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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 1:00 p.m. A quorum present—38:

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
Davis	McClain	Yarborough
DiCeglie	Osgood	

Excused: Senator Avila

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Reverend John Belmonte, Diocese of Venice:

Heavenly Father of all, each day with the gift of freedom you place before us the opportunity to choose—to choose to become great by serving you and others. With your help, Lord, help us to pursue greatness in your service in all that we do. Help us to distinguish ourselves in virtue, in humility, in kindness, and especially in courage. We need people willing to make sacrifices for all that is good; people willing to defend the most vulnerable; people willing to shake off the destructive tolerance of division. God of greatness and life, help us to truly live—to live for you—to live for others.

Almighty God, may these leaders live with faith in you. Strengthen them to defend the weak. Fortify their resolve to preserve the family from all harm. Grant unto them, O Lord, the vision and the courage to be leaders who will make our communities safe, make our schools the best in the world, sustain our farmers, enshrine fairness in our legal system, and the resolve to serve the common good.

We are grateful, Lord, for their service. Today especially we are grateful for Senator Joseph Gruters, for his years of dedicated service to this chamber, to the people of Florida, and now our nation. Dear God,

give Joe and all assembled here today the grace to continue to answer your call to public service. Let Senator Gruters and everyone in this body lead with compassion, listen with patience, and serve with integrity that those they lead may see your heart and be drawn to follow you.

And when, dear Lord, these your servants have reached the mountaintop of success and provided for the common good, if it be your will, Lord, surround them with an adoring family, scores of friends, a comfortable retirement, and a modest condo somewhere near Siesta Key Beach. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Andrew Light of Sarasota; Mary Ryan Mitchell, daughter of Senate staffer Betsy Mitchell, of Havana; and Jamila Ogletree, sister of Senate staffer Nia Ogletree, of Tallahassee, 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. Julia Jenkins of Clearwater, sponsored by Senator Hooper, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Jenkins specializes in family medicine.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Rodriguez—

By Senator Rodriguez—

SR 1802—A resolution recognizing the week of May 3, 2026 as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” in Florida and expressing the Senate’s support of efforts to raise awareness about the causes, symptoms, and importance of routine screening for tardive dyskinesia.

WHEREAS, such serious mental illnesses as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia often require treatment with antipsychotic medications for effective management, and antipsychotic prescribing rates continue to rise, and

WHEREAS, while prolonged antipsychotic use may be essential for the treatment of certain conditions, it is associated with tardive dyskinesia (TD), a condition marked by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, or extremities, and

WHEREAS, people at higher risk of TD include those older than 55 years of age; black individuals; women; individuals with mood or substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, or central nervous system injuries; and those with high cumulative antipsychotic exposure, and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of the estimated 800,000 U.S. adults living with TD remain undiagnosed, and even mild TD symptoms can be stigmatizing and impair physical, social, and emotional well-being, underscoring the urgency of early screening, detection, and intervention, and

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association recommends routine TD screening in its clinical guidelines for antipsychotic treatment, and individuals treated with antipsychotics or experiencing abnormal movements should consult their health care providers to assess TD risk, receive TD screenings, and determine appropriate treatment, and

WHEREAS, treatments approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for TD can provide options for symptom management and improved quality of life for many individuals living with TD, and

WHEREAS, education and awareness for health care providers, patients, and care partners can help ensure patients prescribed antipsychotics receive care and support that aligns with clinical best practices, including regular TD screenings, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the week of May 3, 2026 is recognized as “Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week” in Florida, and that the Senate expresses its support of efforts to raise awareness about the causes, symptoms, and importance of routine screening for tardive dyskinesia.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

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

Senator DiCeglie introduced former Senator Blaise Ingoglia, Chief Financial Officer, who was present in the chamber.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENATOR GRUTERS

At the direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to the recognition of Senator Joe Gruters, honoring his years of service to the Senate as he approaches the completion of his term for the 22nd Senate District.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced Senator Gruters’ wife, Sydney; children, Spencer, Jack Ryan, and Elizabeth; twin sister, Jackie Caouette; and sisters Kelley Pierce and Sally Posey, who were present in the chamber.

The President recognized Senator Gruters’ dad, Terrance Gruters, who was watching at home on the *Florida Channel*.

The President introduced Representatives James Buchanan and Fiona McFarland, who were present in the chamber.

The President introduced Senator Gruters’ district staff with their spouses, Vickie Keller and her husband, Jordan Keller; Jeremy Miller and his wife, Veronica Miller; and Mandy Hill and her husband, Justin Hill, who were present in the chamber.

The President introduced Senator Gruters’ former staff members, Hunter Flack, GeeDee Kerr, AJ Jansen, and Josh Barnhill, who were present in the gallery.

The President introduced Senator Gruters’ family friends, Kevin and Alyssa Wigend, and children, Ian and Abby Wigend, who were present in the gallery.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A video tribute was played for Senator Gruters.

REMARKS

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

Senator Gruters: It’s going to be tough for me to get through this. I don’t talk a lot on the floor. I did my video a little bit different than everybody else did this year. Other people had videos, they were talking about bills that they sponsored and went through some of their top bills. They asked me if I wanted to do that, and I said I’d actually have to know the bills to do that. And that would be kind of tough. Well, listen,

I’m going to talk a little bit about where I’m from, how I got to this position. I know a lot of you guys know it, but just so everybody that is watching also understands how this all happened.

A lot of people don’t know that I had a speech impediment for 20 years. I couldn’t say my last name if you can believe it. My parents put me in all these special tutoring classes. It wasn’t until I went to Florida State, I was walking by a table, with a sign that said, “Speech and Hearing Clinic.” When I signed up, I was not vocalizing my Rs. I had serious issues. Of course, I have an R—two of them—in my name. So, I started taking those classes, and I was able to overcome it, thanks to Florida State University. That’s why I love that university so much. They gave me so much to be thankful for when I think about the fact that now I speak in front of 40,000-50,000 people. And it’s a lot different than speaking in the Senate Chamber. When you’re speaking in front of these massive crowds, you usually have pretty set notes that you’re going to use. I’ve always been intimidated speaking in the Senate Chamber because you guys are all so spectacular. You guys—all with different backgrounds—all very unique—you guys all are amazing, and I’m so thankful to be your colleague. I really appreciate it.

You know, some people would say I’m somewhat of a gambling guy. And if you know me, yes, I rolled the dice a couple of times in politics. I rolled it with Vern Buchanan. I rolled it with Rick Scott, who came out of nowhere to win the Governor’s race, and I’m so thankful for his mentorship. He put me on the Florida State Board of Trustees when I was 28 years old. You usually have to pay. You have to get a million-dollar type donor, a superstar, to be on that board. But when he gave me that opportunity, he said “Joe, throughout my life, all my friends made so much money by working in and around university systems—you’re there with all these amazing CEOs. You can absolutely crush it. I want you to have the full experience.” By the way, he took off a guy named Derrick Brooks. Derrick Brooks is probably one of the best football players ever to play for Florida State, Tampa Bay—and I’m so grateful for that. And Rick Scott, was the first guy who called me after I became the RNC Chairman. His whole goal is to help me be successful in the party. The guy was an incredible governor, and I’m so thankful that I still have such a close relationship with him.

I love helping out my community, and I know you guys all do too. What’s crazy is that I passed over 90 bills over the course of the eight years. You know how we say sometimes you find the bill and sometimes the bill finds you. A lot of the things we do in Tallahassee are not black and white. You think you’re a party guy and you come up here and it doesn’t matter what party you are in. There’s a couple of big misconceptions I had about serving. I said I’m going to be voting on all these different bills all the time—yes and no—but then you realize that you’re only going to vote yes. You never vote no. And you don’t hear every bill. The only bills that are supposed to be passed are usually heard. And the other thing is that it’s not black and white from the standpoint of—sometimes you think you’re doing the common sense thing, but then it goes against what your constituents say. Nobody knows I’m going to say this, but I remember my freshman year, Will McKinley and Brian Musselwhite came into my office—tall guy, shorter guy—I’ve seen them in the halls for years, walking together. They were advocating for this thing called probative advertising. If you remember, they sat on my couch, and they said, “Hey, you like going to Disney World?” “Yes.” “You like going to concerts?” I said, “Yes, we go to concerts sometimes at Busch Gardens.” “Instead of going to see Hootie and the Blowfish at Busch Gardens, wouldn’t you like to see the Dave Matthews Band?” And I said, “Yes.” “Well, all we need to do is pass this bill that says Budweiser. You could pass the bill, and we could have Dave Matthews at Busch Gardens sponsored by Budweiser.” I said, “Well, of course that should be allowed, there shouldn’t be any issue with that.” And I said, “Why would we interfere with these businesses advertising?” Then all of a sudden, I got a call from one of our local beer distributors, a guy named John Saputo. We called him the “Colonel.” He cracks the whip. He called me and said, “Joe, my friends up there tell me you’re getting weak, that you may not be with me on this.” And I’m thinking to myself, I just thought it was common sense. I didn’t know, and I was about to go vote. He says, “Don’t embarrass me in front of my friends. Go vote yes.” And, of course, I voted yes. But that’s like the dilemma we face all the time. It’s not issues that are related to conservative versus liberal—it’s issues that matter to communities in a lot of different ways. Like I said, “Sometimes bills pick you and sometimes you pick the bills.” My first big bill was a bill on glassware, also dealing with Budweiser. I remember I was so thankful to be part of that bill because it was such a big deal going through the committee process—a lot of debate, a lot of back and

forth—and we passed it. I remember saying “dilly, dilly” on the House floor and having some people getting a little concerned over that, but it was a great experience.

And over the 90 bills, I would say two bills were most consequential bills—and part of it is because I’m a CPA. I see Justin Thames up there who used to be the lobbyist for the CPAs. The one thing I saw at home all the time was whenever I’d get a call from a spouse that I don’t normally help, it was, “Can I get the last three years of tax returns?” What does that mean? That means somebody’s getting divorced. I spent five years trying to reform alimony. It’s not an issue most people care about, but it’s an issue because it’s so devastating to families. And I saw it every day. It’s not a 50-50 split—50 percent to spouse/spouse—it’s 50 percent to professionals, and then the families keep the rest. It creamed families, and I saw it. So, I went after that and, after a lot of back and forth—that was one of my most important bills. There are a lot of passionate people on both sides, and I try to make it as fair as possible. The other most important bill was the undergrounding bill. I don’t know if there is a bill that was as important as that bill that has passed in the last decade. The reason why is because Leader Boyd and I, in our communities, we’ve seen these storms come and go. Everybody’s been dealing with storms. You know, when a third of our state goes down, it costs us like \$1.2 billion a year every day we’ve been down. I remember when I started this process just 10 years ago, we were down for seven to eight days at our house and seven to eight days in our office. It was a devastating effect. As a matter of fact, when you have all the power out in a community, in less than 24 hours, go look for the one store that’s open. It’s like chaos, right? The question is how can we get people back to being productive and back on the road? And that undergrounding bill, I think, has already proven with the last couple of years, with the storms, that we’re doing the job that we needed to do. We have a great partnership with the utility companies in our state, and I’m thankful to have run that bill. I think it’s already proven to have a lot of great results.

