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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—39:

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Pastor Kyle Peddie, Corinth Baptist Church, Hosford:

Good morning, Lord. As our Florida Senate is winding down a great session of decision making for our great state, we pause just a moment and thank you for your watchcare over my hometown of Hosford in Liberty County last Thursday. Thank you for your protection of our citizens as the tornado came through town. Thank you for protecting our children at Hosford School. Please be with those folks that lost their homes. Be their strong foundation as they rebuild that which is broken. Most of all, we are thankful for no loss of life. You are still a good, good father even in the midst of tough times.

We are grateful today for the opportunity to call on you on the National Day of Prayer for great discernment as this session is coming to a close. I am personally grateful for our leadership in this great chamber today who have taken the time to listen to the needs of the people they represent. Help us always to remember your word says you set up the governments and institutions of man. Help us always to never forget about your divine presence in this process today. I ask a special blessing upon each Senator, their family, and their home while they are here serving their constituents and serving our state. Please grant them the wisdom and discernment they desire to make those most important decisions regarding laws and the state budget. We are also told in scripture to pray for those in leadership over us, so help us to always be

found faithful in that endeavor. So today, we pray for our President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. We pray for our Senators, Rick Scott and Marco Rubio. We pray for our Governor Ron DeSantis and Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez. We pray for our Speaker of the House, Paul Renner, and we pray for our Senate President, Kathleen Passidomo. Give them the wisdom of your son in making decisions today as they serve the great people of our state and nation in their leadership roles.

Father, we ask for a lot of things every time we pray. You tell us in your word to ask, but I just want to stop and say, "Thank you." Thank you for your love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. May we demonstrate this fruit in our daily lives of leadership and citizenship. Thank you for allowing us the breath of life as we acknowledge today that you do not owe us one thing. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name—the wonderful matchless name of Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Daniel Bednar of Boca Raton; Emmie Giles of Pensacola, granddaughter of Senator Broxson; and Reagan Mullins of Tarpon Springs, 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. Diane Day of Newberry, sponsored by Senator Perry, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Day specializes in family medicine.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator DiCeglie recognized this day as his twenty-first wedding anniversary to his wife, Erica.

Senator Book recognized Senator Polsky who was celebrating her birthday this day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
President, The Florida Senate
Suite 409, The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
May 4, 2023

Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

Director and Chief Judge, Division of Administrative Hearings

Appointee: Newman, Brian

For Term
Ending

Pleasure of
Admin
Commission

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- (3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointment to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:
 Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

*For Term
 Ending*

Secretary of Health Care Administration
 Appointee: Weida, Jason C. Pleasure of Governor

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The vote was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—3

Berman	Book	Polsky
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Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

*For Term
 Ending*

Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
 Appointee: Griffin, Melanie Pleasure of Governor

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Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Secretary of Children and Families
Appointee: Harris, Shevaun
Pleasure of Governor

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Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Hutson	Stewart
Broxson	Ingoglia	Thompson
Burgess	Jones	Torres
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Secretary of Corrections
Appointee: Dixon, Ricky
Pleasure of Governor

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The vote was:

Yeas—38

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

Gruters	Osgood	Simon
Hooper	Perry	Stewart
Hutson	Pizzo	Thompson
Ingoglia	Polsky	Torres
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Nays—None

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*For Term
Ending*

Office and Appointment

Secretary of Elderly Affairs Pleasure of Governor
 Appointee: Branham, Michelle

Office and Appointment *For Term
Ending*

Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Pleasure of Governor
 Appointee: Hatch, Taylor N.

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Yeas—39

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Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
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Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Baxley	Grall	Powell
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Calatayud	Osgood	

Nays—None

Nays—None

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For Term
Ending

Office and Appointment

State Surgeon General
Appointee: Ladapo, Joseph

Pleasure of
Governor

Dear President Passidomo:

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

For Term
Ending

Office and Appointment

Secretary of Environmental Protection
Appointee: Hamilton, Emile DeShawn

Pleasure of
Governor

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the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-
named appointee for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such
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The vote was:

Yeas—39

Table with 3 columns: Madam President, Collins, Osgood; Albritton, Davis, Perry; Avila, DiCeglie, Pizzo; Baxley, Garcia, Polsky; Berman, Grall, Powell; Book, Gruters, Rodriguez; Boyd, Harrell, Rouson; Bradley, Hooper, Simon; Brodeur, Hutson, Stewart; Broxson, Ingoglia, Thompson; Burgess, Jones, Torres; Burton, Martin, Wright; Calatayud, Mayfield, Yarborough

