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

Excused: Senator Jones at 5:49 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Heavenly Father, we come to you this beautiful spring morning to pause and give thanks to the giver of life, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, Creator, and Savior. We pause to give thanks for the day that you have made, and we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I ask, Father, that you would bless this day as our Florida Senate convenes and continues to do the work for the people of Florida. It has indeed been a great session once again, and as it ever draws near to the end, I would humbly ask you to continue to impart wisdom and discernment to the Senators in this great chamber. Many have served here in the past and have established a tradition of integrity and statesmanship that continues with the ones serving today. May the attitude of everyone in public service, from the Governor to the school volunteer in the smallest community, be that of truly loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. Lord, you tell us in your word to pray for those in leadership over us. So, today we pray also for Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Rick Scott, Senator Marco Rubio, and we pray for our President, Joe Biden. Help us today to be quicker to talk to you about them, then to talk to

others about them. God bless the Florida House, the US Congress, and especially today, the Florida Senate. I would ask you to bless each and every Senator's family, their marriage, children, and extended family while they are away from home serving in this chamber today. May your hedge of protection be upon them. Don't let the devil ever get a foothold in their personal life or their thought life as they lead our great state. As they work today and for the rest of the session, may your will be done.

We believe in the risen Lord, the finished work of the cross, and John 14:6 that says you are the way, the truth, and the life. Bless all the Senators today, bless Senate President Passidomo as she leads, and bless my senator, Senator Simon. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Gray Burleson of Tallahassee; Amiah Davis of Miami; and Joshua Reynolds of Gulf Breeze, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo March 7, 2024
 President, The Florida Senate
 Suite 409, The Capitol
 404 S. Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Passidomo:

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

	<i>For Term</i>	<i>Ending</i>
<i>Office and Appointment</i>		
Board of Directors, Florida High School Athletic Association	Appointees:	
	Bayliss, Sara	08/21/2026
	Bell, Richard W.	08/21/2026
	Colucci, Monica	08/21/2026
	Ford, A. Jermaine	08/21/2026
	Norton, Jim	08/21/2026
	Selvidio, Paul	08/21/2026
	Shirley, Richard "Allen"	08/21/2026
	Tamargo, Alejandro	08/21/2026
Board of Athletic Training	Appointees:	
	McDougal, Billy J.	10/31/2026
	Narson, Todd M.	10/31/2025
Barbers' Board	Appointees:	
	Schwartz, Mitchell	10/31/2025
	Vargas, Hugo	10/31/2026
Florida Athletic Commission	Appointees:	
	Mallare-Pike, Christina Marie	09/30/2027
	Nunez, Adrian	09/30/2027
Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board	Appointees:	
	Novick, Jared	10/31/2024
	Scott, Jerry A.	10/31/2025