I’ve represented Manatee and Charlotte Counties, which I love, and I love Sarasota County. Father Belmonte, thank you for that prayer. He’s from the Diocese of Venice. What people don’t know about Father Belmonte—he’s one of the leaders of Catholic education—the first down here in Florida—but he’s been the leader of Catholic education throughout the country. He’s an absolute superstar, and we’re lucky to have him down here in Florida.

I’d just like to thank my former staffers—GeeDee Kerr and Josh Barnhill. You know, I didn’t change staff very often. It’s only when they got promoted that we ended up changing staff. First, I’ll talk about Mandy Hill. Mandy, thank you. It’s like friendships in life. You know, when you have kids, all of a sudden, you don’t really determine who your friends are anymore. It’s really your kids’ friends who become your friends and the friends of your kids’ parents. So, Mandy and her husband, Justin, who happened to be a former state House member in Missouri—their kids go to our school. They’re on the soccer team together, and we do this travel ball. We’re always together. You’ve done a great job stepping up, Mandy, and I appreciate you. Thank you for your leadership. Jeremy Miller, who’s been with me now a couple of years, used to be the head of Goodwill of Florida. He came into my office when I had an opening. I said, “Jeremy, you’re way too overqualified for my office. I’m interviewing 50 people.” And he said, “Wait, I’m not. I really want to help. I really want to work with you.” You’ve been an amazing support team member, and I really appreciate you, Jeremy. And Vicky Brill helped me win the seat, and she’s been with me every single day. You’ve been one of my rocks, you’ve been the superstar. I appreciate you, Vicky. She may need another job, so she may be available to future Senators, like all my staff. Vicky, I appreciate you and everything you’ve done for me, my family, and the district. Hunter Flack, who’s on the RNC team, was with me for four years here in the Senate office—four and a half years. He was going to work for me on my CFO campaign, and I called him up and said, “Hey, we got a change of plans. I’m now going in a different direction. I’d like you to come with me. We’re going to be fundraising all day. That means we’re going to be playing golf. We’re going to be playing all the best courses around the country, and it’s going to be fantastic. You’re going to love this new job.” We’ve yet to play golf. This poor guy—it’s a grind—but he’s with me 24/7. Hunter, I can’t thank you enough for your leadership, for everything you’ve done, and for the sacrifices you’ve made for me as well as other team members. Thank you.

I’d like to acknowledge two of my colleagues and friends: Representative James Buchanan, who I think is unopposed right now for my seat. Representative Buchanan, you’ve grown up over the course of the last eight years in the House. You’re a completely different person. I think you’re going to serve well, you’re going to help our constituents, and you’re going to do a great job. I’m so glad you’re going to take over this role, and I wish you the best of luck. Representative McFarland is one of the greatest House members and one of the greatest colleagues that I’ve ever worked with. She’s always in my office asking for help, asking how we can get more of our projects across the finish line. She has four children under the age of five. She is a Naval Academy grad, an absolute superstar, and I just wish there was another seat for you to run for because you have done such an amazing job in that role. I think your future’s bright, and I can’t wait to see where you go. Thank you, Fiona and James.

I’d like to thank my CPA team—you’ve become the resident experts in your field of study. When any issue came up concerning the CPAs—I think nine out of ten times—they listened to me. One time, they didn’t listen to me on this floor. They voted something off even though I told them they were wrong, and they had to come back the next year and fix it. The interesting thing about serving is when you’re acknowledging specific people—like Senator Boyd with insurance, Senator Leek with insurance—everybody falls back to your default position because you were the expert, you were leading the way. The FICPA group has been my loyal and steady ally up here. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me. And I’d like to thank my CPA family back home. I don’t know how anybody has a job in this process. It is almost impossible unless you are a principal—in my case, a partner in the firm. You have partners and people who are willing to stand up and help you and support you; which is a grueling task for them. Thank you, Eric Robinson. He’s usually pretty good but he yells sometimes. When he gets upset, I don’t like it. Thank you, Eric, and the team back at home.

I’d like to thank my RNC family. You know, when I first got the call from the President saying you’re going to be serving—I want you to be the next RNC chairman, I immediately said I wanted to finish out my service as Senator. He said, “Why waste time?” Now if a lot of people are upset in D.C. that I’m still actually here—I’m doing eight days in a row. I always tell people when you have term limits, you have no power, no power, no power, and you finally have some power in your last two years. I said my ability to bring money back for my district is finally here. Yes, Senator Pizzo, I am part-time. I’m very appreciative of the fact that this body allowed me to cut my committees back to only the one that I’m serving as chairman of. I was able to do this because as long as we can get this budget approved, and we’ve made sure we have some of these funds left over for some of my projects, I think it will all be worth it. If there’s no money for the projects, then it was a giant waste. But I have confidence in you, Mr. President. Don’t let me down.

And to the Wigends family who was here, thank you for being such close family friends and joining us in this process.

Congressman Fine was supposed to be here today. You know, what’s interesting is some of us have roommates up here, some of us don’t. The last couple of roommates I had were Keith Perry, Mike Haridopolos, and Randy Fine. You probably think to yourself what a crazy group of people in the same apartment. Yes, it was a lot of fun. But his chief of staff, Jason Fisher, is here. Jason, we all got elected together in 2010, so thank you for being here and representing Randy. He’s a great friend. You guys have probably seen him in D.C., and I talk to him all the time. I always say make sure you’re a team player, be a good guy. I gave him the nickname a long time ago, the “Hebrew Hammer,” because he has the strongest right hook in politics, but he has somewhat of a glass jaw. I’m always working with him and, obviously, he has finally come into his element, and he is attacking every day.

I’d like to add some of the past presiding officers—Bill Galvano, who was from Manatee County and who I thought was a great leader; Wilton Simpson; President Passidomo, thank you. President Passidomo, I thought you led with grace, and I thought you did a wonderful job. I’m glad you stuck around for these last two years. Thank you to you.

President Albritton, I’m glad you told the story about when I met you and first learned that Greg Steube was going to run for Congress and that seat was going to open up. The first time we met was at a restaurant. You, as a senior, were willing to meet with me and try to give me the lay of the land as I was going in as a freshman in the House. And

I remember we spent a lot of time together, when I was a freshman and you were a senior, in the back talking. I knew you were going to be the Senate President. I was so thankful to be on your team. Keep on fighting the good fight. It's not over, and we need you until the very end to make sure Sarasota and Manatee are taken care of. So don't give up. I love you, President Albritton. I think you know that.

Senator Boyd, our future President, I tell people I'm robbed for not being able to serve under you. I think you were campaigning for Congressman Buchanan and I think, for a time, there was some thought that you may get in that race 20 or so years ago. We both represent Sarasota; we both represent Manatee County—but the amazing thing is I always think I'm a nice guy. I try to make friends with everybody, but some of my polling numbers are in the doghouse; but your polling numbers—everybody I talk to in the community, they all love you. You do such an amazing job for our local area, and all that love you have around you is deserved because you are such a stand up superstar of a guy. Thank you for being such a good friend.

I'd like to thank my family. My twin sister—did you guys all know I had a twin? I always said it was like the movie, *Twins*—Arnold and Danny—she got everything; I got all the stuff that was left over. The only thing I ever beat her in was coming out of my mother by about two minutes. She's been running laps around me ever since. She's an absolute superstar. She served our country, and she's a Villanova, Georgetown grad. Thank you for coming here today. Kelley, my older sister, another superstar. I'll talk about all of them really quick. You know, when you have beautiful, aggressive, dominating sisters like I do, you are protected throughout life. I'm very thankful for all of you, and our entire family that's watching.

AJ Jansen—she's up there. AJ is like a mother, a wonderful person. All four of my Senate fundraisers were at your house. Thank you for stepping up to help me and for always being with me. We also put her to work occasionally, usually for free. Thank you for your willingness to do that.

And to my wife—none of us could do anything in this process without our spouses. She told me a good line the other day. If wives had wives at home, think how successful they would be. She does everything for me. She watches the kids, she makes sure they're superstars at school and sports and has been loving me. I love you—thank you for everything you've done. She's going to be a superstar. She looks a lot younger than me, but she's only a couple of years younger. We always get in this fight but we're basically the same age. Thank you. I love you, Sydney. I love you, Spencer, Jack, and Elle. You guys are superstars.

Thanks again to my fellow Senators. Eight years in this room, I've learned it goes fast. I remember sitting in all these comments and ceremonies. I don't like these ceremonies because I'm not a good speaker. I don't like to stand up and speak. I said that's never going to be me, right, I'm never going to get there. But here I am. It's crazy, and it's sad. It's sad that this is all ending, but relationships matter. Some of my paid friends—I love you guys—listen, at the end of the day, you have to acknowledge people get paid to be your friends. I never had that in high school. This experience has been great. Don't make me leave. Listen, I'm looking to you guys out there. I hope you guys are going to pick up my call in a week or two. I'm not going away. You guys are so good at what you do. It's the collective—it's the entire Tallahassee community that's making this place better. I was trying to find out exactly how many people have served in this role—does anybody know? I think about 400, plus or minus. Think about it, in 18 decades of statehood, there's been 400 of us. We represent a state of 23 million people, and there's 40 of us. You guys are all at the very top of your game. You guys are coming in here with your backgrounds, your experiences, and the fact that Florida—even right now is still gaining 700-800 people a day—almost doubled our growth over the last 10 years. That's because of the policies and leadership of the people in this room, and in this building. You guys all deserve a big round of applause for that.

I know some people are actually happy I'm leaving. I know Hooper acknowledged it. Yes, I did create this trophy. It's a trophy fitting for a champion. The reason why it's not an individual trophy is because I can't win by myself. So, what I do is always figure out how I can win. In this case, I knew Hunter Flack was coming in—a scratch golfer—and that's why it says "Member"—what does it say here? It says, "Legislator, Staffer, Golf Champion, Florida Legislature." It's been available to

everybody over the last eight years. It's been sitting in my office; there's been lots of people who have challenged us, but nobody's won. Because I'm leaving, I'm going to give you this trophy. Come on over, Senator Hooper. I already retired the trophy after winning it 10 times. Thank you, Senator Hooper. I thought about it for a second—I said should I give the golf trophy to one of the guys who I always beat or should I give it to one of the guys I almost never beat? And that's Senator Martin. He never beat me with a staffer, but the problem with Senator Martin—he's a sandbagger. There's one way you win at golf, and it's by having the right handicap. The only guy I can't beat in this whole process is Senator Martin. You can take that for what it's worth. Don't bet Senator Martin for money because I have lost to him many times.

