail, on site, or by any combined method ordered or approved by the commission.

1. In determining the method of election and timing, the commission shall consider all of the following factors:

- a. The number of eligible voters in the bargaining unit.
- b. The number of work locations and availability of polling locations.
- c. The size of the public employer's operations.
- d. The cost to the commission and parties to conduct the election.

e. The commission's workload and election schedule.

f. The work schedules and shifts of the eligible voters.

g. Whether the parties agree on a time to hold the election and the method of election to be used.

h. Any other factors that might impact the integrity of the election.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., if one of the parties to the election requests an election by mail, the commission must conduct the election by mail. An election by mail must be conducted no earlier than 4 weeks after the postmark date on the ballot mailed by the commission. Notice of an election by mail must be provided by the commission to the bargaining agent, the public employer, and the public employees in the bargaining unit at least 4 weeks before the date of the election.

~~(c)2-~~ Identify the public employer or employers for purposes of collective bargaining ~~with the bargaining agent.~~

~~(d)3-~~ Order an election by secret ballot, the cost of said

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 66 and insert: organization; requiring the commission to conduct elections by specified methods; specifying the criteria by which the commission determines the method and timing of elections; requiring the commission to conduct election by mail if requested by one of the parties; providing the timeframe for when an election by mail must be conducted; requiring the commission to provide notice of such election to certain parties within a specified timeframe; creating s. 447.3076, F.S.; providing

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

Senator Martin moved the following substitute amendment which was adopted:

**Substitute Amendment 4 (851520) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 1009-1211 and insert:

(b) Conduct elections by mail, on site, or by any combined method ordered or approved by the commission.

1. In determining the method of election and timing, the commission shall consider all of the following factors:

- a. The number of eligible voters in the bargaining unit.
- b. The number of work locations and availability of polling locations.
- c. The size of the public employer's operations.
- d. The cost to the commission and parties to conduct the election.
- e. The commission's workload and election schedule.
- f. The work schedules and shifts of the eligible voters.
- g. Whether the parties agree on a time to hold the election and the method of election to be used.
- h. Any other factors that might impact the integrity of the election.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., if one of the parties to the election requests an election by mail, the commission must conduct the election by mail. An election by mail must be conducted no earlier than 4 weeks after the postmark date on the ballot mailed by the commission. Notice of an election by mail must be provided by the commission to the bargaining agent, the public employer, and the public employees in the bargaining unit at least 4 weeks before the date of the election.

~~(c)2-~~ Identify the public employer or employers for purposes of collective bargaining ~~with the bargaining agent.~~

~~(d)3-~~ Order an election by secret ballot, the cost of said election and any required runoff election to be borne equally by the parties, except as the commission may provide by rule. An election conducted by mail ballot must include, subject to appropriation, return envelopes with

prepaid postage affixed. The commission's order assessing costs of an election may be enforced pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this part.

(4)(a) *Except as provided in paragraph (b), elections are determined as follows for all certification or recertification petitions filed on or after July 1, 2026:*

~~1.(b) If at least 50 percent of the public employees in the bargaining unit as of the date set by the commission participate in the election, and at least 50 percent of the public employees voting in the election select an employee organization. When an employee organization is selected by a majority of the employees voting in an election, the commission must shall certify or recertify the employee organization as the exclusive collective bargaining agent for the public representative of all employees in the unit.~~

2. *A runoff election must be held according to rules adopted by the commission if, in the election conducted under subparagraph 1., there was more than one employee organization on the ballot, at least 50 percent of the employees in the bargaining unit participated in the election, and none of the choices on the ballot received a vote of 50 percent of the public employees who voted in the election.*

(b) *Certification elections involving public safety units are determined as follows:*

1. *If an employee organization is selected by a majority vote of the public employees voting in the election, the commission must certify the employee organization as the bargaining agent for the public employees in the bargaining unit.*

2. *A runoff election must be held according to rules adopted by the commission if, in the election conducted under subparagraph 1., there was more than one employee organization on the ballot and none of the choices on the ballot received a majority vote of the public employees voting in the election.*

(c) *Certification, recertification, or revocation under this section is effective upon the issuance of a the final order by the commission or, if the final order is appealed, at the time the appeal is exhausted or any stay is vacated by the commission or a the court.*

~~(e) In any election in which none of the choices on the ballot receives the vote of a majority of the employees voting, a runoff election shall be held according to rules promulgated by the commission.~~

~~(d) No petition may be filed seeking an election in any proposed or existing appropriate bargaining unit to determine the exclusive bargaining agent within 12 months after the date of a commission order verifying a representation election or, if an employee organization prevails, within 12 months after the date of an effective certification covering any of the employees in the proposed or existing bargaining unit. Furthermore, if a valid collective bargaining agreement covering any of the employees in a proposed unit is in effect, a petition for certification may be filed with the commission only during the period extending from 150 days to 90 days immediately preceding the expiration date of that agreement, or at any time subsequent to its expiration date but prior to the effective date of any new agreement. The effective date of a collective bargaining agreement means the date of ratification by both parties, if the agreement becomes effective immediately or retroactively, or its actual effective date, if the agreement becomes effective after its ratification date.~~

(5)(4) *In defining a proposed bargaining unit, the commission shall take into consideration:*

- (a) The principles of efficient administration of government.
- (b) The number of employee organizations with which the employer might have to negotiate.
- (c) The compatibility of the unit with the joint responsibilities of the public employer and public employees to represent the public.
- (d) The power of the officials of government at the level of the unit to agree, or make effective recommendations to another administrative authority or to a legislative body, with respect to matters of employment upon which the employee desires to negotiate.

(e) The organizational structure of the public employer.

(f) Community of interest among the employees to be included in the unit, considering:

1. The manner in which wages and other terms of employment are determined.
2. The method by which jobs and salary classifications are determined.
3. The interdependence of jobs and interchange of employees.
4. The desires of the employees.
5. The history of employee relations within the organization of the public employer concerning organization and negotiation and the interest of the employees and the employer in the continuation of a traditional, workable, and accepted negotiation relationship.

(g) The statutory authority of the public employer to administer a classification and pay plan.

(h) Such other factors and policies as the commission may deem appropriate.

However, ~~a bargaining unit may not shall~~ be established or approved for purposes of collective bargaining which includes both professional and nonprofessional employees unless a majority of each group votes for inclusion in such bargaining unit.

Section 12. Section 447.3076, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

447.3076 *Clarification of bargaining units.—*

(1) *A petition to clarify the composition of a bargaining unit may be filed with the commission when significant changes in statutory law or case law require clarification of the bargaining unit or when a classification was:*

(a) *Created or substantially changed after the unit was initially defined by the commission;*

(b) *Retitled with no substantial change in job duties; or*

(c) *Included or excluded through inadvertence or misunderstanding by the commission.*

(2) *A bargaining unit clarification petition may be filed by the bargaining agent for the bargaining unit or by the public employer of the public employees in the unit.*

(3) *A copy of the petition must be served on the public employer and any bargaining agent that is certified to represent any employee or classification which may be substantially affected by the proposed bargaining unit clarification.*

(4) *If any substantially affected employees are not represented by a bargaining agent, the public employer must provide a copy of the petition to those employees within 10 days after the filing of the petition.*

(5) *When the clarification of a bargaining unit would result in an increase in the size of the bargaining unit by more than 25 percent, the unit clarification petition raises a question concerning representation and must be dismissed.*

Section 13. Section 447.308, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.308 ~~Decertification Revocation of certification of employee organizations organization.—~~

(1) ~~A public Any~~ employee or group of public employees which no longer desires to be represented by ~~a the certified~~ bargaining agent may file with the commission a petition to ~~decertify the bargaining agent revoke certification~~. The petition must ~~shall~~ be accompanied by a ~~showing of interest from dated statements signed by~~ at least 30 percent of the public employees in the bargaining unit, ~~indicating that such employees no longer desire to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by the certified bargaining agent. The time of filing said petition shall be governed by the provisions of s. 447.307(3)(d) relating~~

~~to petitions for certification. The showing of interest statements must be signed and dated by the public employees not more than 12 months before the filing of the petition. Any employee, employer, or employee organization having sufficient reason to believe that the showing of interest was any of the employee signatures were obtained by collusion, coercion, intimidation, or misrepresentation or is are otherwise invalid shall be given a reasonable opportunity to verify and challenge the showing of interest signatures appearing on the petition.~~

(2)(a) A decertification petition may not be filed regarding the bargaining unit within 12 months after the date the commission issues an order that verifies the results of a certification, recertification, or decertification election covering any of the public employees in the unit.