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>	<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Florida Building Commission		Florida Elections Commission	
Appointees: Bourre, Michael	01/21/2027	Appointees: Hayes, John Martin	12/31/2024
Compton, David L.	01/13/2025	Joyce, Richard F.	12/31/2027
Swope, Brian	05/01/2027	Smith, Kymberlee C.	12/31/2024
Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers		Commission on Ethics	
Appointees: Barineau, Robyn R.	10/31/2026	Appointees: Fuste, Luis M.	06/30/2025
Bell, Deborah	10/31/2024	Lukis, Ashley	06/30/2025
Pyott, Gary Lee	10/31/2024	Greater Miami Expressway Agency	
Warren, Dawn	10/31/2025	Appointee: Cancio-Johnson, Mariana "Marili"	07/03/2027
Florida Commission on Community Service		Board of Hearing Aid Specialists	
Appointees: Brodeur, Christina	09/14/2025	Appointees: Bennett, Jeremy	10/31/2025
Dew, Gina Evans	09/14/2026	Gibson, Brian	10/31/2025
Edwards, Stefanie Ink	09/14/2025	Mahan, Jacob	10/31/2026
Hays, Jessica	09/14/2025	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	
Killinger, Lori	09/14/2025	Appointee: Hoblit, Olivia Romal	11/13/2024
Roberts, Wilson D.	09/14/2025	Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County	
Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College		Appointees: Aungst, Brian J., Jr.	08/07/2026
Appointees: Heuser, Kristina	05/31/2026	Gnage, Ann Kristen Arrojo	08/07/2024
Martin, Eviana J.	05/31/2024	Mikurak, Michael G.	07/17/2024
Murphy, Denise	05/31/2025	Millican, James A.	08/11/2024
Patak, Tyler F.	05/31/2026	Rutland, Melissa	08/10/2026
Swinto, Lisa Maria Metcalfe	05/31/2025	Governor's Mansion Commission	
Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys		Appointees: Diaz, Jennifer	09/30/2025
Appointee: Suarez, Alexandria	05/31/2025	Mica, Mary	09/30/2027
Board of Trustees of Florida Gateway College		Ross, Ashley	09/30/2026
Appointees: Brannan, Robert C., III	05/31/2027	Weida, Kyley	09/30/2024
Crawford, John David	05/31/2025	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws	
Medina, John A.	05/31/2027	Appointees: Flower, Gary P.	06/05/2027
Norris, Suzanne M.	05/31/2025	Levesque, George T.	06/05/2027
Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade College		Rubottom, Donald Jay	06/05/2027
Appointees: Alonso, Roberto Jose	05/31/2026	Board of Physical Therapy Practice	
Felipe, Marcell	05/31/2026	Appointees: Donald, Ellen Kroog	10/31/2024
Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College		Kleponis, Paul	10/31/2025
Appointees: Fosdyck, Cory J.	05/31/2025	Matthews, Rebecca	10/31/2027
Goff, Kristen Rhea	05/31/2027	Morgan, Michele I.	10/31/2025
Harrison, Megan	05/31/2026	Board of Pilot Commissioners	
Litke, Donald P.	05/31/2027	Appointees: Darienzo, Eric	10/31/2024
Wright, Thomas B.	05/31/2025	LaMarca, Eileen M.	10/31/2026
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College		Florida Prepaid College Board	
Appointees: Harrington, Jeffrey E.	05/31/2027	Appointee: Rood, John Darrell	06/30/2026
Maggard, Lee	05/31/2026	State Retirement Commission	
Mitten, John Richard	05/31/2027	Appointee: Manalo, Jonathan	12/31/2027
Newlon, Nicole Deese	05/31/2026	Board of Directors, Space Florida	
Schulkowski, Rebecca	05/31/2026	Appointees: Bocchino, Matthew	09/30/2025
Board of Trustees of Polk State College		Cruise, Rodney	09/30/2027
Appointees: Barnett, Ashley B.	05/31/2027	Daniels, Jonathan T.	09/30/2025
Barnhart, Ann M.	05/31/2025	Daugherty, Kevin	09/30/2026
Littleton, Gregory A.	05/31/2027	Hosseini, Mori	09/30/2027
Ross, Cynthia Hartley	05/31/2025	Lambert, Alexis	09/30/2026
Troutman, Ashley C.	05/31/2025	Satter, Jonathan R.	09/30/2027
Florida Development Finance Corporation		Thibault, Kevin J.	09/30/2027
Appointee: Panepinto, Robert	05/02/2027	Chair of the Board of Directors, Space Florida	
Education Practices Commission		Appointee: Nuñez, Jeanette M.	09/30/2027
Appointees: Holley, Timothy	09/30/2027	Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers	
Innerst, Lisa	09/30/2024	Appointee: Hall, Iarelis Diaz	10/31/2027
Jackson, Deelah	09/30/2025	Board of Supervisors of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District	
Lewis, Mason R.	09/30/2025	Appointee: Barakat, Charbel J.	02/26/2027
Snyder, Marc	09/30/2026		
Thomas, Malcolm A.	09/30/2027		
Florida Elections Commission, Chair			
Appointee: Mizelle, Chad	01/05/2027		

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission Appointee: Epsky, Thomas D.	06/30/2027
Big Cypress Basin Board of the South Florida Water Management District Appointees: Hill, Andrew McLeod, Michelle Romano, Michael M., II Smith, Patricia "P.J." Waters, Dan	03/01/2026 03/01/2027 03/01/2025 03/01/2027 03/01/2026

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Secretary of Commerce Appointee: Kelly, James Alexander	Pleasure of Governor

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:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Florida Commission on Offender Review Appointee: Wyant, David A.	06/30/2028