Senator Brodeur, I have known you since 2010 and that was a pretty good story you told. You know, over the years, what's amazing was I went and walked to his door when I was the Republican Party of Florida Chairman. I was walking his district and after walking for a couple of hours, I came back and I said, "This guy is going down." Listen, I don't try to sugarcoat it. I said, "Brodeur, you're toast. You're not winning. I'm sorry, I don't know how else I can put it." What's so amazing about Senator Brodeur is that the guy works around the clock. When you're in these competitive districts, you have to work 10 times harder to make sure you maintain those seats. And Senator Brodeur had three of these autograph machines that will basically write notes for you in your handwriting. Have you guys ever heard of that? They will write letters on your behalf and sign on your behalf, and these machines are pumping out letters. I'm looking at this machine and thinking this is unbelievable what this guy is doing. I immediately said, listen, when the campaign's over and you lose, can I buy these for ten cents on the dollar? You're going to have no need for these machines after two months. But you won and well deserved. In terms of the triathlon, you know, just look at him. When you look at Senator Brodeur, you don't look like an athletic machine. We were talking about triathlons. Back in high school, I swam, I ran, I was on the cycling team. I said I could beat you, and I said you pick the triathlon; I'll come and meet you. The problem is the 20 years on the couch. You don't realize that you actually have to train. What Senator Brodeur doesn't know is that he was supposed to start ahead of me. In reality, I hid in the bathroom until he went. I kept running out and I finally started. I figured he knew I was starting in front of him. I figured if I was the same with him on the swim, I would just need to hold firm and we'd win. You'd think you were winning the whole time, but I mentally got you. Unfortunately, my body wasn't ready for it, and my wife was still yelling at me in the car on the ride home for not being prepared. That was a good victory. That set off a chain reaction and, over the course of the next 17 months, six days a week, all across the country, all across the world, I trained. Every day I woke up thinking to myself, "Jason Brodeur." Every day, I wanted to quit. Jason Brodeur gave me the motivation. Sydney knows. When we went back and had our challenge race, I beat him by a literal mile. It was absolute annihilation. I felt bad for him, and the picture didn't do you justice. Thank you for being such a close friend. And thank you for all you do.

Senator Rodriguez, thank you for picking up all my bills and leading them. When she called and she said she was willing to help, I said you can help. You can run all my bills for me. Poor Senator Rodriguez doesn't know that Senator Rouson carried one of my bills this year. Senator Rodriguez doesn't understand that I'm willing to do amendments, willing to do a lot of other things, and I just really appreciate it.

At the end, like I said, I'm so thankful to have been a Senator for eight years, I'm so thankful to have served with all of you. I'm so thankful that I worked with all of you up in the gallery. Thank you for coming today.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Senate, Senator Boyd and Senator Berman presented Senator Gruters with a framed ceremonial copy of CS for CS for CS for SB 168 (2019) Federal Immigration Enforcement, ch. 2019-102, Laws of Florida, which was sponsored by Senator Gruters and became law during his legislative career. This bill from the 2019 Regular Session recognizes public safety as a core and essential function of government; the bill prohibits sanctuary cities that provide safe havens for dangerous criminal illegal immigrants. The bill requires local governments to support the enforcement of federal immigration law; prevents local jurisdictions from restricting a law enforcement agency's ability to

communicate or exchange information with federal immigration enforcement officers; and, requires local governments to comply with federal detainers issued to remove dangerous criminal illegal immigrants from our communities.

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

BILLS ON THIRD READING

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 354** was deferred.

CS for CS for SB 1758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public assistance; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to conduct retrospective reviews and audits of certain claims under the state Medicaid program for a specified purpose; creating s. 409.9041, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the agency to seek federal approval to implement mandatory work and community engagement requirements for able-bodied adults as a condition of obtaining and maintaining Medicaid coverage; prohibiting the agency from implementing such requirements until certain conditions are met; requiring the agency, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, to develop a business plan to implement specified provisions; specifying requirements for the plan; requiring the agency to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying populations that are subject to such work and community engagement requirements; providing exceptions; defining the term “family caregiver”; specifying the types of activities which may satisfy the work and community engagement requirements; providing that a certain population is required to engage in work or community engagement activities only during standard school hours; requiring persons eligible for Medicaid to demonstrate compliance with the work and community engagement requirements at specified times as a condition of maintaining Medicaid coverage; requiring the agency to develop a process for ensuring compliance with the work and community engagement requirements; requiring that such process align, to the extent possible, with certain existing processes; requiring the department to verify compliance with the work and community engagement requirements at specified intervals; requiring the agency, in coordination with the department, to conduct outreach regarding implementation of the work and community engagement requirements; specifying requirements for such outreach; specifying procedures in the event of noncompliance; requiring the agency, in coordination with the department, to notify a Medicaid recipient of a finding of noncompliance and the impact to eligibility for continued receipt of services; specifying requirements for such notice; amending s. 409.905, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the agency discontinue its hospital retrospective review program under certain circumstances; revising construction; requiring the agency to maintain cost-effective purchasing practices in its coverage of hospital inpatient services rendered to Medicaid recipients; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; requiring the agency to seek federal approval to implement a program for expanded coverage of home- and community-based behavioral health services for a specified population; specifying the goal of the program; requiring the agency to work in coordination with the department to develop the program; requiring the agency and the department to develop certain estimates and submit them to the Legislature in a specified manner before the program may be implemented; amending s. 409.91195, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee to include creation of a Medicaid preferred physician-administered drug list, a Medicaid preferred product list, and a high-cost drug list; requiring the agency to adopt such lists upon recommendation of the committee; specifying the frequency with which the committee must review such lists for any recommended additions or deletions; specifying parameters for such recommended additions and deletions; providing that reimbursement for drugs not included on such lists is subject to prior authorization, with an exception; requiring the agency to publish and disseminate such lists to all Medicaid providers in the state by posting on the agency’s website or in other media; providing requirements for public testimony related to proposed inclusions on or exclusions from certain lists; requiring the committee to consider certain factors when developing such recommended additions and deletions; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; revising the components of the Medicaid prescribed-drug spending-control program to include the preferred physician-administered

drug list, the preferred product list, and the high-cost drug list; providing requirements for such lists; providing that the agency does not need to follow rulemaking procedures of ch. 120, F.S., when posting updates to such lists; requiring the agency to establish certain procedures relating to prior authorization requests for drugs on the high-cost drug list; establishing an alternative reimbursement methodology for long-acting injectables administered for severe mental illness in a hospital facility setting; requiring the agency to contract with a vendor to perform a fiscal impact study of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program; providing requirements for the study; requiring specified entities to submit certain data to the agency for purposes of the study; providing that noncompliance with such requirement may result in sanctions from the agency or the Board of Pharmacy, as applicable; requiring the agency to submit the results of the study to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing construction; amending s. 409.913, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “overpayment”; providing that determinations of an overpayment under the Medicaid program may be based upon retrospective reviews, investigations, analyses, or audits conducted by the agency to determine possible fraud, abuse, overpayment, or recipient neglect; providing that certain notices may be provided using other common carriers, as well as through the United States Postal Service; creating s. 414.321, F.S.; requiring the department to limit eligibility for food assistance to individuals meeting specified criteria; requiring that food assistance recipients provide certain documentation for purposes of eligibility redeterminations; prohibiting the department from relying solely on an individual’s self-attestations to determine certain expenses; authorizing the department to adopt policies and procedures to accommodate certain applicants and recipients; creating s. 414.332, F.S.; requiring the department to develop and implement a food assistance payment accuracy improvement plan for a specified purpose; requiring the department to reduce the payment error rate to below a specified percentage; providing requirements for the plan; requiring the department to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the department, by a specified date, to submit quarterly progress reports of specified information to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for future repeal; amending s. 414.39, F.S.; requiring the department to require photographic identification on the front of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards, to the extent allowable under federal law; amending s. 414.455, F.S.; revising criteria for individuals required to participate in an employment and training program to receive food assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; requiring the department to apply and comply with certain work requirements in accordance with federal law for food assistance; amending s. 409.91196, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Gaetz, **CS for CS for SB 1758**, was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—26

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

Nays—11

Arrington	Davis	Rouson
Berman	Jones	Sharief
Bernard	Osgood	Smith
Bracy Davis	Polsky	

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

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. 456.054, F.S.; prohibiting a vaccine manufacturer from offering or paying, and a health care practitioner from receiving, specified financial incentives for the administration of a vaccine; providing a penalty; 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.

—as amended March 6, was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, **CS for CS for SB 1756**, as amended, was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—23

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

Nays—15

Arrington	Calatayud	Polsky
Berman	Davis	Rodriguez
Bernard	Harrell	Rouson
Bracy Davis	Jones	Sharief
Burton	Osgood	Smith

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1760** and **SB 1708** was deferred.

CS for CS for SB 682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic violence and protective injunctions; amending s. 741.28, F.S.; defining the terms “electronic monitoring” and “military protective order”; creating s. 741.2801, F.S.; defining the term “conviction”; providing enhanced penalties for committing a domestic violence offense if a person has a prior conviction for domestic violence; providing that sentencing and incentive gain-time eligibility determinations are made without regard to a penalty enhancement; amending s. 741.281, F.S.; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring in domestic violence cases; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the information contained in a petition for injunction for protection against domestic violence; revising the factors a judge may consider in determining whether to grant a petition for injunction against domestic violence; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to enter injunctions against dating violence and sexual violence into a statewide verification system; amending s. 741.31, F.S.; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring for a respondent to an injunction for protection against domestic violence; requiring the respondent to pay for such electronic monitoring services; requiring a law enforcement officer to make a specified notification if he or she has probable cause to believe that a person violated a military protective order; amending s. 784.047, F.S.; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring for a respondent in an injunction for protection against dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence; requiring the respondent to pay for such electronic monitoring services; amending s. 960.198, F.S.; increasing the maximum payment amounts for relocation assistance for victims of domestic violence; amending ss. 921.0024, 943.0584, and 943.171, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

SENATOR GRUTERS PRESIDING

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 682**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 277** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

CS for CS for HB 277—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic violence and protective injunctions; amending s. 741.28, F.S.; defining the term “military protective order”; creating s. 741.2801, F.S.; defining the term “conviction”; reclassifying penalties for committing a domestic violence offense if a person has a prior conviction for domestic violence; providing that sentencing and incentive gain-time eligibility determinations are made without regard to a penalty enhancement; providing an exception; creating s. 741.2905, F.S.; establishing an electronic monitoring pilot program in a specified county; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring supervision if certain conditions are met; requiring the sheriff, in consultation with certain persons, to design and implement the pilot program; providing requirements for the pilot program; requiring the sheriff to complete an evaluation and provide specified reports to the Legislature; providing requirements for such reports; requiring an order for electronic monitoring supervision to terminate on a specified date; providing for repeal of the pilot program; creating s. 741.2906, F.S.; defining the term “department”; establishing an electronic monitoring pilot program in a specified judicial circuit; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring supervision if certain conditions are met; providing requirements for the pilot program; requiring the Department of Corrections to complete an evaluation and provide specified reports to the Legislature; providing requirements for such reports; requiring an order for electronic monitoring supervision to terminate on a specified date; providing for repeal of the pilot program; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the information contained in a petition for injunction for protection against domestic violence; revising the factors a judge may consider in determining whether to grant a petition for injunction against domestic violence; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to enter injunctions against dating violence and sexual violence

into a statewide verification system; amending s. 741.31, F.S.; providing that a person who has a prior conviction for a crime of domestic violence or violation of an injunction or foreign protection order, and who subsequently commits a violation of any injunction or foreign protection order against the same victim, commits a felony of the third degree; requiring a law enforcement officer to make a specified notification if he or she has probable cause to believe that a person violated a military protective order; amending s. 943.05, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 960.198, F.S.; increasing the dollar amounts for relocation assistance for victims of domestic violence; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 682** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 277** 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
Bracy Davis	Hooper	Sharief
Bradley	Jones	Simon
Brodeur	Leek	Smith
Burgess	Martin	Truenow
Burton	Massullo	Trumbull
Calatayud	Mayfield	Wright
Davis	McClain	Yarborough
DiCeglie	Osgood	
Gaetz	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd

