

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/HB 425 — Historic Cemeteries Program

by Commerce Committee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; and Rep. Aristide and others (SB 34 by Senators Sharief, Bernard, Osgood, Davis, Rouson, Berman, Jones, and Bracy Davis)

The bill provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a historic African-American cemetery recorded in the State's Historic Cemeteries Program sells vacant land for the express purpose of funding long-term maintenance and upkeep, the local government must approve an application to rezone or change the land use of such vacant land to allow development consistent and compatible with adjacent land uses.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 110-0