

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 1379 — Department of Legal Affairs

by Civil Justice and Claims Subcommittee and Rep. Diaz, J. (CS/SB 1626 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Bradley)

The bill amends current law with respect to the Attorney General's duties and responsibilities.

The bill:

- Gives the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking the authority to apply for and accept grants, funds, gifts, and services from the state, the federal government, and other sources for the purpose of defraying the cost of the council's annual summit;
- Provides that the Attorney General may request the assignment of one or more Florida Highway Patrol officers to the Office of the Attorney General for security services;
- Amends dates to keep Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act current with applicable federal law and rules;
- Provides a definition of "virtual currency" and amends the term "monetary instruments" to include "virtual currency" in the Florida Money Laundering Act;
- Amends the Florida Trust Code, related to charitable trusts, to allow the Attorney General to take over for the 20 state attorneys in matters involving oversight of charitable trusts, to require delivery of notice, and to give legal standing to the Attorney General under circumstances where a trustee of a charitable trust seeks to modify the status of the trust or its beneficiaries; and
- Creates s. 960.201, F.S., providing for compensation awards for loss of support to surviving family members of an emergency responder who dies in the line of duty while answering a call for service.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 118-0