CS for CS for SB 762—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; requiring that an office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel provide a certain written notice to the court under specified conditions; providing requirements for the written notice; authorizing the court to appoint an office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel in another region for certain cases in certain circumstances; providing construction; requiring the court to consider judicial economy and geographic proximity when making certain appointments; requiring such appointed counsel to provide certain documentation to the Justice Administrative Commission for reimbursement, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring each regional office that accepts such appointments to biannually submit a specified report to the commission; requiring the appointment of private counsel in certain circumstances; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 762**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 177** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Martin—

CS for CS for HB 177—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; requiring offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel to provide notice to the court in certain circumstances; authorizing courts to appoint an office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel from another region to represent a defendant if certain requirements are met; requiring the court to appoint private counsel under certain circumstances; requiring the Justice Administrative Commission to pay an appointed office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel for due process costs and services, subject to legislative appropriation; requir-

ing appointed counsel to provide certain documentation to the Justice Administrative Commission in order to receive payment or reimbursement; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 762** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 177** 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
Bracy Davis	Harrell	Rouson
Bradley	Hooper	Sharief
Brodeur	Jones	Simon
Burgess	Leek	Smith
Burton	Martin	Truenow
Calatayud	Massullo	Trumbull
Davis	Mayfield	Wright
DiCeglie	McClain	Yarborough

Nays—1

Osgood

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd

CS for CS for SB 794—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; amending s. 393.0655, F.S.; requiring level 2 employment screening for all employees of residential facilities and adult day training programs; providing background screening requirements for such employees; requiring the agency to contract with a state university to develop and administer certain surveys for a specified purpose; specifying requirements for such surveys; requiring the state university to submit a final report to the agency by a specified date; requiring the agency to solicit input and conduct publicly noticed hearings for a specified purpose in each service region; requiring the agency to conduct or contract for a gap analysis to make certain assessments; requiring the agency to use certain information to identify certain core competencies and performance metrics and make recommendations for standardizing assessments; requiring the agency to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “developmental disability”; defining the term “Tatton-Brown-Rahman syndrome”; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 794**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 565** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Jones—

CS for CS for HB 565—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “developmental disability”; defining the term “Tatton-Brown-Rahman syndrome”; amending s. 393.0655, F.S.; requiring level 2 employment screening for all employees of residential facilities and adult day training programs; requiring the agency to contract with a state university to develop and administer certain surveys; providing requirements for such surveys; requiring the state university to submit a certain report to the agency by a specified date; requiring the agency to conduct public hearings on specified information; conduct or contract for a gap analysis for specified purposes; identify core competencies and performance metrics and make recommendations for standardizing assessments; and submit a certain report

to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing effective dates.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 794** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Jones, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 565** 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
Bracy Davis	Hooper	Sharief
Bradley	Jones	Simon
Brodeur	Leek	Smith
Burgess	Martin	Truenow
Burton	Massullo	Trumbull
Calatayud	Mayfield	Wright
Davis	McClain	Yarborough
DiCeglie	Osgood	
Gaetz	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd

CS for SB 1096—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Civil Rights Act; amending s. 760.11, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the Florida Commission on Human Relations send certain information to certain persons by registered mail; making technical changes; revising the timeframe when a civil action may be brought for violations of the act; providing that if the commission or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission does not make a determination within a specified timeframe, the complainant may bring a civil action within a specified timeframe; reenacting s. 760.07, F.S., relating to remedies for unlawful discrimination, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 760.11, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 1096**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1407** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Burgess—

CS for HB 1407—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commencement of civil actions; amending s. 760.11, F.S.; removing the requirement that the Florida Commission on Human Relations send certain information to certain persons by registered mail; requiring certain civil actions to be commenced within specified periods; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 1096** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 1407** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd

CS for CS for SB 1168—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screenings; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “athletic coach”; defining the term “team based in this state”; providing that, effective on a specified date, an independent sanctioning authority is deemed to be a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse; authorizing an independent sanctioning authority to allow certain persons to act as athletic coaches and referees without passing certain background screening qualifications under certain circumstances; amending s. 943.0542, F.S.; requiring qualified entities to designate a user administrator for a specified purpose; authorizing such qualified entities to designate additional authorized users with certain delegated authority; revising requirements related to the release of specified records from the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse to a qualified entity; amending ss. 943.0585 and 943.059, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from denying or failing to acknowledge certain criminal history records that have been expunged or sealed; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to disclose sealed criminal history records under specified circumstances; reenacting ss. 943.053(3)(c), 943.0578(4), and 943.0582(2)(b), F.S., relating to dissemination of criminal justice information, lawful self-defense expunction, and diversion program expunction, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 943.0585 and 943.059, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1168**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 1069** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Grall—

CS for CS for HB 1069—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screenings; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “athletic coach”; defining the term “team based in this state”; providing that an independent sanctioning authority is deemed to be a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse; authorizing an independent sanctioning authority to allow certain persons to act as athletic coaches and referees without passing certain background screening qualifications under certain circumstances; amending s. 943.0542, F.S.; requiring qualified entities to designate a user administrator for a specified purpose; revising requirements for the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse to release specified records to a qualified entity; amending ss. 943.0585 and 943.059, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from denying or failing to acknowledge certain criminal history records that have been expunged or sealed; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to disclose sealed criminal history records under specified circumstances; reenacting ss. 943.053(3)(c), 943.0578(4), and 943.0582(2)(b), F.S., relating to dissemination of criminal justice information, lawful self-defense expunction, and diversion program expunction, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 943.0585 and 943.059, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1168** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 1069** 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
Bracy Davis	Hooper	Rouson
Bradley	Jones	Sharief
Brodeur	Leek	Simon
Burgess	Martin	Smith
Burton	Massullo	Truenow
Calatayud	Mayfield	Trumbull
Davis	McClain	Wright
DiCeglie	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd, Gaetz

SB 1300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education and workforce development for current and former inmates; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to expend certain funds for all workforce development programs, rather than only construction workforce development programs; revising the entities to which and the purposes for which the department may provide certain grants; amending s. 334.62, F.S.; requiring that certification and training opportunities include training for specified commercial driver licenses for certain inmates; authorizing the department to use workforce development funds for certain certification and training opportunities; creating s. 446.55, F.S.; defining the term “employer”; authorizing employers to apply to the Department of Financial Services for reimbursement of the cost of certain workers’ compensation and automobile liability premiums, subject to appropriation; providing requirements for the reimbursement application; providing requirements and restrictions for reimbursement; requiring the department to process an application and notify the applicant within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to coordinate with the employer for a certain purpose; providing reimbursement limits; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; requiring the Correctional Education Program under the Department of Corrections to include specified information in a report annually submitted to the Secretary of Corrections; authorizing the Correctional Education Program to develop and implement a vocational curriculum in which certain inmates can earn specified commercial driver licenses; amending s. 945.091, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 945.0913, F.S.; authorizing inmates to drive a state-owned vehicle under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 1300**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 325** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

CS for CS for HB 325—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education and workforce development for inmates; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to expend certain funds for all workforce development programs, rather than only construction workforce development programs; authorizing the department to provide grants to private educational providers to use for certain certification and training opportunities; amending s. 334.62, F.S.; requiring certification and training opportunities to include training for specified commercial driver licenses to certain inmates; providing eligibility; authorizing the department to use workforce development funds for certain certification and training opportunities; amending s. 944.801, F.S.; requiring the Correctional Education Program under the Department of Corrections to annually submit a report to the Secretary of Corrections with specified information; authorizing the Correctional Education Program to implement a career and technical education program in which certain inmates can earn specified commercial driver licenses; providing eligibility; amending s. 945.091, F.S.; authorizing an inmate to be transported in or to operate a state-owned vehicle under

certain circumstances; requiring a certified correctional officer to be present during such transport or operation; amending s. 945.0913, F.S.; authorizing inmates to drive a state-owned vehicle under certain circumstances; requiring a certified correctional officer to be present during such transport or operation; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 1300** and read the second time by title.

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 325** 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
Bracy Davis	Hooper	Rouson
Bradley	Jones	Sharief
Brodeur	Leek	Simon
Burgess	Martin	Smith
Burton	Massullo	Truenow
Calatayud	Mayfield	Trumbull
Davis	McClain	Wright
DiCeglie	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Boyd, Gaetz

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 902** was deferred.

CS for CS for CS for SB 1510—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.255, F.S.; deleting provisions creating the Environmental Regulation Commission; amending s. 163.3205, F.S.; requiring an applicant for specified permits to incorporate certain additional protections in the development and implementation of an erosion and sediment control plan for the construction of a solar facility; specifying requirements for such plan; specifying requirements for an operational phase stormwater management system serving a solar facility in a specified jurisdiction; providing applicability; requiring an operator of a solar facility or a proposed solar facility to implement specified construction and operational permit requirements; amending s. 259.035, F.S.; expanding the membership of the Acquisition and Restoration Council; providing requirements for membership; defining the term “metropolitan”; requiring the council to administer the Florida Communities Trust; requiring the council to coordinate with the department for rulemaking and grant cycle administration of the trust; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 259.105, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 373.469, F.S.; requiring that residential properties of a specified size located in a certain area connect to a central sewer system or upgrade to a specified type of nutrient-reducing wastewater treatment system; requiring a permitting agency to notify a property owner of such requirement if the agency, before a certain date, receives an application to repair, modify, or replace a conventional onsite sewage treatment and disposal system on certain property; amending s. 373.807, F.S.; authorizing remediation plans for certain properties to have certain requirements related to existing conventional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; repealing s. 373.811, F.S., relating to prohibited activities within a basin management action plan; amending s. 380.093, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “community eligible for a reduced cost share”; amending s. 380.502, F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent for the Florida Communities Trust; providing for the transfer of the administration and oversight of the trust from the department to the Acquisition and Restoration Council for a specified purpose; amending s. 380.504, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the membership, appointments, and organiza-

