

<b>Tab 1</b>	<b>SB 586 by Wright (CO-INTRODUCERS) Perry, Stewart, Farmer;</b> (Identical to H 00435) Veterans Employment and Training
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<b>Tab 2</b>	<b>SB 936 by Wright (CO-INTRODUCERS) Farmer;</b> (Similar to H 00221) Recovery of Space Vehicles
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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND  
DOMESTIC SECURITY**

**Senator Wright, Chair**  
**Senator Harrell, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 1, 2021  
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Wright, Chair; Senator Harrell, Vice Chair; Senators Burgess, Cruz, Gibson, Rodriguez, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301			
1	<b>SB 586</b> Wright (Identical H 435)	Veterans Employment and Training; Directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribing duties of the corporation to facilitate the administration of the SkillBridge program, etc.  MS      03/01/2021 Favorable CM AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 936</b> Wright (Similar H 221)	Recovery of Space Vehicles; Requiring a person who finds a space vehicle to report its description and location to a law enforcement officer; prohibiting such a person from appropriating the space vehicle to his or her own use or refusing to deliver the space vehicle to law enforcement or the spaceflight entity that owns the vehicle; providing powers and duties of a law enforcement officer who ascertains that a person has wrongfully appropriated or withheld a space vehicle or that a space vehicle is present on public property; requiring the spaceflight entity that owns a recovered space vehicle to reimburse a law enforcement agency for certain costs, etc.  MS      03/01/2021 Fav/CS CJ AP	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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BILL: SB 586

INTRODUCER: Senator Wright

SUBJECT: Veterans Employment and Training

DATE: February 26, 2021      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Brown	Caldwell	MS	<b>Favorable</b>
2.			CM	
3.			AP	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 586 designates Florida is for Veterans as the state’s principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense’s (department) SkillBridge program (program) for employers and transitioning servicemembers.

In its role under the program, Florida is for Veterans is required to:

- Establish and maintain its certification for either the Skillbridge program or a similar workforce training and transition program established by the department;
- Educate businesses, business associations, and transitioning servicemembers on the SkillBridge program and its benefits, and educate military command and personnel within the state on opportunities available to transitioning servicemembers through the program;
- Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled workforce training curricula under the program, including apprenticeships, internships, or fellowships; and
- Match transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for program participation by their military command with training opportunities offered by Florida is for Veterans or participating businesses, with the intent of having transitioning servicemembers achieve gainful employment in the state upon completion of their training.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

## II. Present Situation:

### Transitioning Servicemembers

Each year, about 200,000 servicemembers end military service as veterans and either reenter the civilian workforce or enroll in higher education.<sup>1</sup> Florida nationally has the third largest veteran population with more than 1.5 million veterans. A significant number of these veterans are recently transitioned servicemembers.<sup>2</sup>

For example, for Fiscal Year 2019, the number of servicemembers transitioning into the workforce by duty location in the state was as follows<sup>3</sup>

Duty Location	Servicemembers Transitioning
Pensacola NAS	768
NAS Whiting Field Milton	84
Hurlburt Field ABS FL	1,096
Eglin AFB	852
Tyndall AFB	488
NS Mayport	141
NAS Jacksonville	1,341
Patrick AFB	259
Macdill AFB	546
Miami	71
NAS Key West	176

### Florida Is For Veterans

The Florida Legislature created Florida is for Veterans, also known as Veterans Florida, in 2014.<sup>4</sup> A nonprofit, Florida is for Veterans promotes the state as veteran-friendly by helping veterans adjust to civilian life through workplace and entrepreneurial assistance.<sup>5</sup> Florida is for Veterans operates a variety of training and employment assistance programs, including an Entrepreneurship Program, a Veteran Agriculture Program, and training during military service by industry partners through the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program.

#### *Entrepreneurship Program*

Almost one in four active duty servicemembers wants to open their own business. The Entrepreneurship Program offers veterans online and on-site instruction, facilitation, and

<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense SkillBridge, *Industry Partners and Employers*, available at <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/industry-employers.htm> (last visited Feb. 3, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Department of Veterans Affairs, *2021 Legislative Bill Analysis (SB 586)* (Jan. 25, 2021) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> s. 12, ch. 2014-1, L.O.F.