(b) If a valid collective bargaining agreement covering any of the public employees in the bargaining unit is in effect, a decertification petition may only be filed with the commission at least 90 but not more than 150 days immediately preceding the expiration date of the collective bargaining agreement, or at any time after such agreement's expiration date but before the effective date of a new collective bargaining agreement. The effective date of a collective bargaining agreement is the date of ratification of such agreement by both parties if such agreement becomes effective immediately or retroactively, or the collective bargaining agreement's actual effective date if such agreement becomes effective after its ratification date.

(3) The commission or one of its designated agents shall investigate the decertification petition to determine its sufficiency. If the commission finds that the petition is ~~to be~~ insufficient, the commission must ~~it~~ ~~may~~ dismiss the petition. If the commission finds that the petition is sufficient, the commission must ~~it shall immediately~~:

(a) Identify the bargaining unit and determine which public employees shall be qualified and entitled to vote in the election held by the commission.

(b) Identify the public employer or employers of the bargaining unit.

(c) Order an election by secret ballot, the cost of said election to be borne equally by the parties, except as the commission may provide by rule. An election conducted by mail ballot must include, subject to appropriation, return envelopes with prepaid postage affixed. The commission's order assessing costs of an election may be enforced pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this part.

(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), elections are determined as follows for all decertification petitions filed on or after July 1, 2026:

1. If at least 50 percent of the public employees in the bargaining unit as of the date set by the commission participate in the election, and at least 50 percent of the public employees voting in the election vote to decertify an employee organization, the commission must revoke the bargaining agent's certification for that bargaining unit.

2. If decertification is not selected by at least 50 percent of the public employees voting in the election, and at least 50 percent of the employees who are in the bargaining unit as of the date set by the commission participate in the election, the bargaining agent must retain its certification for that bargaining unit.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 66-76 and insert: organization; requiring the commission to conduct elections by specified methods; specifying the criteria by which the commission determines the method and timing of elections; requiring the commission to conduct election by mail if requested by one of the parties; providing the timeframe for when an election by mail must be conducted; requiring the commission to provide notice of such election to certain parties within a specified timeframe; requiring an election conducted by mail ballot to include return envelopes with prepaid postage affixed, subject to appropriation; creating s. 447.3076, F.S.; providing that a petition to clarify the composition of a bargaining unit may be filed with the commission under certain circumstances; requiring that a copy of the petition be served on certain persons; requiring the public employer to provide a copy of the petition to certain affected employees within a specified timeframe; requiring that a petition be dismissed under certain circumstances; amending s. 447.308, F.S.; revising requirements for the decertification of an employee or-

ganization; requiring an election conducted by mail ballot to include return envelopes with prepaid postage affixed, subject to appropriation; amending s. 447.309, F.S.;

The vote was:

Yeas—21

Mr. President	Gaetz	Mayfield
Boyd	Grall	McClain
Bradley	Gruters	Passidomo
Brodeur	Harrell	Truenow
Burgess	Leek	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
DiCeglie	Massullo	Yarborough

Nays—13

Arrington	Hooper	Rodriguez
Berman	Jones	Rouson
Bernard	Osgood	Smith
Bracy Davis	Pizzo	
Garcia	Polsky	

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for SB 1296**, as amended, was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

**CS for CS for SB 1012**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate services; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; requiring that maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; requiring that funds from the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund be used for specified purposes; reenacting s. 944.72(1), F.S., relating to the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1012**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 913** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

**CS for CS for CS for HB 913**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate services; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; requiring maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities to be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; requiring funds from the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to be used for specified purposes; reenacting s. 944.72(1), F.S., relating to the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1012** and by two-thirds vote, read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 913** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Mr. President	Burton	Jones
Arrington	Calatayud	Leek
Berman	DiCeglie	Martin
Bernard	Gaetz	Massullo
Boyd	Garcia	Mayfield
Bracy Davis	Grall	McClain
Bradley	Gruters	Osgood
Brodeur	Harrell	Passidomo
Burgess	Hooper	Pizzo

Rodriguez	Truenow	Yarborough
Rouson	Trumbull	
Simon	Wright	

Nays—None

**CS for CS for SB 1138**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to qualified contractors; amending ss. 125.022 and 166.033, F.S.; requiring each county and municipality, respectively, of a specified size to create and implement a program for the purpose of making development preapplication consultation services available at an applicant's request; providing that specified provisions may not be construed to affect or require the modification of certain county or municipality programs that make available the same or substantially similar development preapplication consulting services if such county or municipality's program existed before a specified date; limiting such preapplication consultation services to applications for certain permits; authorizing a county or municipality to use a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm to fulfill specified preapplication services requirements; specifying minimum requirements for a development preapplication consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to take certain actions if an applicant chooses to use the development preapplication consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to approve, approve with conditions, or deny an applicant's completed application within a specified timeframe; requiring that an application be deemed approved by operation of law without conditions and proceed in a specified manner if a county or municipality fails to make a certain determination within a specified timeframe; providing construction; specifying that certain requirements apply if an applicant for a development permit or development order is not eligible for, does not request, or elects not to use the county's or municipality's preapplication consulting services program; creating s. 163.3169, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a local government to establish a registry of a specified number of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to conduct certain preapplication services; prohibiting a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm from having a conflict of interest; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor that is not on the registry if a conflict of interest exists; authorizing a local government to enter into a certain agreement with another local government under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from adding its own employees to the registry; authorizing an applicant to retain a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing for preapplication consultation services under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, denying, or delaying an applicant's selection or use of a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm; specifying that the applicant is responsible for all fees and costs associated with using a qualified contractor of his or her choice; requiring a local government to make certain resources available if an applicant uses a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing to perform preapplication consultation services; providing an exception; providing construction; providing that specified requirements relating to the use of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to perform development preapplication consultation services do not apply to certain property identified within a permit application; providing applicability; providing construction; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; authorizing a governing body to use a specified registry to supplement local government staff resources; prohibiting a local government from creating, establishing, or applying any additional local procedure or condition for the administrative approval of a plat or replat which is inconsistent with specified provisions; authorizing the administrative authority to receive and act upon certain financial assurances; providing requirements for a local government's acceptance of certain financial assurances; amending s. 177.073, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "applicant"; requiring the governing body of certain local governments and counties to include certain developments in a program that expedites the process for issuing building permits for planned unit developments or phases of a community or subdivision; specifying automatic actions in the event the local government fails to adopt, update, or modify a certain program by a specified date; defining the term "conflict of interest"; providing construction; requiring a governing body to create a two-step application process for stabilized access roads that can support emergency vehicles; revising requirements for such application process; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor for land use approvals under certain circumstances; authorizing a governing body to use the qualified contractor registry established pursuant to this act to supplement staff resources; deleting

provisions prohibiting the use of a qualified contractor with a conflict of interest; defining the term "approved plans"; providing construction; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, delaying, withholding, or denying the issuance of certain permits under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing construction; authorizing a local government to waive a certain bond requirement under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which an applicant has a vested right in a preliminary plat; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1138**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 927** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