tional structure of the governing body of the trust; providing the purpose of the trust; amending s. 380.507, F.S.; deleting provisions authorizing the trust to make certain loans; revising the powers of the trust; repealing ss. 380.512, 380.513, and 380.514, F.S., relating to an annual report, corporate existence, and inconsistent provisions of other laws superseded, respectively; reenacting and amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; authorizing the department to annually review and audit certain inspection and maintenance reports for certain systems; authorizing the department to adopt rules to establish certain procedures; requiring the department to concurrently process operating permits and construction permits under certain circumstances; requiring that an operating permit be obtained before the use of an engineer-designed performance-based system; providing a timeframe for the validity of certain operating permits; requiring an operating permit modification upon certain changes or modifications; providing requirements for subsequent property owners when a property with an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system that requires an operating permit is sold or transferred; providing an exception to certain fees under certain circumstances; requiring an engineer-designed performance-based system maintenance entity to submit a report to the department on a specified basis; deleting a requirement for a property owner to obtain a certain permit from the department for certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; revising the approval criteria for certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; requiring an aerobic treatment unit maintenance entity to submit a report to the department on a specified basis; deleting a requirement that the department contract with or delegate its powers and duties to a county only; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing a timeframe within which a basin management action plan or plan amendment becomes effective; prohibiting certain activities within a basin management action plan, a reasonable assurance plan, or a pollution reduction plan; making a technical change; amending s. 403.0671, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 403.0872, F.S.; revising the date by which major permitted sources of air pollution operating in this state must pay an annual operation license fee; authorizing the department to impose penalties if it does not receive such fee by the specified date; deleting provisions relating to costs for administering air pollution construction permits; amending s. 403.1838, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 403.804, F.S., relating to the powers and duties of the Environmental Regulation Commission; amending s. 403.892, F.S.; revising applicability of provisions relating to development incentives for the use of graywater technologies; amending ss. 120.81, 373.421, 403.031, 403.061, 403.704, 403.707, 403.7222, 403.7234, 403.803, 403.805, 403.8055, and 403.814, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 376.302 and 380.5105, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 381.0066(2)(k), F.S., relating to onsite sewage treatment and disposal system fees, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 381.0065, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 373.4595, F.S., relating to the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.067, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 403.0873, F.S., relating to the Florida Air-Operation License Fee Account, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.0872, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 403.1835(3)(d), F.S., relating to water pollution control financial assistance, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.1838, 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 CS for SB 1510**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1417** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

CS for CS for CS for HB 1417—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 20.255, F.S.; removing provisions creating the Environmental Regulation Commission; amending s. 163.3205, F.S.; requiring certain solar facility permit applicants to incorporate certain protections in the development and implementation of erosion and sediment control plans for the construction of such facilities; specifying requirements for such plans; providing requirements for certain operational phase stormwater management systems; requiring solar facility operators to implement specified construction and operational permit requirements; amending s. 255.065, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “qualifying project”; amending s. 373.469, F.S.; extending the date by which certain com-

mercial and residential properties with existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems must connect to a central sewer system or upgrade to an enhanced nutrient reducing system; requiring certain residential properties to connect to a central sewer system or upgrade to a nutrient-reducing wastewater treatment system; requiring permitting agencies to notify property owners of such requirements under specified conditions; creating s. 380.0934, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing the department to take certain actions to encourage private sector investment in coastal resiliency projects; requiring the department to publish certain information on its website; amending s. 403.0872, F.S.; revising the date by which certain major permitted sources of air pollution must pay an annual operation license fee; authorizing the department to impose penalties; removing provisions relating to certain administrative costs; repealing s. 403.804, F.S., relating to the powers and duties of the Environmental Regulation Commission; amending ss. 120.81, 373.421, 376.302, 403.031, 403.061, 403.067, 403.1838, 403.704, 403.707, 403.7222, 403.7234, 403.803, 403.805, 403.8055, and 403.814, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 373.4595, F.S., relating to the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.067, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 403.0873, F.S., relating to the Florida Air-Operation License Fee Account, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.1838, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 403.1835(3)(d), F.S., relating to water pollution control financial assistance, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 403.1838, F.S., in a reference thereto; ratifying specified rules relating to the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs minimum flows and recovery strategy for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of any rule exceeding the specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for CS for SB 1510** and read the second time by title.

Senator Massullo moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (215232) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 180-190 and insert:

2. By July 1, 2030, any commercial *property* or any residential property of 10 acres or less with an existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system located within the Banana River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan, Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan, North Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan, and Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan areas must connect to central sewer if available or upgrade to an enhanced nutrient-reducing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system or other wastewater treatment system that achieves at least 65 percent nitrogen reduction. *For all applications submitted before July 1, 2030, to a permitting*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 16-26 and insert: project”; amending s. 373.469, F.S.; specifying that commercial and residential properties of a specified size with existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, and located in a certain area, must connect to a central sewer or upgrade to a specified type of nutrient-reducing wastewater treatment system; requiring a permitting agency to notify a property owner of such requirement if the agency, before a certain date, receives an application to repair, modify, or replace a conventional onsite sewage treatment and disposal system on certain property; creating s. 380.0934, F.S.; providing

On motion by Senator Massullo, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for HB 1417**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Mr. President	Boyd	Burton
Arrington	Bracy Davis	Calatayud
Berman	Brodeur	Davis
Bernard	Burgess	DiCeglie

Gaetz	Massullo	Rouson
Garcia	Mayfield	Sharief
Grall	McClain	Truenow
Harrell	Osgood	Trumbull
Hooper	Passidomo	Wright
Jones	Pizzo	Yarborough
Leek	Polsky	
Martin	Rodriguez	

Nays—3

Bradley	Simon	Smith
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Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

Yea to Nay—Garcia

CS for CS for SB 1620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public education; creating s. 1001.366, F.S.; providing members of a district school board with specified rights; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring that certain documents from district school board meetings be kept as public records; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; defining the term “good cause”; providing that a school district employee may not be required or incentivized to sign a nondisclosure agreement or confidentiality agreement; prohibiting a school district from imposing certain conditions on employment; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1620**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1073** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Leek—

CS for HB 1073—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school districts; creating s. 1001.366, F.S.; providing members of a district school board with specified rights relating to school district documents and budget matters; providing requirements for the provision of such school district documents to district school board members; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring that certain documents from district school board meetings be kept as public records; amending s. 1011.035, F.S.; requiring that full line-item budget items be posted on a school district’s website; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt a policy prohibiting a requirement that district employees be required or incentivized to sign a nondisclosure agreement or confidentiality agreement; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 1620** and read the second time by title.

Senator Leek moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (192994) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1001.366, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1001.366 District School Board Members’ Bill of Rights.—A member of a district school board has the right to:

(1) *Upon request, be given free and timely access to all school district documents necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required under the State Constitution and the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code. Access to documents that are confidential or exempt from public disclosure must be provided in compliance with applicable law. A request not related to a matter on a publicly noticed meeting of the district school board must be fulfilled within 10 business days after receipt of such request. Any document provided to a district school board member must be offered to all board members.*

(2) *Consult with the school district’s chief financial officer on general matters related to the budget and sources and uses of school district funds, and have reasonable access, upon request, to any detail or line*

item in any proposed or approved budget or in any financial transaction by the school district.

(3) *Request any document or information, except for documents or information that the member would be prohibited by law from accessing, from school district staff with the permission of the superintendent or other members of the administration where such permission may not be unreasonably withheld.*

(4) *Comment publicly during or outside of district school board meetings on any matter of district school board business, except for student and employee disciplinary hearings that are specifically addressed in ss. 1006.07 and 1012.34, respectively, or other matters prohibited by law.*

Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

(1) **REQUIRE MINUTES AND RECORDS TO BE KEPT.**—Require the district school superintendent, as secretary, to keep such minutes and records as are necessary to set forth clearly all actions and proceedings of the school board.

(c) *Other records.—Other documents, including attachments for agenda items, such as vendor contracts or budget documents, must be kept as a public record with the minutes of each meeting.*

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (k) is added to that subsection, 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:

(a) *Positions, qualifications, and appointments.—*

1. The district school board shall act upon written recommendations submitted by the district school superintendent for positions to be filled, for minimum qualifications for personnel for the various positions, and for the persons nominated to fill such positions.

2. The district school board may reject for good cause any employee nominated.

3. If the third nomination by the district school superintendent for any position is rejected for good cause, if the district school superintendent fails to submit a nomination for initial employment within a reasonable time as prescribed by the district school board, or if the district school superintendent fails to submit a nomination for re-employment within the time prescribed by law, the district school board may proceed on its own motion to fill such position.

4. The district school board’s decision to reject a person’s nomination does not give that person a right of action to sue over the rejection and may not be used as a cause of action by the nominated employee.

5. *For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “good cause” means the district school board has determined any of the following:*

a. *That the nominated employee fabricated or materially exaggerated his or her credentials or background.*

b. *That the nominated employee does not meet the minimum requirements for the position.*

c. *That the nominated employee’s educator certificate has been revoked by another state.*

(k) **Nondisclosure or confidentiality.**—A school district employee may not be required or otherwise incentivized to sign a nondisclosure agree-

ment or confidentiality agreement. A school district may not impose conditions on employment to circumvent this paragraph.

Section 4. 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 public education; creating s. 1001.366, F.S.; providing members of a district school board with specified rights; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring that certain documents from district school board meetings be kept as public records; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; defining the term "good cause"; providing that a school district employee may not be required or incentivized to sign a nondisclosure agreement or confidentiality agreement; prohibiting a school district from imposing certain conditions on employment; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Leek, by two-thirds vote, CS for HB 1073, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Gaetz	Pizzo
Arrington	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	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
Davis	Osgood	
DiCeglie	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

CS for SB 1750—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses; amending s. 775.0847, F.S.; revising a criteria related to the reclassification of specified offenses; amending s. 794.0116, F.S.; revising mandatory minimum sentences for certain sexual offenses by persons previously convicted of sexual offenses; amending s. 827.071, F.S.; increasing the criminal penalties for a person who is guilty of the use of a child in a sexual performance under certain circumstances; requiring mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses when committed by specified offenders; prohibiting a person from employing, authorizing, or inducing a child younger than 12 years of age to engage in a sexual performance; providing criminal penalties; requiring a mandatory minimum sentence for a person who is guilty of promoting a sexual performance by a child under certain circumstances; increasing the criminal penalties for knowingly soliciting, possessing, controlling, or intentionally viewing certain materials that include child pornography; providing applicability of specified mandatory minimum sentences; amending s. 827.072, F.S.; defining the term "transmit"; providing criminal penalties for a person transmitting child pornography to another person; providing criminal penalties; increasing the criminal penalties for intentionally creating generated child pornography; amending s. 828.126, F.S.; revising criminal penalties for certain sexual activities involving animals; requiring a certain court order to be effective for a certain number of years; amending s. 847.011, F.S.; providing that prosecution of a person for certain acts in connection with obscene, lewd, etc., materials does not preclude prosecution of that person for other specified offenses; amending s. 847.0137, F.S.; defining terms; increasing the criminal penalties for transmitting child pornography; requiring mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses when committed by specified offenders; prohibiting prosecution under certain circumstances; providing applicability of specified mandatory minimum sentences; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses on

the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of CS for SB 1750, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, CS for CS for HB 1159 was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