Nays—None

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May 4, 2023

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Committee on Health Policy and the Senate Committee on Ethics and
Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida
Senate:

Office and Appointment

Secretary of Juvenile Justice
Appointee: Hall, Eric

For Term
Ending

Pleasure of
Governor

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On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the
Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of
the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with
the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—27

Table with 3 columns: Madam President, Burton, Hutson; Albritton, Calatayud, Ingoglia; Avila, Collins, Martin; Baxley, DiCeglie, Mayfield; Boyd, Garcia, Perry; Bradley, Grall, Rodriguez; Brodeur, Gruters, Simon; Broxson, Harrell, Wright; Burgess, Hooper, Yarborough

Nays—12

Table with 3 columns: Berman, Osgood, Rouson; Book, Pizzo, Stewart; Davis, Polsky, Thompson; Jones, Powell, Torres

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Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Ethics and
Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida
Senate:

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The vote was:

Yeas—39

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Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
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Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate. The Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance held a public hearing but made no recommendation. The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections considered and recommended the following executive appointment:

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Executive Director, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
Appointee: Cerio, Timothy M.

Pleasure of the Board

As required by Rule 12.7, the committees conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointee for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held public hearings which members of the

public were invited to attend and to offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointee. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections respectfully advises and recommends that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), F.S.:

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The vote was:

Yeas—39

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Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

The following executive appointment was referred to the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Executive Director of Department of Law Enforcement
Appointee: Glass, Jeffrey Mark

Pleasure of Governor and Cabinet

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Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
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Brodeur	Hutson	Stewart
Broxson	Ingoglia	Thompson
Burgess	Jones	Torres
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

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Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Secretary of the Department of the Lottery
Appointee: Davis, John F. Pleasure of Governor

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

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

(2) Senate action on said appointment be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2023 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointment to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—39

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

Nays—None

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
President, The Florida Senate
Suite 409, The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
May 4, 2023

Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

*For Term
Ending*

Secretary of Management Services
Appointee: Allende, Pedro M. Pleasure of Governor

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—37

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

Nays—None

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

Nays—None

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo May 4, 2023
 President, The Florida Senate
 Suite 409, The Capitol
 404 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

For Term Ending

Secretary of Transportation

Appointee: Perdue, Jared W.

Pleasure of Governor

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

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

(2) Senate action on said appointment be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2023 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointment to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—32

Madam President	Collins	Mayfield
Albritton	DiCeglie	Perry
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Baxley	Grall	Powell
Boyd	Gruters	Rodriguez
Bradley	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Broxson	Hutson	Stewart
Burgess	Ingolia	Wright
Burton	Jones	Yarborough
Calatayud	Martin	

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo May 4, 2023
 President, The Florida Senate
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 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Passidomo:

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

Office and Appointment

For Term Ending

Adjutant General of Florida National Guard

Appointee: Haas, John D.

Pleasure of Governor

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

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

(2) Senate action on said appointment be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2023 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointment to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny Burgess, Chair

On motion by Senator Burgess, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointment identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the office and for the term indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Berman	Brodeur
Albritton	Book	Broxson
Avila	Boyd	Burgess
Baxley	Bradley	Burton

Nays—6

Berman	Osgood	Thompson
Book	Pizzo	Torres

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/CS/SB 230, with 1 amendment, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

CS for CS for SB 230—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care practitioner titles and designations; creating s. 456.0651, F.S.; defining terms; providing that, for specified purposes, the use of specified titles or designations in connection with one's name constitutes the practice of medicine or the practice of osteopathic medicine; providing exceptions; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; revising grounds for disciplinary action relating to a practitioner's use of such titles or designations in identifying himself or herself to patients or in advertisements for health care services; revising applicability; requiring certain health care practitioners to prominently display a copy of their license in a conspicuous area of their practice; requiring that the copy of the license be a specified size; requiring such health care practitioners to also verbally identify themselves in a specified manner to new patients; requiring, rather than authorizing, certain boards, or the Department of Health if there is no board, to adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

House Amendment 1 (699797)—Between lines 157 and 158, insert:

(g) An optometrist licensed under chapter 463 may use the following titles and abbreviations as applicable to his or her license, specialty, and certification: "doctor of optometry," "optometric physician," and other titles or abbreviations authorized under his or her practice act.