**CS for CS for CS for HB 927**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local land planning and development; amending ss. 125.022 and 166.033, F.S.; requiring each county and municipality, respectively, of a specified size to create and implement a program for the purpose of making development preapplication consultation services available at an applicant's request; providing that specified provisions may not be construed to affect or require the modification of certain county or municipality programs that make available the same or substantially similar development preapplication consulting services if such county or municipality's program existed before a specified date; limiting such preapplication consultation services to applications for certain permits; authorizing a county or municipality to use a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm to fulfill specified preapplication services requirements; specifying minimum requirements for a development preapplication consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to take certain actions if an applicant chooses to use the development preapplication consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to approve, approve with conditions, or deny an applicant's completed application within a specified timeframe; requiring that an application be deemed approved by operation of law without conditions and proceed in a specified manner if a county or municipality fails to make a certain determination within a specified timeframe; providing construction; specifying that certain requirements apply if an applicant for a development permit or development order is not eligible for, does not request, or elects not to use the county's or municipality's preapplication consulting services program; creating s. 163.3169, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a local government to establish a registry of a specified number of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to conduct certain preapplication services; prohibiting a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm from having a conflict of interest; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor that is not on the registry if a conflict of interest exists; authorizing a local government to enter into a certain agreement with another local government under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from adding its own employees to the registry; authorizing an applicant to retain a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing for preapplication consultation services under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, denying, or delaying an applicant's selection or use of a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm; specifying that the applicant is responsible for all fees and costs associated with using a qualified contractor of his or her choice; requiring a local government to make certain resources available if an applicant uses a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing to perform preapplication consultation services; providing an exception; providing construction; providing that specified requirements relating to the use of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to perform development preapplication consultation services do not apply to certain property identified within a permit application; providing applicability; providing construction; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; authorizing a governing body to use a specified registry to supplement local government staff resources; prohibiting a local government from creating, establishing, or applying any additional local procedure or condition for the administrative approval of a plat or replat which is inconsistent with specified provisions; authorizing the administrative authority to receive and act upon certain financial assurances; providing requirements for a local government's acceptance of certain financial assurances; amending s. 177.073, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "applicant"; requiring the governing body of certain local governments and counties to include certain developments in a program that expedites the process for issuing building

permits for planned unit developments or phases of a community or subdivision; specifying automatic actions in the event the local government fails to adopt, update, or modify a certain program by a specified date; defining the term “conflict of interest”; providing construction; requiring a governing body to create a two-step application process for stabilized access roads that can support emergency vehicles; revising requirements for such application process; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor for land use approvals under certain circumstances; authorizing a governing body to use the qualified contractor registry established pursuant to this act to supplement staff resources; deleting provisions prohibiting the use of a qualified contractor with a conflict of interest; defining the term “approved plans”; providing construction; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, delaying, withholding, or denying the issuance of certain permits under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing construction; authorizing a local government to waive a certain bond requirement under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which an applicant has a vested right in a preliminary plat; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1138** and by two-thirds vote, read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Massullo, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 927** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—33

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—DiCeglie

**CS for CS for SB 1634**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.03102, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information relating to the designation of an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization by the Chief of Domestic Security; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1634**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1473** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Grall—

**CS for CS for HB 1473**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.03102, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information relating to the designation of an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization by the Chief of Domestic Security; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1634** and read the second time by title.

Senator Grall moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (113196)**—Delete lines 14-28 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (2) of section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1471, 2026 Regular Session, to read:

943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

(g) Any portion of the information provided under this subsection by the Chief of Domestic Security to the Governor and Cabinet which would reveal information critical to state or national security is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject

On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1473**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—26

Mr. President	Gruters	Pizzo
Boyd	Harrell	Rodriguez
Bradley	Hooper	Rouson
Brodeur	Leek	Simon
Burgess	Martin	Truenow
Burton	Massullo	Trumbull
DiCeglie	Mayfield	Wright
Gaetz	McClain	Yarborough
Grall	Passidomo	

Nays—8

Arrington	Bracy Davis	Jones
Berman	Calatayud	Osgood
Bernard	Garcia	

**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 Friday, March 6, 2026.

**BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS**

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Thursday, March 5, 2026: SB 6, SB 26, CS for CS for SB 42, CS for SB 206, CS for SB 218, CS for SB 326, CS for CS for CS for SB 354, CS for SB 530, CS for SB 556, CS for CS for SB 654, CS for SB 688, CS for CS for SB 758, SB 830, SB 878, CS for SB 914, SB 964, CS for SB 1002, CS for CS for SB 1632, CS for CS for SB 1634, CS for CS for SB 1012, CS for SB 1016, CS for CS for SB 1234, CS for CS for SB 1288, SB 1318, CS for SB 1332, CS for CS for SB 1296, CS for CS for SB 1434, SB 1574, CS for CS for SB 1602, CS for CS for SB 1604, CS for CS for SB 1614, CS for CS for SB 1668, CS for SB 1682, SB 1718, SB 7034.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kathleen Passidomo, Rules Chair  
 Jim Boyd, Majority Leader  
 Lori Berman, Minority Leader

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Committee on Rules recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for CS for SB 1452; CS for SB 1756

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

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

## FIRST READING

By the Committee on Rules; the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Truenow—

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1452**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Financial Services; amending s. 17.11, F.S.; revising the subsystem used for a certain report of disbursements made; amending s. 17.13, F.S.; requiring the replacement, rather than the duplication, of lost or destroyed warrants; amending s. 110.113, F.S.; deleting the Department of Financial Services' authority to make semimonthly salary payments; amending s. 112.3135, F.S.; authorizing a public official to take specified actions regarding the employment of a relative as a firefighter; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; defining terms; revising eligibility requirements for a hurricane mitigation inspection under the My Safe Florida Home Program; revising the circumstances under which applicants may submit a subsequent hurricane mitigation inspection application; deleting the requirement that licensed inspectors determine mitigation measures during initial inspections of eligible homes; deleting inspectors' authorization to inspect townhouses; revising the criteria for eligibility for a hurricane mitigation grant; deleting an expiration date; revising the list of improvements for which grants may be used; requiring that improvements be identified in the final hurricane mitigation inspection to receive grant funds; deleting a provision related to grants for townhouses; authorizing the program to accept a specified certification directly from applicants; requiring applicants who receive grants to finalize construction and request a final inspection within a specified timeframe; specifying that an application is deemed abandoned, rather than withdrawn, under certain circumstances; requiring the department to notify applicants within a specified timeframe before an application is deemed abandoned; authorizing applicants to submit a subsequent application under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to determine that an application is not abandoned under certain circumstances; amending s. 215.55871, F.S.; defining the term "area median income"; deleting the definition of the term "service area"; revising eligibility requirements for the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; requiring the department to adopt rules to verify household income; authorizing the department to require periodic recertification of income eligibility for a specified purpose; authorizing condominiums with mixed-income occupancies to participate in the pilot program if a certain condition is met; requiring that an application for a mitigation grant include documentation to verify household income; limiting the award of grant funds to specified mitigation improvements; requiring an association to complete a certain percentage of opening protection improvements; providing applicability; amending s. 215.89, F.S.; deleting provisions regarding the reporting structure for charts of accounts relating to the use of public funds by governmental entities; amending s. 215.93, F.S.; revising the subsystems of the Florida Financial Management Information System; requiring that certain requests for records be made to a specified entity; prohibiting such requests from being made to the functional owner of the subsystem; providing an exception; amending s. 215.94, F.S.; providing that the department is the functional owner of the Financial Management Subsystem rather than the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem; revising the functions of such subsystem; amending s. 215.96, F.S.; revising the composition of the coordinating council; deleting a requirement for the design and coordination staff; requiring that minutes of meetings be available to interested persons; revising the composition of ex officio members of the council; revising the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the council to include reviewing and coordinating annual workplans for a specified purpose; amending ss. 215.985, 216.102, and 216.141, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 440.13, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which health care providers must petition the department to resolve utilization and reimbursement disputes; revising petition service requirements; revising the timeframe in which carriers must submit certain documentation to the department; revising the timeframe in which the panel determining the statewide schedule of maximum reimbursement allowances must submit certain recommendations to the Legislature; creating s. 497.1411, F.S.; defining the