<sup>5</sup> s. 295.21(2), F.S.

mentorship. Since the program began in early 2016, more than 3,200 veterans have applied, and 1,704 have been served.<sup>6</sup>

### ***Agriculture Program***

The Veterans Florida Agriculture Program is an intensive, nine-month internship that educates veterans about modern agriculture production practice.<sup>7</sup> For the first six months, participants intern at University of Florida/Institute of Agricultural Sciences Research and Education Centers. After the first internship, participants receive a three month paid internship with local agribusinesses or farms. At the end of the program, Florida is for Veterans help the veterans receive a permanent placement.<sup>8</sup>

### ***SkillBridge***

Florida is for Veterans has started to expand SkillBridge fellowship offerings with employers to serve transitioning active-duty servicemembers, particularly in agriculture, in partnership with the University of Florida. Florida is for Veterans intends to expand into other industries.<sup>9</sup> On Feb. 10, 2021, the Florida Chamber of Commerce announced a partnership with Florida is for Veterans on SkillBridge, the Florida SkillBridge coalition.<sup>10</sup> The coalition's mission will be to promote SkillBridge to employers and transitioning servicemembers, and assist businesses to obtain SkillBridge approval for skilled workforce training.<sup>11</sup> A focus of the coalition will be on high-tech opportunities.<sup>12</sup>

## **Federal Programs for Transitioning Servicemembers**

### ***Transition Assistance Program***

The Transition Assistance Program (program) provides transitioning servicemembers employment information, tools and training through a cooperative effort among the Department of Labor, and the Departments of Defense, Education, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Office of Personnel Management.<sup>13</sup> Workshop offerings include a mandatory one-day employment preparation workshop for transitioning servicemembers, and optional two-day workshops in career exploration and technical career preparation or general employment preparation.<sup>14</sup> The program also initiated the Department of Labor VETS Apprenticeship Pilot to provide counseling and apprenticeship and placement

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<sup>6</sup> Veterans Florida, *Annual Report 2020*, pg. 13; available at <https://www.veteransflorida.org/about/> (last visited Feb. 9, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 15-16.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, *Quarterly Report for the First Quarter of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year*, pg. 16 (Nov. 20, 2020), available at <https://floridavets.org/leadership/quarterly-report/> (last visited Feb. 9, 2021).

<sup>10</sup> Jordan Kirkland, The Capitolist, *Industry leaders form coalition to help servicemembers transition to civilian life* (Feb. 11, 2021) available at <https://thecapitolist.com/industry-leaders-form-coalition-to-help-servicemembers-transition-to-civilian-life/> (last visited Feb. 11, 2021).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> U.S. Dep't of Labor, *Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Transition Assistance Program*, available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/tap> (last visited Feb. 9, 2021).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

services to transitioning servicemembers and their spouses who are interested in apprenticeship after separating from employment.<sup>15</sup>

### ***SkillBridge***

The Department of Defense SkillBridge program connects servicemembers with participating companies that provide training, apprenticeships, and internships. A servicemember is eligible to participate during his or her last 180 days of military service. Once approved, a unit commander authorizes the servicemember up to 180 days of permissive leave for the servicemember to gain civilian experience with an industry participant.<sup>16</sup> Companies benefit at no cost, and the servicemember continues to receive military compensation:

For Service members SkillBridge provides an invaluable chance to work and learn in civilian career areas. For industry partners SkillBridge is an opportunity to access and leverage the world's most highly trained and motivated workforce at no cost. ... SkillBridge can help Service members bridge the gap between the end of service and the beginning of their civilian careers.<sup>17</sup>

Guard and Reserve members are also eligible to participate in SkillBridge. Space available, a veteran or a military spouse may seek a position in SkillBridge. A veteran or military spouse permitted participation does so without compensation from the Department of Defense.<sup>18</sup>

To view opportunities, SkillBridge maintains an online platform of listings submitted by industry partners.<sup>19</sup> As of January 14, 2021, 52 SkillBridge programs operate in the state.<sup>20</sup> An additional listing is provided of organizations that have been authorized by the Department of Defense through a Memorandum of Understanding to work with each of the branches of the military and installation commanders to develop SkillBridge training programs for their personnel. Florida is for Veterans, as Veterans Florida, is one of the 5 approved organizations in the state.<sup>21</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill designates Florida is for Veterans as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's (department) SkillBridge program (program) for employers and transitioning servicemembers.

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<sup>15</sup> *Id.* The Pilot launched April 2020.

<sup>16</sup> Department of Defense SkillBridge, *What is SkillBridge? Program Overview*, available at <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/program-overview.htm> (last visited Feb. 3, 2021).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> Department of Defense, *SkillBridge, Frequently Asked Questions*; available at <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/faq.htm> (last visited Feb. 2, 2021).

<sup>19</sup> Department of Defense, *SkillBridge Locations*, available at <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/locations.htm> (last visited Feb. 3, 2021).

<sup>20</sup> Department of Veterans Affairs, *2021 Legislative Bill Analysis (SB 586)* (Jan. 25, 2021) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

<sup>21</sup> Department of Defense, *Authorized SkillBridge Organizations*, available at <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/organizations.htm> (last visited Feb. 9, 2021). The other approved organizations are Florida Homes Realty & Mortgage, JDog Junk Removal and Hauling - MVP Florida East, Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) Apprenticeship Training Program, and State College Florida Manatee - Sarasota - 26 West Business Incubator.