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

CS for CS for HB 1159—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses; amending ss. 39.0138, 92.56, 92.561, 435.07, 456.074, 836.13, 836.14, 847.001, 847.002, 847.01357, 847.0139, 903.011, 948.06, 960.03, and 960.197, F.S.; replacing the term "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; amending s. 775.0847, F.S.; replacing the term "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; revising criteria related to the reclassification of specified offenses; amending s. 794.0116, F.S.; revising mandatory minimum sentences for certain sexual offenses by persons previously convicted of sexual offenses; amending s. 827.071, F.S.; replacing the term "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; increasing the penalty for employing, authorizing, or inducing a child of a specified age to engage in a sexual performance; prohibiting a person from employing, authorizing, or inducing a child younger than 12 years of age to engage in a sexual performance; providing penalties; requiring mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses when committed by specified offenders; increasing the penalty for knowingly soliciting, possessing, controlling, or intentionally viewing certain materials that include child sexual abuse material; providing applicability of specified mandatory minimum sentences; amending s. 827.072, F.S.; replacing the term "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; providing definitions; increasing the penalty for intentionally creating generated child sexual abuse material; prohibiting a person from transmitting child sexual abuse material to another person; providing penalties; amending s. 828.126, F.S.; revising punishments for certain sexual activities involving animals; requiring a certain court order to be effective for a certain number of years; amending s. 847.011, F.S.; increasing criminal penalties for possessing a child-like sex doll; providing that a prosecution for certain acts in connection with obscene, lewd, etc., materials does not prohibit a person from being prosecuted for other specified offenses; amending s. 847.0137, F.S.; replacing the terms "pornography" and "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; providing definitions; requiring mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenses when committed by specified offenders; specifying applicability; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; replacing the terms "pornography" and "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material"; ranking offenses on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for CS for SB 1750 and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, CS for CS for HB 1159 was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	Gaetz	Pizzo
Arrington	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	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
Davis	Osgood	
DiCeglie	Passidomo	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

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.; conforming 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.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Truenow moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (344910) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 515-952 and insert:
applicant reasonably believes *that he or she* ~~the home~~ is eligible under the new requirements; *or*

d. More than 24 months have passed since the applicant received a hurricane mitigation inspection under this section, and the applicant has not received a grant payment through the program for that inspection.

(c) An applicant meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) may receive an inspection of ~~the a home through~~ *under* the program without being eligible for a grant under subsection (2) or applying for such grant.

(d) Licensed inspectors are to provide ~~initial home~~ inspections of eligible homes to determine ~~what mitigation measures are needed~~, what insurance premium discounts may be available, and what improvements to existing residential properties are needed to reduce the ~~properties'~~ *property's* vulnerability to hurricane damage. ~~An inspector may inspect a townhouse as defined in s. 481.203 to determine if opening protection mitigation as listed in subparagraph (2)(c)1. would provide improvements to mitigate hurricane damage.~~

(e) The department shall contract with wind certification entities to provide hurricane mitigation inspections. The *initial* inspections provided to ~~applicants~~ *homeowners*, at a minimum, must include:

1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the *inspection* results and identifies recommended improvements ~~an applicant a homeowner may make take~~ to mitigate hurricane damage.

2. A range of cost estimates regarding the recommended mitigation improvements.

3. Information regarding estimated premium discounts, correlated to the current mitigation features and the recommended mitigation improvements identified by the inspection.

(2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be used by *applicants homeowners* to make improvements recommended by an initial inspection which increase a home's resistance to hurricane damage.

(a) An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ is eligible for a hurricane mitigation grant if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The applicant ~~home~~ must be eligible for an inspection under subsection (1).

2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of \$700,000 or less. ~~Homeowners who are low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.~~

3. The home must undergo an ~~initial acceptable~~ hurricane mitigation inspection ~~through the program~~ as provided in subsection (1) ~~within the 24 months immediately preceding the date of application.~~

4. The ~~building permit application for initial construction of the~~ home must have been ~~built made~~ before January 1, 2008, ~~as reflected on the county property appraiser's website.~~

5. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to make his or her home available for a final inspection once a mitigation project is completed.

6. The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must agree to provide to the department information received from the applicant's ~~homeowner's~~ insurer identifying the discounts realized by the applicant ~~homeowner~~ because of the mitigation improvements funded through the program.

~~7.a.~~ The applicant ~~homeowner~~ must be a low-income person or moderate-income person as defined in s. 420.0004.

~~b.~~ The hurricane mitigation inspection must have occurred within the previous 24 months from the date of application.

~~e.~~ Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., homeowners who are low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), are not exempt from the requirement that the home must be a dwelling with an insured value of \$700,000 or less.

~~d.~~ This subparagraph expires July 1, 2026.

(b)1. An application for a grant must contain a signed or electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury that the applicant has submitted only one grant application or that the application is allowed under subparagraph 2., and the application must have documents attached demonstrating that the applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

2. An applicant may submit a subsequent grant application if:

a. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn because the application contained errors or omissions;

b. The original grant application was denied or withdrawn because the applicant ~~home~~ did not meet the eligibility criteria for a grant at the time of the previous application, and the applicant ~~homeowner~~ reasonably believes that ~~he or she is the home~~ now is eligible for a grant; or

c. The program's eligibility requirements for a grant have changed since the original application date, and the applicant reasonably believes that he or she is ~~an eligible homeowner~~ under the new requirements.

3. A grant application must include a statement from the applicant ~~homeowner~~ which contains the name and state license number of the contractor that the applicant ~~homeowner~~ acknowledges as the intended contractor for the mitigation work. The program must ~~electronically~~ verify that the contractor's state license number is ~~valid accurate and up to date before grant approval.~~

(c) All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided by the applicant for \$2 provided by the state up to a maximum state con-

tribution of \$10,000 toward the actual cost of the mitigation project, except as provided in paragraph (h).

(d) All hurricane mitigation performed under the program must be based upon the securing of all required local permits and inspections and must be performed by properly licensed contractors.

(e) When recommended by an ~~initial a~~ hurricane mitigation inspection, grants for eligible applicants ~~homes~~ may be used for ~~all of~~ the following improvements:

1. Opening protection *improvements*, including:

a. Exterior doors.;

b. Garage doors.;

c. Windows.;

d. Skylights.

2. Roof *improvements*, including:

a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.

~~b.3.~~ Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.

~~c.4.~~ Installing secondary water resistance for roof ~~and replacing the~~ roof covering.

(f) *Improvements must be identified by the final hurricane mitigation inspection to receive grant funds* ~~When recommended by a hurricane mitigation inspection, grants for townhouses, as defined in s. 481.203, may only be used for opening protection.~~

(g) The department may require that improvements be made to all openings, including exterior doors, garage doors, windows, and skylights, as a condition of reimbursing an applicant ~~a homeowner~~ approved for a grant. The department may adopt, by rule, the maximum grant allowances for any improvement allowable under paragraph (e) ~~or paragraph (f).~~

(h) Low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, as defined in s. 420.0004(11), who otherwise meet the applicable requirements of this subsection are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 and are not required to provide a matching amount to receive the grant.

(i)1. The department shall develop a process that ensures the most efficient means to collect and verify inspection applications and grant applications to determine eligibility. The department may direct hurricane mitigation inspectors to collect and verify grant application information or use the Internet or other electronic means to collect information and determine eligibility.

2. The department shall prioritize the review and approval of such inspection applications and grant applications in the following order:

a. First, applications from low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old;

b. Second, applications from all other low-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004;

c. Third, applications from moderate-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004, who are at least 60 years old; ~~and~~

d. Fourth, applications from all other moderate-income persons, as defined in s. 420.0004; and

e. Last, all other applications *for an inspection*.

3. The department shall start accepting inspection applications and grant applications no earlier than the effective date of a legislative appropriation funding inspections and grants, as follows:

a. Initially, from applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph 2.a.;

b. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph 2.b., beginning 15 days after the program initially starts accepting applications;

c. From applicants prioritized under sub-subparagraph 2.c., beginning 30 days after the program initially starts accepting applications;

d. From applicants described in sub-subparagraph 2.d., beginning 45 days after the program initially starts accepting applications; and

e. From all other applicants for an inspection, beginning 60 days after the program initially starts accepting applications.

4. The program may accept a certification directly from a low-income applicant ~~homeowner~~ or moderate-income applicant ~~homeowner~~ who meets the requirements of s. 420.0004(11) or (12), respectively, if the applicant ~~homeowner~~ provides such certification in a signed or electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury.

5. *The program may accept a certification directly from an applicant attesting to his or her age if the applicant provides such certification in a signed or electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury.*

(j) *An applicant ~~A homeowner~~ who receives a grant shall finalize construction and request a final inspection, or request an extension for an additional 6 months, within 18 months 1 year after grant application approval. If an applicant ~~a homeowner~~ fails to comply with this paragraph, his or her application is deemed abandoned and the grant money reverts to the department.*

(3) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—The department may request that an applicant provide additional information. An application is deemed ~~abandoned~~ ~~withdrawn~~ by the applicant if the department does not receive a response to its request for additional information within 60 days after the notification of any apparent error or omission.

(4) ABANDONED APPLICATIONS.—*The department shall notify an applicant at least 5 business days before an application is deemed abandoned. If the applicant responds to such notification within 5 business days after receiving the notice and demonstrates good cause for why the application should not be deemed abandoned, the applicant may submit a subsequent grant application or the department may determine the application is not abandoned.*

(9)(~~8~~) CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.—

(a) The department may contract with third parties for grants management, inspection services, contractor services for low-income applicants ~~homeowners~~, information technology, educational outreach, and auditing services. Such contracts are considered direct costs of the program and are not subject to administrative cost limits. The department shall contract with providers that have a demonstrated record of successful business operations in areas directly related to the services to be provided and shall ensure the highest accountability for use of state funds, consistent with this section.

(11)(~~10~~) REPORTS.—The department shall make an annual report on the activities of the program that shall account for the use of state funds and indicate the number of inspections requested, the number of inspections performed, the number of grant applications received, the number and value of grants approved, and the estimated average annual amount of insurance premium discounts and total estimated annual amount of insurance premium discounts applicants ~~homeowners~~ received from insurers as a result of mitigation funded through the program. The report must be delivered to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of each year.

Section 6. Subsections (1) and (2) and paragraphs (a) and (j) of subsection (5) of section 215.55871, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

215.55871 My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program.—There is established within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to be implemented pursuant to appropriations. The department shall provide fiscal accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for the pilot program, consistent with this section. This section does not create an entitlement for associations or unit owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of condominiums in the state. Implementation of this pilot program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the My Safe Florida

Condominium Pilot Program provide licensed inspectors to perform inspections for and grants to eligible associations as funding allows.

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

(a) “Area median income” means the median household income, as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the county in which the condominium property is located.

(b)(~~a~~) “Association” has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

(c)(~~b~~) “Association property” means property, real and personal, which is owned or leased by, or is dedicated by a recorded plat to, an association for the use and benefit of its members ~~and is located in the service area.~~

(d)(~~c~~) “Board of administration” has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

(e)(~~d~~) “Condominium” has the same meaning as in s. 718.103. For purposes of this section, the term does not include detached units on individual parcels of land.