term "applicant"; specifying that certain applicants are permanently barred from licensure; specifying that certain applicants are subject to specified disqualifying periods; requiring the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services to adopt rules; specifying requirements, authorizations, and prohibitions for such rules; specifying when a disqualifying period begins; prohibiting the board from issuing approval for a license until an applicant provides proof that certain fines, costs, fees, and restitution have been paid; specifying that the applicant has certain burdens to demonstrate that he or she is qualified for licensure; specifying that certain applicants who have been granted a pardon or restoration of civil rights are not barred or disqualified from licensure; specifying that such pardon or restoration does not require the board to award a license; authorizing the board to grant an exemption from disqualification under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for the applicant in order for the board to grant an exemption; specifying that the board has discretion to grant or deny an exemption; specifying that certain decisions are subject to ch. 120, F.S.; providing applicability and construction; amending s. 497.142, F.S.; prohibiting an application from being deemed complete under certain circumstances; revising the list of crimes to be disclosed on a license application; amending s. 553.80, F.S.; specifying that certain dwellings do not have a change of occupancy under certain circumstances; amending s. 560.309, F.S.; revising the provisions that a licensee must comply with in seeking collection of worthless payment instruments; amending s. 560.405, F.S.; providing that redemption in cash or through a debit card transaction shall be treated the same; prohibiting payment through a credit card transaction; amending s. 560.406, F.S.; requiring deferred presentment providers to comply with the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act only if such deferred presentment providers meet certain criteria; amending s. 626.0428, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.171, F.S.; deleting reinsurance intermediaries from certain application requirements; revising the list of persons from whom the department is required to accept uniform applications; making clarifying changes regarding the voluntary submission of cellular telephone numbers; revising the exemption from the application filing fee for members of the United States Armed Forces; amending s. 626.292, F.S.; revising applicant requirements for a license transfer; amending s. 626.611, F.S.; requiring the department to require license reexamination of certain persons and to suspend or revoke the eligibility of such persons to hold a license or appointment under certain circumstances; amending the grounds for suspension or revocation; amending s. 626.621, F.S.; authorizing the department to require a license reexamination for certain persons; amending s. 626.731, F.S.; revising the qualifications for a general lines agent's license; amending s. 626.785, F.S.; revising the qualifications for a life agent's license; amending s. 626.831, F.S.; revising the qualifications for a health agent's license; amending s. 626.8417, F.S.; revising the list of persons who are exempt from certain provisions relating to title insurance licensing and appointment requirements; amending s. 626.854, F.S.; requiring a public adjuster, public adjuster apprentice, or public adjusting firm to respond to certain claims status requests with specific information within a specified timeframe and document in the file the response or information provided; repealing s. 627.797, F.S., relating to agents exempt from title insurance licensing; amending s. 633.208, F.S.; prohibiting certain dwellings from being reclassified for certain purposes; amending s. 648.34, F.S.; revising requirements for bail bond agent applicants; amending s. 648.382, F.S.; requiring officers or officials of the appointing insurer to obtain, rather than submit, certain information; amending s. 717.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 717.101, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 717.102, F.S.; providing that certain intangible property is presumed abandoned; deleting a provision relating to the presumption that certain intangible property is presumed unclaimed; specifying the dormancy period for property presumed abandoned; requiring that property be considered payable or distributable under certain circumstances; deleting a provision relating to when property is payable or distributable; revising a presumption; requiring that property be presumed abandoned under certain circumstances; providing an exception; amending s. 717.103, F.S.; requiring that intangible property be subject to the custody of the department under certain circumstances; revising criteria for when intangible property is subject to the custody of the department; repealing s. 717.1035, F.S., relating to property originated or issued by this state, any political subdivision of

this state, or any entity incorporated, organized, created, or otherwise located in the state; amending ss. 717.104, 717.1045, 717.105, and 717.106, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.1065, F.S.; revising the timeframe for communication with certain entities by the owner of virtual currency so that the virtual currency is not presumed unclaimed; amending ss. 717.107, 717.1071, 717.108, and 717.109, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.1101, F.S.; revising the timelines and conditions under which stock, other equity interests, or debt of a business association is considered abandoned; requiring the holder to attempt to confirm the apparent owner's interest in the equity interest by sending an e-mail communication within a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the holder to attempt to contact the apparent owner by first-class United States mail under certain circumstances; specifying that equity interest is presumed abandoned under certain circumstances; revising the timeframe in which unmatured, unredeemed, matured, or redeemed debt is presumed abandoned; specifying that the applicable dormancy period ceases under certain circumstances; revising the timeframe in which a sum held for or owing by a business association is presumed abandoned; amending ss. 717.111, 717.112, 717.1125, 717.113, 717.115, and 717.116, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.117, F.S.; specifying that property is presumed abandoned upon the expiration of the applicable dormancy period; specifying that property is not deemed abandoned for certain purposes until the holder meets certain requirements; requiring holders of property presumed abandoned which has a specified value to use due diligence to locate and notify the apparent owner; requiring, before a specified timeframe, a holder in possession of presumed abandoned property to send a specified written notice to the apparent owner; specifying the method of delivery of such notice; requiring, before a specified timeframe, the holder to send a second written notice under certain circumstances; authorizing that the reasonable costs for the notice be deducted from the property; specifying that a signed return receipt constitutes an affirmative demonstration of continued interest; specifying requirements of the written notice; requiring holders of abandoned property to submit a specified report to the department; prohibiting certain balances, overpayments, deposits, and refunds from being reported as abandoned property; prohibiting certain securities from being included in the report; requiring the holder to report and deliver such securities under certain circumstances; requiring that the report be signed and verified and contain a specified statement; deleting certain provisions relating to the due diligence and notices to apparent owners; specifying that certain equity interests are not presumed abandoned under certain circumstances; requiring a holder to perform annual data matching of certain records for a specified purpose; specifying that the holder is deemed to know the location of the apparent owner under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain transactions from constituting indication of apparent owner interest; specifying that certain accounts may be presumed abandoned under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 717.118, F.S.; revising the state's obligation to notify apparent owners that their abandoned property has been reported and remitted to the department; requiring the department to use a cost-effective means to make an attempt to notify certain apparent owners; specifying requirements for the notice; requiring the department to maintain a specified website; revising applicability; amending s. 717.119, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising requirements for firearms or ammunition found in an abandoned safe-deposit box or safekeeping repository; revising required actions the department must take if a will or trust instrument is included among the contents of an abandoned safe-deposit box or safekeeping repository; amending ss. 717.1201, 717.122, 717.123, and 717.1235, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.124, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting provisions related to requirements of claimants' representatives; specifying that a claim is withdrawn under certain circumstances; specifying that the department is authorized to make a distribution of property or money in accordance with a specified agreement under certain circumstances; requiring that shares of securities be delivered directly to the claimant under certain circumstances; revising a provision authorizing the department to develop a process by which a claimant representative may electronically submit certain images and documents; deleting provisions relating to a buyer of unclaimed property's filing of a claim; amending s. 717.12403, F.S.; con-

