

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Trumbull, Chair
Senator Davis, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

TIME: 10:00—11:30 a.m.

PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Trumbull, Chair; Senator Davis, Vice Chair; Senators Brodeur, Burton, Garcia, Harrell, Rodriguez, Rouson, and Sharief

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 162 Davis (Identical H 93)	Protection from Surgical Smoke; Defining the terms “smoke evacuation system” and “surgical smoke”; requiring hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, by a specified date, to adopt and implement policies requiring the use of smoke evacuation systems during certain surgical procedures, etc. HP 01/20/2026 Favorable AHS 02/25/2026 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
2	SB 254 Harrell (Compare CS/H 121, S 742)	Nursing Education Programs; Requiring the Department of Health to issue temporary provisional licenses to graduate registered nurses and graduate licensed practical nurses; revising application requirements for nursing education program approval; requiring the Florida Center for Nursing to develop graduate nursing preceptorship standards by a specified date; authorizing agents or employees of the department to conduct onsite evaluations and inspections of approved and accredited nursing education programs, etc. HP 11/18/2025 Favorable AHS 02/25/2026 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
3	SB 688 Rodriguez (Similar H 223, Compare S 542)	Naturopathic Medicine; Creating the Board of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Health; prohibiting unlicensed persons from practicing naturopathic medicine or promoting, identifying, or describing themselves using specified titles or abbreviations; providing for licensure by examination of naturopathic doctors; providing for licensure by endorsement of naturopathic doctors; revising continuing education requirements for naturopathic doctors, etc. HP 02/11/2026 Favorable AHS 02/25/2026 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 1

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4	CS/SB 794 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs / Jones (Similar CS/H 565)	Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Requiring level 2 employment screening for all employees of residential facilities and adult day training programs; requiring the agency to contract with a state university to develop and administer certain surveys for a specified purpose; requiring the state university to submit a final report to the agency by a specified date; requiring the agency to use certain information to identify certain core competencies and performance metrics and make recommendations for standardizing assessments, etc. CF 02/10/2026 Fav/CS AHS 02/25/2026 Fav/CS FP	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
5	CS/SB 1110 Banking and Insurance / Truenow (Similar H 1301)	Coverage for Orthotics and Prosthetics Services; Authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to authorize and pay for specified orthotics and prosthetics services for Medicaid recipients who are eligible individuals; requiring the agency to seek federal approval and amend contracts as necessary to implement the act; requiring individual health insurance policies; group, blanket, and franchise health insurance policies; and health maintenance contracts, respectively, to provide coverage for specified orthotics and prosthetics services for eligible individuals, etc. BI 02/11/2026 Fav/CS AHS 02/25/2026 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
6	SB 1574 Bracy Davis (Similar H 1335)	Newborn Screenings; Citing this act as “Mattie’s Law”; requiring that newborns, beginning on a specified date, be screened for biliary atresia; requiring the Department of Health to consult with the Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council before adopting certain rules; requiring hospitals that provide birthing services to screen for biliary atresia in a specified manner, etc. HP 02/11/2026 Favorable AHS 02/25/2026 Favorable FP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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