On motion by Senator Harrell, the Senate refused to concur in **House Amendment 1 (699797)** to **CS for CS for SB 230** and the House was requested to recede. The action of the Senate was certified to the House.

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed CS/SB 254, with 1 amendment (256341), and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

CS for SB 254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to treatments for sex reassignment; amending s. 61.517, F.S.; granting courts of this state temporary emergency jurisdiction over a child present in this state if the child has been subjected to or is threatened with being subjected to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures; amending s. 61.534, F.S.; providing that, for purposes of warrants to take physical custody of a child in certain child custody enforcement proceedings, serious physical harm to the child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures; creating s. 286.31, F.S.; defining the term "governmental entity"; prohibiting certain public entities from expending state funds for the provision of sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures; amending s. 395.003, F.S.; requiring certain licensed facilities, by a specified date and as a condition of licensure thereafter, to provide a signed attestation of specified information to the Agency for Health Care Administration; requiring the agency to revoke a facility's license for failure to provide such attestation, subject to the due process procedures of ch. 120, F.S.; amending s. 456.001, F.S.; defining the terms "sex" and "sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures"; creating s. 456.52, F.S.; prohibiting sex-reassignment prescriptions and procedures for patients younger than 18 years of age; providing an exception; requiring the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to adopt certain emergency rules within a specified timeframe; requiring that such prescriptions and procedures for patients older than 18 years of age be prescribed, administered, or performed only with the voluntary and informed consent of the patient;

providing criteria for what constitutes voluntary and informed consent; providing that only a physician may prescribe, administer, or perform such prescriptions and procedures; defining the term "physician"; providing applicability; providing for disciplinary action; providing criminal penalties; requiring the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to adopt certain emergency rules; providing that such emergency rules remain in effect until they are replaced by non-emergency rules; amending s. 456.074, F.S.; requiring the department to immediately suspend the license of a health care practitioner who is arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit specified violations related to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures for a patient younger than 18 years of age; amending ss. 458.328 and 459.0138, F.S.; requiring registered physicians' offices to provide a signed attestation of specified information to the department by a specified date; beginning on a specified date, requiring physicians' offices seeking such registration to provide the signed attestation as a condition of registration; providing grounds for disciplinary action; creating s. 766.318, F.S.; creating a cause of action to recover damages for personal injury or death resulting from the provision of sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures to a minor; providing that certain limitations on punitive damages do not apply to such actions; specifying the timeframe within which such actions may be commenced; providing construction and applicability; providing severability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

House Amendment 1 (256341) (with title amendment)—Remove lines 83-370 and insert: *being subjected to gender clinical interventions, as defined in s. 456.52(1).*

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 61.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61.534 Warrant to take physical custody of child.—

(1) Upon the filing of a petition seeking enforcement of a child custody determination, the petitioner may file a verified application for the issuance of a warrant to take physical custody of the child if the child is likely to imminently suffer serious physical harm or removal from this state. *Serious physical harm includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions, as defined in s. 456.52(1).*

Section 3. Section 381.991, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.991 Public expenditures for gender clinical interventions; prohibition.—A state agency, political subdivision, public postsecondary institution as defined in 1000.04, or person providing services to or on behalf of any such agency, subdivision, or institution by contract or other agreement or relationship, may not expend funds to provide or reimburse for gender clinical interventions as defined in s. 456.52(1).

Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added subsection (1) of section 382.016, Florida Statutes, read:

382.016 Amendment of records.—The department, upon receipt of the fee prescribed in s. 382.0255; documentary evidence, as specified by rule, of any misstatement, error, or omission occurring in any birth, death, or fetal death record; and an affidavit setting forth the changes to be made, shall amend or replace the original certificate as necessary.

(1) CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH AMENDMENT.—

(f) The sex recorded on a birth certificate must be the person's biological sex at birth. The sex recorded on the birth certificate may only be changed in the case of a scrivener's error or in the case of a person born with external biological sex characteristics that were unresolvably ambiguous at the time of birth. The sex recorded on a birth certificate may not be changed for the purpose of affirming a person's perception of his or her sex if that perception is inconsistent with the person's sex at birth. The department may change the sex recorded on a birth certificate under this paragraph upon the written request of a health care practitioner, as defined in s. 456.001, stating and providing evidence establishing the basis for the correction. Misrepresenting or providing fraudulent evidence in such a request is grounds for disciplinary action under s. 456.072 and any applicable practice act.

Section 5. Paragraphs (c) through (gg) of subsection (5) of section 456.074, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) through