forming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.12404, F.S.; requiring that claims on behalf of an active corporation include a specified driver license; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 717.12405 and 717.12406, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.1241, F.S.; defining the term "conflicting claim"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising requirements for remitting property when conflicting claims have been received by the department; amending ss. 717.1242, 717.1243, 717.1244, 717.1245, 717.125, 717.126, 717.1261, 717.1262, 717.129, 717.1301, 717.1315, and 717.132, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.1322, F.S.; revising the list of acts that constitute grounds for administrative enforcement action by the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 717.133, 717.1333, and 717.1341, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.135, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting applicability; creating s. 717.1356, F.S.; specifying that agreements for the purchase of abandoned property reported to the department are valid only under certain circumstances; authorizing the seller to cancel a purchase agreement without penalty or obligation within a specified timeframe; requiring that such agreement contain certain language; requiring that a copy of an executed Florida Abandoned Property Purchase Agreement be filed with the purchaser's claim; prohibiting the department from approving the claim under certain circumstances; specifying that certain purchase agreements are enforceable only by the seller; defining the terms "asset purchaser" and "large business association"; requiring that claims filed by asset purchasers include certain information; authorizing the asset purchaser to provide a copy of a specified form in lieu of certain requirements if the seller is a publicly traded entity; providing applicability and construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 717.138, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 717.1382, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 717.139, F.S.; providing legislative findings; revising a statement of public policy; deleting a legislative declaration; providing legislative intent; prohibiting title to abandoned property from transferring to the state except under certain circumstances; amending s. 717.1400, F.S.; requiring an individual to meet certain requirements in order to file claims as a claimant representative; revising application requirements for registering as a claimant representative; requiring claimant representatives to file and obtain payment on a specified number of claims within a specified timeframe to maintain active registration; requiring the department to notify the claimant representative in writing and provide a certain timeframe to demonstrate compliance or good cause for non-compliance under certain circumstances; requiring the department to revoke a registration under certain circumstances; prohibiting a claimant representative from reapplying under certain circumstances; amending ss. 1001.281 and 1001.282, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 197.582 and 626.9541, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 772.13(6)(a), F.S., relating to postjudgment execution proceedings to enforce a judgment entered against a terrorist party, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 717.101, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

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By the Committees on Rules; and Health Policy; and Senator Yarborough—

**CS for CS for SB 1756**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical freedom; providing a short title; repealing s. 9 of chapter 2023-43, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2025-114, Laws of Florida, relating to the future repeal of the definition of the term "messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine"; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; providing construction; amending s. 456.0575, F.S.; requiring certain health care practitioners and paramedics to, before administering one or more vaccines to a minor child, provide the parent or legal guardian with specified materials; requiring such practitioners and paramedics to obtain the signature of a minor child's parent or guardian acknowledging receipt of such information; requiring health care practitioners to discuss certain information with a minor child's parent or guardian when more than one vaccine is to be administered; authorizing a health care practitioner, at the request of the parent or guardian, to administer

the vaccines to the minor child over multiple encounters; providing that specified amendments made by the act to s. 456.0575, F.S., take effect on a specified date or within a specified timeframe after the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine adopt certain materials by joint rule, whichever occurs later; requiring the boards to adopt the joint rule within a specified timeframe and immediately notify the Division of Law Revision of their adoption of the joint rule; creating ss. 458.3351, 459.0156, and 464.0181, F.S.; providing certain health care practitioners immunity from civil and criminal liability and disciplinary action for prescribing or administering ivermectin to adults under certain circumstances; creating s. 465.1897, F.S.; authorizing pharmacists to provide ivermectin to adults without a prescription as a behind-the-counter medication until the United States Food and Drug Administration approves it for over-the-counter sale; requiring pharmacists to provide specified information before providing the ivermectin; providing pharmacists acting in good faith with immunity from civil and criminal liability and disciplinary action for providing ivermectin to adults; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules; amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; revising exemptions from school-entry immunization requirements; requiring the Department of Health to make the immunization exemption form for religious or conscience-based exemptions publicly available on its website; specifying procedures and requirements for receiving such exemptions; requiring the department to ensure that when a certain exemption form is downloaded from its website, the download includes the form and specified materials as a single document; providing that the requirement takes effect upon adoption of a specified rule; requiring that the web page containing the download link also include and prominently display certain other links; revising requirements and procedures for declarations of a communicable disease emergency; providing effective dates.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### FIRST READING

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 93 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee and Representative(s) Woodson, Campbell, Eskamani—

**CS for HB 93**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protection from surgical smoke; creating s. 395.1013, F.S.; defining the terms "smoke evacuation system" and "surgical smoke"; requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to, by a specified date, adopt and implement policies requiring the use of smoke evacuation systems or any other appropriate measure under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed HB 423 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Representative(s) Eskamani, Tramont, Bankson, Bartleman, Blanco, Campbell, Driskell, Harris, Hunschofsky, López, J., Michael, Partington, Rizo, Rosenwald, Tant, Woodson—

**HB 423**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student elopement; creating s. 1003.211, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring public schools to create a School Staff Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) Team and a school elopement plan; providing requirements for the plan; providing for membership and responsibilities of the SAFE team; requiring the SAFE team to create student-specific elopement quick reference guides for certain students; providing requirements for such

guides; requiring public schools to annually submit their plans to the district school board; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 425 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee, Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and Representative(s) Aristide, Campbell, Eskamani—

**CS for CS for HB 425**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Historic Cemeteries Program; amending s. 267.21, F.S.; requiring local governments to approve applications from historic African-American cemeteries to change the land use category and zoning district of excess vacant land under certain conditions to allow development consistent and compatible with adjacent land uses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 527 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee and Representative(s) Cassel, Cross, Robinson, F., Salzman—

**CS for CS for HB 527**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mandatory human reviews of insurance claim denials; creating s. 440.131, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing workers' compensation carriers to use artificial intelligence systems and machine learning systems to assist in processing claims; prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence or machine learning systems as the sole basis for determining whether to reduce a claim payment or deny a claim or portion of a claim; requiring that carriers' decisions to deny a claim or portion of a claim or reduce a claim be made by qualified human professionals; specifying the duties of qualified human professionals; requiring a carrier to maintain certain records; requiring carriers to include certain information in denial communications to claimants; requiring that certain carriers detail certain information in their claims-handling manual; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to conduct examinations and investigations under certain circumstances and to adopt rules; providing penalties; creating s. 627.4263, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing insurers to use artificial intelligence systems and machine learning systems to assist in processing claims; prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence or machine learning systems as the sole basis for determining whether to reduce a claim payment or deny a claim or portion of a claim; requiring that insurers' decisions to deny a claim or portion of a claim or reduce a claim be made by qualified human professionals; specifying the duties of qualified human professionals; requiring an insurer to maintain certain records; requiring insurers to include certain information in denial communications to claimants; requiring that certain insurers detail certain information in their claims-handling manual; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to conduct market conduct examinations and investigations under certain circumstances; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; creating s. 641.31091, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing health maintenance organizations to use artificial intelligence systems and machine learning systems to assist in processing claims; prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence or machine learning systems as the sole basis for determining whether to reduce a claim payment or deny a claim or portion of a claim; requiring that health maintenance organizations' decisions to deny a claim or reduce a claim or portion of a claim be made by qualified human professionals; specifying the duties of qualified human professionals; requiring a health maintenance organization to maintain certain records; requiring health maintenance organizations to include certain information in denial communications to claimants; requiring that certain health maintenance organizations detail certain informa-



By Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee and Representative(s) Owen—

**CS for HB 741**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Commerce; amending s. 253.025, F.S.; exempting federal agencies from a requirement that a conveyance at less than appraised value must state that the land will revert to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund if the land is not used for its intended purposes as a military installation buffer or if the military installation closes; amending s. 288.0656, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "rural community"; repealing ss. 290.0401, 290.0411, 290.042, 290.0455, 290.046, 290.047, 290.0475, and 290.048, F.S., relating to the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Act, legislative intent and purpose, definitions, the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Loan Guarantee Program, applications for grants, establishment of grant ceilings and maximum administrative cost percentages and the elimination of population bias, rejection of grant applications and penalties for failure to meet application conditions, and general powers of the department, respectively; amending s. 290.043, F.S.; renaming the "Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program" as the "Community Development Block Grant Program"; amending s. 290.044, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Fund; renaming the fund as the "Community Development Block Grant Program Fund"; providing definitions; designating the department as the state agency to receive federal funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer the program; providing that the department shall administer additional federal funding in accordance with federal law and guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing the Department of Commerce to adopt rules; amending s. 448.095, F.S.; defining the terms "employer" and "non-compliance"; providing that an employer must maintain an E-Verify case for each employee; providing that an employer's failure to provide requested documentation within a specified time period constitutes noncompliance; requiring the department to issue a notification of noncompliance containing specified information; providing that if the employer fails to cure the noncompliance, the department shall issue a final determination of noncompliance; providing requirements for specified hearings for employers under certain circumstances; providing penalties; providing requirements for an employer to cure specified noncompliance with the E-Verify system; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing that the department may recover specified costs; requiring such funds to be deposited into the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund; revising construction and expiration; amending s. 448.09, F.S.; providing that an employer knowingly employs an unauthorized alien if specified conditions are met; requiring the department to provide an employer with a written determination that an employer has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien; providing that if an employer requests a hearing, the administrative law judge's final order is appealable; requiring an employer to report quarterly to the department to demonstrate compliance; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 753 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Education Administration Subcommittee, Careers & Workforce Subcommittee and Representative(s) Hunschofsky, Eskamani, Partington, Rizo, Valdés—

**CS for CS for HB 753**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school counselors; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; requiring evaluation criteria for certified school counselors to be based on specified standards; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; providing that persons seeking employment as school counselors are exempt from specified educator certification requirements; providing that school districts may require such persons to meet certain requirements as a condition of employment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 833, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Education & Employment Committee, Education Administration Subcommittee and Representative(s) Cassel, Rizo, Rosenwald, Valdés—

**CS for CS for HB 833**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private school facilities; amending s. 1002.42, F.S.; providing that certain private schools are considered a permitted use in certain zoning districts; authorizing counties and municipalities to require specified measures to mitigate vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety; providing requirements for such measures; authorizing private schools to provide a traffic study rather than comply with such measures; creating a right to action under certain circumstances; authorizing the award of injunctive relief; authorizing certain private schools to operate in facilities that meet specified requirements; requiring certain private schools operating in such facilities to meet specified Florida Fire Prevention Code standards; providing that completion of a specified evaluation system with certain ratings by specified persons constitutes evidence of compliance with the Florida Fire Prevention Code for such private schools; authorizing the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 913 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health & Human Services Committee, Justice Budget Subcommittee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Johnson, Valdés—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 913**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate services; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; requiring maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities to be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; requiring funds from the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to be used for specified purposes; reenacting s. 944.72(1), F.S., relating to the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 927, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By State Affairs Committee, Commerce Committee, Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and Representative(s) Sapp—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 927**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local land planning and development; amending ss. 125.022 and 166.033, F.S.; requiring each county and municipality, respectively, of a specified size to create and implement a program for the purpose of making development preapplication consultation services available at an applicant's request; providing that specified provisions may not be construed to affect or require the modification of certain county or municipality programs that make available the same or substantially similar development preapplication consulting services if such county or municipality's program existed before a specified date; limiting such preapplication consultation services to applications for certain permits; authorizing a county or municipality to use a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm to fulfill specified preapplication services re-

quirements; specifying minimum requirements for a development pre-application consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to take certain actions if an applicant chooses to use the development preapplication consultation services program; requiring a county or municipality to approve, approve with conditions, or deny an applicant's completed application within a specified timeframe; requiring that an application be deemed approved by operation of law without conditions and proceed in a specified manner if a county or municipality fails to make a certain determination within a specified timeframe; providing construction; specifying that certain requirements apply if an applicant for a development permit or development order is not eligible for, does not request, or elects not to use the county's or municipality's preapplication consulting services program; creating s. 163.3169, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a local government to establish a registry of a specified number of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to conduct certain preapplication services; prohibiting a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm from having a conflict of interest; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor that is not on the registry if a conflict of interest exists; authorizing a local government to enter into a certain agreement with another local government under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from adding its own employees to the registry; authorizing an applicant to retain a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing for preapplication consultation services under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, denying, or delaying an applicant's selection or use of a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm; specifying that the applicant is responsible for all fees and costs associated with using a qualified contractor of his or her choice; requiring a local government to make certain resources available if an applicant uses a qualified contractor or qualified contractor firm of his or her choosing to perform preapplication consultation services; providing an exception; providing construction; providing that specified requirements relating to the use of qualified contractors or qualified contractor firms to perform development preapplication consultation services do not apply to certain property identified within a permit application; providing applicability; providing construction; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; authorizing a governing body to use a specified registry to supplement local government staff resources; prohibiting a local government from creating, establishing, or applying any additional local procedure or condition for the administrative approval of a plat or replat which is inconsistent with specified provisions; authorizing the administrative authority to receive and act upon certain financial assurances; providing requirements for a local government's acceptance of certain financial assurances; amending s. 177.073, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "applicant"; requiring the governing body of certain local governments and counties to include certain developments in a program that expedites the process for issuing building permits for planned unit developments or phases of a community or subdivision; specifying automatic actions in the event the local government fails to adopt, update, or modify a certain program by a specified date; defining the term "conflict of interest"; providing construction; requiring a governing body to create a two-step application process for stabilized access roads that can support emergency vehicles; revising requirements for such application process; authorizing an applicant to use a qualified contractor for land use approvals under certain circumstances; authorizing a governing body to use the qualified contractor registry established pursuant to this act to supplement staff resources; deleting provisions prohibiting the use of a qualified contractor with a conflict of interest; defining the term "approved plans"; providing construction; prohibiting a local government from conditioning, delaying, withholding, or denying the issuance of certain permits under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing construction; authorizing a local government to waive a certain bond requirement under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which an applicant has a vested right in a preliminary plat; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1113 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting and requests concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Representative(s) Tuck, López, J.—

**CS for HB 1113**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; defining terms; expanding a public records exemption for crime victims to include the name and personal identification number of a victim and any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse the victim; providing that such exemption includes the portions of records generated by any agency that regularly generates or receives information from or concerning victims of crime; providing for a public records exemption for the identity of a victim's family member, lawful representative, or next of kin and any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse these individuals; providing that such exemption includes the portions of records generated or received by any agency that regularly generates or receives information from or concerning victims of crime; providing applicability; providing that the name of a law enforcement officer in a public record which identifies him or her as a victim of crime in specified circumstances is confidential and exempt for 72 hours and providing that such information is exempt for 60 days thereafter; providing construction; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 1177 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee, Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee, Ways & Means Committee and Representative(s) Sirois—

