

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

SB 958 — Local Government Employees

by Senators Martin and Perry

The bill raises the statutory base salary rates for tax collectors and district school superintendents by \$5,000. Salaries for these positions are calculated through a formula beginning with the base rate and accounting for county population and certain annualized factors.

The bill also makes various changes to benefits and incentive programs for tax collector employees in order to promote retention. The bill provides that tax collector employees who are domiciled in Florida and who adopt a child within the child welfare system are eligible for a lump-sum monetary benefit associated with adoption. The bill also permits county tax collectors to budget for and pay a hiring or retention bonus to employees, if such expenditure is approved by the Department of Revenue or board of county commissioners.

The bill finally allows district school boards to contract with the county tax collector for a tax collector employee to administer road tests for driver licensure on school grounds at schools within the district.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 110-3