(f)(~~e~~) “Condominium property” means the lands, leaseholds, and personal property that are subjected to condominium ownership, whether or not contiguous, and all improvements thereon and all easements and rights appurtenant thereto intended for use in connection with the condominium ~~and are located in the service area.~~

(g)(~~f~~) “Department” means the Department of Financial Services.

(h)(~~g~~) “Property” means association property and condominium property, as applicable, ~~located in the service area.~~

(i)(~~h~~) “Service area” means the area of the state which is 15 miles inward of a coastline, as that term is defined in s. 376.031.

(j) “Unit” has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

(k) “Unit owner” has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

(2) PARTICIPATION.—

(a) Participation in the pilot program is limited to:

1. *Condominium associations in which at least 80 percent of the occupied units within the condominium are owned or occupied by a person or family whose annual income is at or below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted for household size, applicable to the county in which the condominium is located. Eligibility must be determined using the area median income published at the time an application is submitted. For purposes of determining whether a condominium association meets the 80 percent unit-occupied threshold:*

a. *Only occupied residential units may be counted.*

b. *Both owner-occupied and tenant-occupied residential units may be counted as long as the persons or families living in such residential units provide income documentation to the department and the department has verified that such persons or families meet the income requirements of this subparagraph.*

2. Structures or buildings on the condominium property which are three or more stories in height, provided that each structure or building that is the subject of a mitigation grant contains at least two single-family dwellings.

(b) *The department shall adopt rules establishing acceptable methods for verifying household income, including, but not limited to, owner self-certification, tax returns, income statements, or other documentation deemed sufficient by the department. The department may require periodic recertification of income eligibility to ensure compliance with this section.*

(c) *A condominium with mixed-income occupancies is eligible to participate in the pilot program under this section if the income threshold in subparagraph (a)1. is met.*

~~(d)~~^(b) In order to apply for an inspection under subsection (4) or a grant under subsection (5) for association property or condominium property, an association must receive approval by a majority vote of the board of administration or a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association to participate in the pilot program. An association may not apply for an inspection under subsection (4) or a grant under subsection (5) for association property or condominium property unless the association has complied with the inspection requirements in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(g) and (h). An association may not apply for a grant under subparagraph (5)(e)1. for association property or condominium property unless the windows of the association property or condominium property are established as common elements in the declaration.

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

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

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

~~(f)~~^(d) A unit owner may participate in the pilot program through a mitigation grant awarded to the association but may not participate individually in the pilot program.

~~(g)~~^(e) The votes required under this subsection may take place at the annual budget meeting of the association or at a unit owner meeting called for the purpose of taking such vote. Before a vote of the unit owners may be taken, the association must provide to the unit owners a clear disclosure of the pilot program on a form created by the department. The president and the treasurer of the board of administration must sign the disclosure form indicating that a copy of the form was provided to each unit owner of the association. The signed disclosure form and the minutes from the meeting at which the unit owners voted to participate in the pilot program must be maintained as part of the official records of the association. Within 14 days after an affirmative vote to participate in the pilot program, the association must provide written notice in the same manner as required under s. 718.112(2)(d) to all unit owners of the decision to participate in the pilot program.

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

(a) An application for a mitigation grant must:

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

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

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

4. Include documentation deemed sufficient by the department under paragraph (2)(b) for verifying household income.

~~(j)~~ Grant funds may only be awarded for a mitigation improvement that addresses the common elements of the condominium property that will result in a mitigation credit, discount, or other rate differential for the building or structure to which the improvement is made. As a condition of receiving ~~awarding~~ a grant, the association ~~department~~ must complete 100 percent of the opening protection improvements to the common elements which were recommended in the final hurricane mitigation inspection report ~~require mitigation improvements to be made~~

~~to all openings, including exterior doors, garage doors, windows, and skylights that are a part of the common elements, if doing so is necessary for the building or structure to qualify for a mitigation credit, discount, or other rate differential.~~

Section 7. *The amendments made by this act to s. 215.55871, Florida Statutes, apply to inspection and grant applications submitted to the Department of Financial Services by a condominium association on or after July 1, 2026.*

Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 215.89, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.89 Charts of account.—

~~(3) REPORTING STRUCTURE.—~~

~~(a) The Chief Financial Officer shall accept comments from state agencies, local governments, educational entities, entities of higher education, and other interested parties regarding the proposed charts of account until November 1, 2013.~~

~~(b) By January 15, 2014, the Chief Financial Officer, after consultation with affected state agencies, local governments, educational entities, entities of higher education, and the Auditor General, shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report recommending a uniform charts of account which requires specific enterprise wide information related to revenues and expenditures of state agencies, local governments, educational entities, and entities of higher education. The report must include the estimated cost of adopting and implementing a uniform enterprise wide charts of account.~~

Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 215.93, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.93 Florida Financial Management Information System.—

(1) To provide the information necessary to carry out the intent of the Legislature, there shall be a Florida Financial Management Information System. The Florida Financial Management Information System shall be fully implemented and shall be upgraded as necessary to ensure the efficient operation of an integrated financial management information system and to provide necessary information for the effective operation of state government. Upon the recommendation of the coordinating council and approval of the board, the Florida Financial Management Information System may require data from any state agency information system or information subsystem or may request data from any judicial branch information system or information subsystem that the coordinating council and board have determined to have statewide financial management significance. Each functional owner information subsystem within the Florida Financial Management Information System shall be developed in such a fashion as to allow for timely, positive, preplanned, and prescribed data transfers between the Florida Financial Management Information System functional owner information subsystems and from other information systems. The principal unit of the system shall be the functional owner information subsystem, and the system shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(a) Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

~~(b) Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem.~~

~~(b)~~^(e) Financial Management Subsystem.

~~(c)~~^(d) Purchasing Subsystem.

~~(d)~~^(e) Personnel Information System.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 61-65 and insert: Management Information System; amending s. 215.94, F.S.; providing that

Amendment 2 (347422) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 2663-3028 and insert:

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, equity interests in business associations and securities accounts are not presumed abandoned solely due to inactivity if the holder knows the location of the apparent owner.

(a) For purposes of this subsection, a holder must perform data matching of owner records maintained in its database against commercially available third-party data comparison sources to identify updated owner address information and indicators of deceased status. Utilizing any updated information, together with existing information of record, the holder is deemed to know the location of the apparent owner if:

1. The holder communicates with the apparent owner at least annually by first-class United States mail or electronic means, including, but not limited to, e-mail, text message, mobile application, or similar mechanism;

2. Such communication is successfully delivered, meaning not returned as undeliverable; and

3. One or more additional account-level indicators demonstrating an owner indication of interest occur at least once every 10 years, including:

a. Owner-initiated activity, such as authenticated access to a website, mobile engagement via mobile messaging, or other authenticated third-party account servicing software;

b. Updated contact information received through an authorized financial adviser;

c. Responses to account notifications or alerts;

d. Negotiation of distributions, including dividends; or

e. Any other action by the apparent owner or authorized representative which reasonably demonstrates to the holder that the apparent owner or authorized representative is aware of and maintains an interest in the property.

(b) Automatic deposits, reinvestments, or other recurring transactions initiated by the holder may not independently constitute an indication of apparent owner interest for purposes of this section.

(c) If the conditions in paragraph (a) are not satisfied and the owner's location is deemed unknown, the equity interest or securities account may be presumed abandoned:

1. Ten years after the owner's most recent indication of interest in the property; or

2. Ten years after the date a communication is returned as undeliverable, unless the owner responds to a due diligence notice before the reporting deadline.

(d) Property described in paragraph (c) is presumed abandoned only after reasonable efforts to locate the owner have been unsuccessful and the holder has complied with the due diligence requirement of this chapter.

(e) This subsection applies to equity interests and securities accounts held directly by the owner or indirectly through a brokerage account or similar account.

Section 50. Section 717.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.111 Property of business associations held in course of dissolution.—All intangible property distributable in the course of a voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a business association which is not claimed by the apparent owner for more than 6 months after the date specified for final distribution is presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~.

Section 51. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 717.112, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

717.112 Property held by agents and fiduciaries.—

(1) All intangible property and any income or increment thereon held in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of another person, including

property held by an attorney in fact or an agent, except as provided in ss. 717.1125 and 733.816, is presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~ unless the apparent owner has within 5 years after it has become payable or distributable increased or decreased the principal, accepted payment of principal or income, communicated in writing concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the fiduciary.

(5) All intangible property, and any income or increment thereon, issued by a government or governmental subdivision or agency, public corporation, or public authority and held in an agency capacity for the governmental subdivision, agency, public corporation, or public authority for the benefit of the owner of record; is presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~ unless the apparent owner has, within 1 year after such property has become payable or distributable, increased or decreased the principal, accepted payment of the principal or income, communicated concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest in the property as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the fiduciary.

Section 52. Section 717.1125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.1125 Property held by fiduciaries under trust instruments.—All intangible property and any income or increment thereon held in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of another person under a trust instrument is presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~ unless the apparent owner has, within 2 years after it has become payable or distributable, increased or decreased the principal, accepted payment of principal or income, communicated concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the fiduciary. This section does not relieve a fiduciary of his or her duties under the Florida Trust Code.

Section 53. Section 717.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.113 Property held by courts and public agencies.—All intangible property held for the apparent owner by any court, government or governmental subdivision or agency, public corporation, or public authority that has not been claimed by the apparent owner for more than 1 year after it became payable or distributable is presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~. Except as provided in s. 45.032(3)(c), money held in the court registry and for which no court order has been issued to determine an owner does not become payable or distributable and is not subject to reporting under this chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, funds deposited in the Minerals Trust Fund pursuant to s. 377.247 are presumed abandoned ~~unclaimed~~ only if the funds have not been claimed by the apparent owner for more than 5 years after the date of first production from the well.

Section 54. Section 717.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.115 Wages.—Unpaid wages, including wages represented by unrepresented payroll checks, owing in the ordinary course of the holder's business that have not been claimed by the apparent owner for more than 1 year after becoming payable are presumed abandoned ~~un-~~
~~claimed~~.

Section 55. Section 717.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.116 Contents of safe-deposit box or other safekeeping repository.—All tangible and intangible property held by a banking or financial organization in a safe-deposit box or any other safekeeping repository in this state in the ordinary course of the holder's business, and proceeds resulting from the sale of the property permitted by law, that has not been claimed by the apparent owner or authorized representative for more than 3 years after the lease or rental period on the box or other repository has expired are presumed abandoned ~~un-~~
~~claimed~~.

Section 56. Section 717.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

717.117 Holder due diligence and report of abandoned ~~unclaimed~~ property.—

(1) Property is presumed abandoned upon expiration of the applicable dormancy period under this chapter. However, such property is not deemed abandoned for purposes of reporting or remittance to the department until the holder has conducted reasonable due diligence as

required by this section, resulting in no indication of interest from the apparent owner or authorized representative.