**CS for CS for CS for HB 1177**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to spaceport operations and Space Florida; amending s. 311.14, F.S.; defining the term "strategic spaceport hub"; requiring the governing board of certain seaports to coordinate with Space Florida for specified purposes; amending s. 331.302, F.S.; providing that Space Florida is not an agency and is not subject to certain bidding and contract procedures under certain conditions; amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to employ a full-time business development director for specified purposes; amending s. 331.3081, F.S.; revising membership of the Space Florida board of directors; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1217 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee and Representative(s) Snyder, Jacques—

**CS for HB 1217**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibited governmental policies regulating greenhouse gas emissions; creating s. 377.816, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; prohibiting governmental entities from adopting certain net zero policies; prohibiting governmental entities from using public funds in any manner that supports, implements, or advances certain net zero policies; prohibiting governmental entities from imposing any charge to advance certain net zero policies; requiring each governmental entity to annually submit to the Department of Revenue a certain affidavit; prohibiting governmental entities from implementing, administering, or enforcing certain programs; providing construction; providing applicability; amending ss. 125.01, 166.021, and 166.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1229 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee and Representative(s) Oliver—

**CS for HB 1229**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential homes for medically or technologically dependent children; creating part XII of ch. 400, F.S., entitled "Medically Complex Children's Homes"; creating s. 400.9991, F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s. 400.9992, F.S.; defining the terms "agency" and "medically complex children's home"; creating s. 400.9993, F.S.; providing licensure requirements; creating s. 400.9994, F.S.; providing application requirements; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to require certain background screening for certain persons; requiring access to a medically complex children's home at reasonable times for certain persons; requiring the agency to issue a provisional license to a newly licensed provider for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring issuance of a standard license to a provisionally licensed provider under certain circumstances; authorizing the agency to issue a conditional license for a specified timeframe to a licensed provider for specified reasons; requiring the agency to conduct inspections; creating s. 400.9995, F.S.; providing rulemaking authority and requirements; creating s. 400.9996, F.S.; providing eligibility requirements for admission to a medically complex children's home; creating s. 400.9997, F.S.; providing uniform firesafety standards, emergency preparedness requirements, and construction standards; creating s. 400.9998, F.S.; providing for the denial, suspension, and revocation of a license; providing for administrative fines; amending ss. 400.051, 408.802, 408.820, and 408.823, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the agency to implement certain changes by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/HB 1263, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Commerce Committee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee and Representative(s) Chaney—

**CS for CS for HB 1263**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Office of Insurance Regulation; amending s. 20.121, F.S.; providing that the Office of Insurance Regulation is responsible for all activities concerning entities under its jurisdiction; amending s. 501.171, F.S.; requiring covered entities under the office's jurisdiction to copy the office on certain notices and provide certain information, upon request, to the office; amending s. 624.310, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Financial Services and the office to issue and deliver cease and desist orders for certain activities; authorizing the department and the office to seek an injunction for enforcement of such order; amending s. 624.316, F.S.; removing a provision authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt the Market Conduct Examiners Handbook; amending s. 624.3161, F.S.; requiring the office to examine administrators under certain circumstances; authorizing the commission to adopt by rule the Market Conduct Examiners Handbook; creating s. 624.341, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to accept and process fingerprints taken of certain persons; providing applicability; specifying procedures for fingerprinting; specifying that fingerprints must be submitted in accordance with certain rules; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct certain background checks; requiring that certain fingerprints be submitted and entered into a specified system; specifying who bears the costs of fingerprint processing; requiring the office to review criminal history background checks and make certain determinations; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to exchange certain records with the office; specifying that certain criminal records be used by the office for certain purposes; amending s. 627.062, F.S.;

revising the factors that the office must consider in determining if insurance rates are excessive, inadequate, or discriminatory; amending s. 627.0628, F.S.; requiring private passenger automobile insurance to be adequately projected; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; requiring the office to determine minimum rate differentials for windstorm damage mitigation techniques that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the Florida Building Code; authorizing insurers to seek additional rate differentials; amending s. 627.0645, F.S.; revising requirements of rate filing with the office for certain insurers; amending s. 627.711, F.S.; requiring that certain discount notification forms for personal lines residential property insurance policies be sent to insureds at the time of policy issuance and renewal; requiring the office to contract with a state university to design, operate, upgrade, and maintain a specified database; requiring property insurers to file certain policyholder forms within a specified timeframe in the database beginning on a specified date; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 627.7152, F.S.; removing a provision requiring insurers to report on residential and commercial property insurance claims paid in a certain year; amending s. 627.915, F.S.; requiring private passenger automobile insurers to file specified monthly reports beginning on a specified date; requiring the commission to adopt rules; removing the requirement for certain insurers to submit such report; removing an exemption for certain insurers; creating s. 628.8011, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring certain persons to file a group capital calculation report annually by a specified date; providing requirements for such report; exempting certain insurance holding company systems from filing such report; requiring certain non-United States-based insurance holding company systems to file a group capital calculation report; authorizing the office to exempt certain persons from filing such report under certain circumstances; authorizing the filing of a limited group capital filing instead of the group capital calculation report under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to require certain insurance holding company systems to file such report despite qualifying for an exemption under certain circumstances; requiring the office to establish certain criteria and publish certain information on its website; authorizing the commission to adopt certain rules; creating s. 628.8012, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring certain persons to annually file results of a liquidity stress test in compliance with specified instructions; providing an exemption; authorizing the office to adopt rules; creating s. 628.8013, F.S.; providing that a certain report and test are for specified purposes; prohibiting certain representations or statements by certain persons; authorizing an insurer to rebut certain information in a written publication under certain circumstances; creating s. 629.53, F.S.; requiring attorneys in fact of reciprocal insurers to obtain a registration; providing requirements for the application of such registration; prohibiting fees for registration and registration application; requiring the office to investigate applicants; authorizing the office to issue registrations to applicants under certain circumstances; creating s. 629.54, F.S.; providing for automatic renewal of the registration of an attorney in fact; creating s. 629.55, F.S.; authorizing the office to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the registration of an attorney in fact under certain circumstances; creating s. 629.56, F.S.; providing for when an order of suspension or revocation of a registration is effected; authorizing the office to publish certain notice in newspapers of general circulation; creating s. 629.57, F.S.; providing a limitation on the period of suspension of an attorney in fact registration; providing that a registration is automatically reinstated after the suspension ends; creating s. 629.58, F.S.; authorizing the office to issue administrative fines in lieu of suspension or revocation; prohibiting a fine from being borne by an insurer; amending ss. 634.141, 634.314, and 634.416, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1283 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs*, Clerk

By Government Operations Subcommittee and Representative(s) Fabricio, Blanco, Alvarez, J., Holcomb, Plasencia, Sapp—

**CS for HB 1283**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to complaints against law enforcement and correctional officers; amending s. 112.532, F.S.; requiring that a copy of a complaint, signed by the complainant

under oath, be provided to law enforcement officers and correctional officers who are under investigation before any interrogation begins; providing that complainant names and signatures are not required if a complaint is accompanied by corroborating evidence; prohibiting certain personnel actions from being taken against a law enforcement officer or correctional officer unless such officer receives a copy of the complaint signed by the complainant under oath; providing an exception; requiring that the investigative file of certain investigations of a law enforcement officer or correctional officer be included in such officer's personnel file; providing that certain investigations do not affect such officer's ability to receive a promotion, a raise, or any other commendation; amending s. 112.533, F.S.; requiring a complaint against a law enforcement officer or correctional officer to be in writing and signed under oath by the person filing the complaint; providing an exception; providing penalties for making a false complaint; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 1311, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee and Representative(s) Bankson—