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Investment Advisory Council Appointees: Canida, Maria Teresa Goetz, John P. Jones, Kenneth Olmstead, Vinny	12/12/2026 12/12/2026 12/12/2027 02/01/2027

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Director, Florida State Guard Appointee: Thieme, Mark A.	Pleasure of Governor

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:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Florida Gaming Control Commission Appointee: Repp, Tina	01/01/2026

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Appointee: Farrior, Preston L.	01/06/2028
Executive Director, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Appointee: Young, Roger A.	Pleasure of Commission
Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District Appointees: Alter, John W. Andrews, Angus "Gus" G., Jr.	03/01/2027 03/01/2027

Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Seigler, Robert
Pleasure of the Board

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District Appointees: Atwood, Ryan Howse, Ronald S. Peterson, J. Christian, Jr.	03/01/2027 03/01/2027 03/01/2027

Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District
Appointee: Register, Michael
Pleasure of the Board

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District Appointees: Goss, Chauncey P., II Steinle, John "Jay" P. Wagner, Scott Andrew	03/01/2027 03/01/2027 03/01/2027

Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Bartlett, Andrew "Drew"
Pleasure of the Board

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Appointees: Barnett, Ashley B. Rice, Kelly S. Schleicher, Joel A. Watkins, Nancy Hemmingway	03/01/2027 03/01/2027 03/01/2027 03/01/2025

Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Armstrong, Brian J.
Pleasure of the Board

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District Appointees: Lloyd, William Schwab, Richard	03/01/2027 03/01/2027

Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District
Appointee: Thomas, Hugh L.
Pleasure of the Board

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
State Board of Education Appointees: Garcia, Kelly Magar, MaryLynn Petty, Ryan B.	12/31/2025 12/31/2026 12/31/2026

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

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term</i>	<i>Ending</i>
Board of Governors of the State University System		
Appointees: Barnett, Ashley B.	01/06/2026	
Cerio, Timothy M.	01/06/2031	
Levine, Alan M.	01/06/2031	
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University		
Appointees: Crossman, John M.	01/06/2026	
Figgers, Natlie G.	01/06/2026	
Gibbons, Deveron M.	01/06/2028	
White, Michael David, II	01/06/2028	
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University		
Appointee: Paez, Pablo E.	01/06/2028	
Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida		
Appointee: Gaekwad, Digvijay "Danny"	01/06/2028	
Board of Trustees, Florida State University		
Appointee: Ballard, Kathryn S.	01/06/2028	
Board of Trustees, Florida International University		
Appointees: Gonzalez, Alan	01/06/2026	
Hondal, Francis	01/06/2025	
Yakubov, Yaffa	01/06/2026	
Board of Trustees, New College of Florida		
Appointees: Jacquot, Joe	01/06/2025	
Patterson, Donald	01/06/2026	
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University		
Appointees: Abbot, Dorian Schuyler	06/30/2025	
Hagen, Patrick	06/30/2028	
Otto, Clifford K.	06/30/2024	
Panuccio, Jesse	11/07/2027	
Shapiro, Ilya	06/30/2025	
Theis, Sidney Wayne	06/30/2027	
Board of Trustees, University of Florida		
Appointee: O'Keefe, Daniel T.	01/06/2028	

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

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

(2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2024 Regular Session; and

(3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments 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 appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the offices and for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.

The vote was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Baxley	Grall	Powell
Berman	Gruters	Rodriguez
Book	Harrell	Rouson
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Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Garcia

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 SB 184, with 1 amendment, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

SB 184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to impeding, threatening, or harassing first responders; creating s. 843.31, F.S.; defining the terms "first responder" and "harass"; prohibiting a person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, from violating such warning and approaching or remaining within a specified distance of the first responder with specified intent; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

House Amendment 3 (903751) (with title amendment)—Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 843.31, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

843.31 Approaching a first responder with specified intent after a warning.—

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

(a) *"First responder" includes a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3), a firefighter as defined in s. 784.07(1), and an emergency medical care provider as defined in s. 784.07(1).*

(b) *"Harass" means to willfully engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder and serves no legitimate purpose.*

(2)(a) *It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from a person he or she knows or reasonably should know is a first responder, who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and willfully violate such warning and approach or remain within 25 feet of the first responder with the intent to:*

1. *Impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duty;*

2. *Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or*

3. *Harass the first responder.*

(b) *A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.*