(2) Holders of property presumed abandoned which has a value of \$50 or more shall use due diligence to locate and notify the apparent owner that the holder is in possession of property subject to this chapter. At least 90 days, but not more than 180 days, before filing the report required by this section, a holder in possession of presumed abandoned property shall send written notice by first-class United States mail to the apparent owner's last known address as shown in the holder's records or from other available sources, or by e-mail if the apparent owner has elected for e-mail delivery, informing the apparent owner that the holder is in possession of property subject to this chapter, provided that the holder's records contain a mailing or e-mail address for the apparent owner which is not known by the holder to be inaccurate. The holder may provide notice by mail, by e-mail, or by both methods. If the holder's records indicate that the mailing address is inaccurate, notice may be provided by e-mail if the apparent owner has elected e-mail delivery.

(3) If the value of the property is greater than \$1,000, the holder must send a second written notice by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, to the apparent owner's last known address at least 60 days before filing the report required by this section, if the holder's records contain a mailing address for the apparent owner which is not known by the holder to be inaccurate. Reasonable costs paid to the United States Postal Service for certified mail, return receipt requested, may be deducted from the property as a service charge. A signed return receipt received in response to the certified mail notice constitutes an affirmative demonstration of continued interest as described in s. 717.102.

(4) The written notice required under this section must include:

(a) A heading that reads substantially as follows: "Notice: The State of Florida requires us to notify you that your property may be transferred to the custody of the Florida Department of Financial Services if you do not contact us before ... (insert date that is at least 30 days after the date of notice)...."

(b) A description of the type, nature, and, unless the property does not have a fixed value, value of the property that is the subject of the notice.

(c) A statement that the property will be turned over to the custody of the department as abandoned property if no response is received.

(d) A statement that noncash property will be sold or liquidated by the department.

(e) A statement that, after the property is remitted to the department, a claim must be filed with the department to recover the property.

(f) A statement that the property is currently in the custody of the holder and that the apparent owner may prevent transfer of the property by contacting the holder before the deadline stated in the notice.

(g) If the property is virtual currency, a statement that the virtual currency will be liquidated by the holder before it is remitted to the department and that only the proceeds of the liquidation will be transferred.

(5) Every holder of abandoned ~~person holding funds or other~~ property, tangible or intangible, ~~presumed unclaimed and~~ subject to custody as unclaimed property under this chapter shall submit a report to the department via electronic medium as the department may prescribe by rule. The report must include:

(a) Except for traveler's checks and money orders, the name, social security number or taxpayer identification number, date of birth, if known, and last known address, if any, of each ~~apparent person appearing from the records of the holder to be the owner of any property which is abandoned presumed unclaimed~~ and which has a value of \$10 or more.

(b) For ~~abandoned unclaimed~~ funds that have a value of \$10 or more held or owing under any life or endowment insurance policy or annuity contract, the identifying information provided in paragraph (a) for both the insured or annuitant and the beneficiary according to records of the insurance company holding or owing the funds.

(c) For all tangible property held in a safe-deposit box or other safekeeping repository, a description of the property and the place where the property is held and may be inspected by the department, and any amounts owing to the holder. Contents of a safe-deposit box or other safekeeping repository which consist of documents or writings ~~of a private nature and~~ which have little or no commercial value may ~~apparent value shall not be reported as abandoned property presumed unclaimed.~~

(d) The nature or type of property, any accounting or identifying number associated with the property, a description of the property, and the amount appearing from the records to be due. Items of value of less than \$10 each may be reported in the aggregate.

(e) The date the property became payable, demandable, or returnable, and the date of the last transaction with the apparent owner with respect to the property.

(f) Any other information the department may prescribe by rule as necessary for the administration of this chapter.

~~(6)(2)~~ If the total value of all ~~abandoned presumed unclaimed~~ property, whether tangible or intangible, held by a person is less than \$10, a zero balance report may be filed for that reporting period.

~~(7)(3)~~ Credit balances, customer overpayments, security deposits, and refunds having a value of less than \$10 ~~may not be reported as abandoned property shall not be presumed unclaimed.~~

(8) A security identified by the holder as non-freely transferable or worthless may not be included in a report filed under this section. If the holder determines that a security is no longer non-freely transferable or worthless, the holder must report and deliver the security on the next regular report date prescribed for delivery of securities by the holder under this chapter.

~~(9)(4)~~ If the holder of ~~abandoned property presumed unclaimed and~~ subject to custody under this chapter ~~as unclaimed property~~ is a successor holder or if the holder has changed the holder's name while in possession of the property, the holder ~~must~~ shall file with the holder's report all known names and addresses of each prior holder of the property. Compliance with this subsection means the holder exercises reasonable and prudent efforts to determine the names of all prior holders.

(10) The report must be signed by or on behalf of the holder and verified as to its completeness and accuracy, and the holder must state that it has complied with the due diligence requirements of this section.

~~(11)(5)~~ The report must be filed before May 1 of each year. The report applies to the preceding calendar year. Upon written request by any person required to file a report, and upon a showing of good cause, the department may extend the reporting date. The department may impose and collect a penalty of \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$500 for the failure to timely report, if an extension was not provided or if the holder of the property failed to include in a report information required by this chapter which was in the holder's possession at the time of reporting. The penalty shall be remitted to the department within 30 days after the date of the notification to the holder that the penalty is due and owing. As necessary for proper administration of this chapter, the department may waive any penalty due with appropriate justification. The department must provide information contained in a report filed with the department to any person requesting a copy of the report or information contained in a report, to the extent the information requested is not confidential, within 45 days after the department determines that the report is accurate and acceptable and that the reported property is the same as the remitted property.

~~(6)~~ Holders of inactive accounts having a value of \$50 or more shall use due diligence to locate and notify apparent owners that the entity is ~~holding unclaimed property available for them to recover. Not more than 120 days and not less than 60 days prior to filing the report required by this section, the holder in possession of property presumed unclaimed and subject to custody as unclaimed property under this chapter shall send written notice by first class United States mail to the apparent owner at the apparent owner's last known address from the holder's records or from other available sources, or via electronic mail if the apparent owner has elected this method of delivery, informing the~~

~~apparent owner that the holder is in possession of property subject to this chapter, if the holder has in its records a mailing or electronic address for the apparent owner which the holder's records do not disclose to be inaccurate. These two means of contact are not mutually exclusive; if the mailing address is determined to be inaccurate, electronic mail may be used if so elected by the apparent owner.~~

~~(7) The written notice to the apparent owner required under this section must:~~

~~(a) Contain a heading that reads substantially as follows: "Notice. The State of Florida requires us to notify you that your property may be transferred to the custody of the Florida Department of Financial Services if you do not contact us before ... (insert date that is at least 30 days after the date of notice)...."~~

~~(b) Identify the type, nature, and, except for property that does not have a fixed value, value of the property that is the subject of the notice.~~

~~(c) State that the property will be turned over to the custody of the department as unclaimed property if no response to this letter is received.~~

~~(d) State that any property that is not legal tender of the United States may be sold or liquidated by the department.~~

~~(e) State that after the property is turned over to the department, an apparent owner seeking return of the property may file a claim with the department.~~

~~(f) State that the property is currently with a holder and provide instructions that the apparent owner must follow to prevent the holder from reporting and paying for the property or from delivering the property to the department.~~

~~(12)(8) Any holder of intangible property may file with the department a petition for determination that the property is *abandoned and unclaimed* requesting the department to accept custody of the property. The petition shall state any special circumstances that exist, contain the information required by *subsection (9) subsection (4)*, and show that a diligent search has been made to locate the *apparent* owner. If the department finds that the proof of diligent search is satisfactory, it shall give notice as provided in s. 717.118 and accept custody of the property.~~

~~(13)(9) Upon written request by any entity or person required to file a report, stating such entity's or person's justification for such action, the department may place that entity or person in an inactive status as an *abandoned unclaimed* property "holder."~~

~~(14)(10)(a) This section does not apply to the *abandoned unclaimed* patronage refunds as provided for by contract or through bylaw provisions of entities organized under chapter 425 or that are exempt from ad valorem taxation pursuant to s. 196.2002.~~

~~(b) This section does not apply to intangible property held, issued, or owing by a business association subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Surface Transportation Board or its successor federal agency if the apparent owner of such intangible property is a business association. The holder of such property does not have any obligation to report, to pay, or to deliver such property to the department.~~

~~(c) This section does not apply to credit balances, overpayments, refunds, or outstanding checks owed by a health care provider to a managed care payor with whom the health care provider has a managed care contract, provided that the credit balances, overpayments, refunds, or outstanding checks become due and owing pursuant to the managed care contract.~~

~~(15)(11)(a) As used in this subsection, the term "property identifier" means the descriptor used by the holder to identify the *abandoned unclaimed* property.~~

~~(b) Social security numbers and property identifiers contained in reports required under this section, held by the department, are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.~~

(c) This exemption applies to social security numbers and property identifiers held by the department before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 215-256 and insert: association is presumed abandoned; 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 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;

Amendment 3 (712002) (with title amendment)—Between lines 4749 and 4750 insert:

Section 96. *The following rules are ratified for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness imposed under chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida: Rules 69C-2.004, 69C-2.005, 69C-2.016, 69C-2.022, 69C-2.026, 69C-2.034, 69C-2.035, 69U-100.097, 69V-560.1000, 69V-560.1012, 69V-560.102, 69V-560.7032, 69V-560.7033, 69V-560.7034, 69V-560.7035, and 69V-560.7036, Florida Administrative Code, entitled "Definitions," "Designation of a Qualified Public Depository," "Financial Information Reports by a Qualified Public Depository," "Requirements of Public Depositors," "Administration of Payment of Losses," "Disqualification, Suspension, and Administrative Penalty," "Custodians of Gold Coin or Silver Coin," "Gold Coin or Silver Coin Deposits," "Disciplinary Guidelines," "Adoption of Forms," "Application or Appointment Procedures and Requirements," "Records to Be Maintained when Engaged in Transactions Involving Gold and Silver Coin," "Gold Coin and Silver Coin Disclosures," "Accredited Refiner or Wholesaler of Gold Coin or Silver Coin," "Chain of Custody Related to Gold or Silver Coin," and "Rapid Response Time by Law Enforcement," respectively, as filed for adoption with the Department of State pursuant to the certification packages dated October 31, 2025, and November 1, 2025.*

Section 97. *Section 18 of chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida, is repealed.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 360 and insert: s. 717.101, F.S., in a reference thereto; ratifying specified rules relating to legal tender for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying conditions 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 a

On motion by Senator Truenow, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for CS for SB 1452**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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
Davis	McClain	Yarborough
DiCeglie	Osgood	

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 1260** and **SB 7034** was deferred.

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 Tuesday, March 10, 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 Monday, March 9, 2026: CS for CS for SB 682, CS for CS for SB 762, CS for CS for SB 794, CS for SB 1096, CS for CS for SB 1168, SB 1300, CS for CS for CS for SB 1510, CS for CS for SB 1620, CS for SB 1750.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 100.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 102.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 104.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 110.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 302.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 382.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 428.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 432.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 490 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 1004.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 1028.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 7000.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 7002.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7004.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7006.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7008.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 7012.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 7014.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7016.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7022 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7024 by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed SB 7026.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of March 6 was corrected and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 5:32 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 10 or upon call of the President.

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