**CS for CS for HB 1311**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal tender; ratifying specified rules relating to legal tender for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida; repealing s. 18 of chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida, which repeals specified provisions relating to legal tender; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1449, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee and Representative(s) Busatta—

**CS for HB 1449**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the statewide provider and health plan claim dispute resolution program; amending s. 408.7057, F.S.; providing an exemption from review for certain disputed claims; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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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/HB 1461 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Commerce Committee, Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee and Representative(s) Miller, Gentry, Conerly, Gossett-Seidman, LaMarca, Salzman, Spencer, Yeager—

**CS for CS for HB 1461**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to advanced nuclear reactors; creating s. 403.541, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing definitions; authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to regulate advanced nuclear reactors in this state; requiring the commission to consult with the University of Florida's Nuclear Fuels and Materials Characterization Facility in exercising such authority; authorizing the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection to exercise specified powers and duties; re-

quiring the commission, the Department of Health, and the Department of Environmental Protection to jointly establish criteria for the certification of laboratories that perform analysis on nuclear materials; authorizing the possession of nuclear material for specified purposes; providing an exception and limitation for such possession; requiring permits for the transfer, receipt, possession, use, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials; requiring the commission to make a certain determination before issuing such permits; requiring certifications for construction and significant design modifications of advanced nuclear reactors; requiring the commission to consider certain factors before issuing such certifications; requiring the construction or significant design modification of advanced nuclear reactors to include certain radiation control devices; authorizing the commission to issue reciprocal permits under certain conditions; providing penalties; requiring the commission, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health, to adopt rules; providing requirements for such rules; amending s. 186.801, F.S.; revising the criteria the commission must consider in the preliminary study of electric utility 10-year site plans; amending s. 366.92, F.S.; defining the term "clean energy"; removing the definition of the term "renewable energy"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 377.601, F.S.; revising legislative intent for the state's energy policy; amending s. 403.503, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "applicant"; amending s. 403.506, F.S.; revising applicability of power plant capacity and expansion thresholds; amending s. 403.507, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 403.519, F.S.; revising the criteria the commission must consider in making determinations for proposed power plants; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 1551 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Judiciary Committee and Representative(s) Duggan, Fabricio—

**CS for HB 1551**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to products liability for firearms; creating s. 768.1258, F.S.; providing definitions; providing that a firearm manufacturer is not liable for certain torts based on the absence or presence of certain features, mechanisms, or standards not required under federal law; providing construction and application; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/HB 6531, as amended, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Judiciary Committee and Representative(s) LaMarca—

**CS for HB 6531**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of M.N. by the Broward County Sheriff's Office; providing an appropriation to compensate the estate for injuries sustained by M.N. and her subsequent death as a result of the negligence of the Broward County Sheriff's Office; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed HB 7031 and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

*Jeff Takacs, Clerk*

By Ways & Means Committee and Representative(s) Duggan—

**HB 7031**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 163.387, F.S.; providing that certain special districts are exempt from specified appropriation requirements; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; conforming provisions to align with the State Constitution; providing applicability; creating s. 193.626, F.S.; defining the terms "mobile home park" and "mobile home lot"; requiring certain property be assessed in a specified manner; providing applicability; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; requiring a notice of disapproval to be served before a specified event in certain circumstances; amending s. 196.012, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "governmental purpose"; providing applicability; amending s. 196.061, F.S.; providing that the prohibition on rental of a homestead does not apply to specified individuals; requiring such individuals to provide certain documentation; providing applicability; amending ss. 196.151 and 196.193, F.S.; requiring a notice of disapproval to be served before a specified event in certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 196.19781, F.S.; authorizing property to continue receiving a specified property tax exemption under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 200.065, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a specified millage rate may be adopted; providing applicability; amending s. 212.03, F.S.; defining the terms "advertising platform" and "vacation rental"; requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit specified taxes for certain vacation rental transactions; requiring certain entities to allow advertising platforms to register, collect, and remit such taxes; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; revising the types of portable gas cans eligible for a certain sales tax exemption; revising the exemption period for a specified sales tax holiday; providing definitions; providing a sales tax exemption for certain home hardening products; requiring such exemption be in the form of a specified refund; providing requirements for such refund; providing requirements for the Department of Revenue in issuing such refunds; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; specifying the timeframe such rules are effective; providing for future repeal; amending s. 212.1832, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "motor vehicle"; providing for future repeal; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order in which certain credits are intended to be applied to incorporate changes made by the act; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; amending the definition of "Internal Revenue Code"; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; providing for retroactive application; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; requiring the addition of the amount taken for a specified credit to taxable income; creating s. 220.1856, F.S.; providing a credit against the corporate income tax for certain contributions beginning on a specified date; authorizing the credit on a consolidated return basis under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 220.1915, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "qualifying railroad"; amending s. 402.261, F.S.; revising fiscal years subject to a specified maximum tax credit; prohibiting tax credits for specified fiscal years from being approved; amending s. 402.62, F.S.; providing that a taxpayer may not apply for a Strong Families Tax Credit greater than a specified amount; providing the maximum tax credits authorized to be allocated to a single charity during a specified time period; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating part VII of ch. 420, F.S.; creating s. 420.951, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 420.952, F.S., authorizing certain taxpayers to receive a tax credit for specified contributions; providing requirements for the use of such credit; requiring a taxpayer to submit a certain application beginning on a specified date; requiring the application include specified information and documentation; authorizing the tax credit to be used against certain taxes; requiring the Department of Revenue to approve applications in a specified manner; pro-

viding the maximum amount of credits authorized for specified fiscal years; authorizing unused credits to carryforward for a specified period of time in certain circumstances; prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain tax credits; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for future repeal; providing construction; amending s. 551.106, F.S.; providing that certain permitholders are exempt from a specified license fee; revising downward the tax rate on certain slot machine revenues; amending s. 563.01, F.S.; defining the terms "American brewery" and "foreign import malt beverage"; amending s. 563.05, F.S.; revising excise taxes paid on certain malt beverages; providing for future repeal; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising the order in which certain credits are intended to be applied to incorporate changes made by the act; creating s. 624.51065, F.S.; providing a credit against insurance premium taxes for certain contributions beginning on a specified date; providing construction; providing applicability; amending s. 626.932, F.S.; creating an exemption from a specified tax for certain insurance coverage; defining the term "flood"; providing for future repeal; amending s. 689.261, F.S.; defining the terms "listing platform" and "property"; requiring certain listings to include estimated ad valorem taxes; prohibiting the current owner's ad valorem taxes from being displayed or used for certain purposes; providing an exception; providing requirements for listing platforms, the Department of Revenue, and property appraisers; providing protection from liability for specified parties who take certain actions; prohibiting certain materials from including specified information; requiring, beginning on a specified date, the department to annually publish a formula, countywide aggregate millage rate, and certain information on its website; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; revising downward a certain tax paid by cardroom operators on certain receipts; creating a sales tax exemption for sales of certain items during a specified time period; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules for specified purposes; providing for future repeal; providing a sales tax exemption for certain property leased to private entities by Space Florida; providing emergency rulemaking authority; creating a sales tax exemption for certain firearm accessories; defining the term "firearm"; creating a sales tax exemption for specified hunting, fishing, and camping products; providing definitions; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; specifying the timeframe such rules are effective; amending chapter 2024-159, Laws of Florida, extending by 3 years an exemption from excise taxes for certain notes and written obligations; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

## CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of March 4 was corrected and approved.

## CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Bernard—CS for CS for SB 96; Bracy Davis—CS for CS for SB 182

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 4:27 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 6 or upon call of the President.

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