In its role under the program, Florida is for Veterans is required to:

- Establish and maintain its certification for either the Skillbridge program or a similar workforce training and transition program established by the department;
- Educate businesses, business associations, and transitioning servicemembers on the SkillBridge program and its benefits, and educate military command and personnel within the state on opportunities available to transitioning servicemembers through the program;
- Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled workforce training curricula under the program, including apprenticeships, internships, or fellowships; and
- Match transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for program participation by their military command with training opportunities offered by Florida is for Veterans or participating businesses, with the intent of having transitioning servicemembers achieve gainful employment in the state upon completion of their training.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

##### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

The bill does not appear to require cities and counties to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, Section 18 of the State Constitution.

##### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

##### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

##### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

##### **E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

##### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

Designating Florida is for Veterans as the principal assistance organization for SkillBridge may make it easier for both industry partners and servicemembers to access a single point of entry, thereby increasing the likelihood of participation.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 295.21 and 295.22.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.



By Senator Wright

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to veterans employment and training; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; prescribing duties of the corporation to facilitate the administration of the SkillBridge program; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (3) of section 295.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

(3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

(g) Serve as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program for employers and transitioning servicemembers.

Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of section 295.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program and perform all of the following functions:

(f) As the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program for qualified businesses in this state and for transitioning servicemembers who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this

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state, the corporation shall:

1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its certification for the SkillBridge program or any other similar workforce training and transition programs established by the United States Department of Defense;

2. Educate businesses, business associations, and transitioning servicemembers on the SkillBridge program and its benefits, and educate military command and personnel within the state on the opportunities available to transitioning servicemembers through the SkillBridge program;

3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge program, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, internships, or fellowships; and

4. Match transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for SkillBridge participation by their military command with training opportunities offered by the corporation or participating businesses, with the intent of having transitioning servicemembers achieve gainful employment in this state upon completion of their SkillBridge training.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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# 2021 AGENCY LEGISLATIVE BILL ANALYSIS

## AGENCY: Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

### BILL INFORMATION

<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	<u>SB 586</u>
<b>BILL TITLE:</b>	<u>Veterans Employment and Training</u>
<b>BILL SPONSOR:</b>	<u>Sen. Wright</u>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<u>1 JUL 2021</u>

### COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE

- 1) Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- 2) Commerce and Tourism
- 3) Appropriations
- 4)
- 5)

### PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	
<b>YEAR:</b>	
<b>LAST ACTION:</b>	<u>N/A</u>

### CURRENT COMMITTEE

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

### SIMILAR BILLS

<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	

### IDENTICAL BILLS

<b>BILL NUMBER:</b>	
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	

**Is this bill part of an agency package?**

No

### BILL ANALYSIS INFORMATION

<b>DATE OF ANALYSIS:</b>	25 January 2021
<b>LEAD AGENCY ANALYST:</b>	Roy Clark
<b>ADDITIONAL ANALYST(S):</b>	Christian Cochran
<b>LEGAL ANALYST:</b>	Chuck Faircloth
<b>FISCAL ANALYST:</b>	

### POLICY ANALYSIS

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribing duties of the corporation to facilitate the administration of the SkillBridge program Effective Date: 7/1/2021

## **2. SUBSTANTIVE BILL ANALYSIS**

### **1. PRESENT SITUATION:**

As Florida currently boast 21 military facilities, this program would be helpful in keeping service members in Florida.

#### FY19 Transition Projections by Duty Location:

Pensacola NAS- 768

NAS Whiting Field Milton / FL-84

HURLBURT FIELD ABS FL (AFSOC)- 1,096

EGLIN AFB FL (AFMC)-852

TYNDALL AFB FL (ACC)-488

NS Mayport / FL-141

NAS Jacksonville / FL-1341

PATRICK AFB FL (AFSPC)-259

MACDILL AFB FL (AMC)-546

Miami-71

NAS Key West / FL-176

There are 52 Skillbridge Programs available in the State of Florida as of 14 JAN 2021.

The DoD SkillBridge (also called "Career Skills") program is an opportunity for Service members and Military Spouses to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships. Military members can participate in SkillBridge during the last 180 days of service, and Spouses may take part while their partner serves on Active Duty.

For the Service Member...

- DoD's SkillBridge programs assists retiring and transitioning Service members by allowing them to participate in industry training programs while transitioning out of their Military careers.

For the SkillBridge Providers...

- The DoD covers the Service Member's pay and benefits, and Industry partners gain early access to the extensive experience, skills, and unmatched work ethos Service members bring to the workforce.

The general eligibility requirements for SkillBridge are:

- The service member must have completed at least 180 continuous days on active duty in the armed forces and is expected to be discharged or released from active duty within 180 days of starting training.
- The training must offer the service member a high probability of employment.
- The training must be provided to the service member at little or no cost.
- The training must be authorized by the chain of command.
- The training may be terminated based on mission requirements

As of NDAA 2021, this program has been extend to the Coast Guard.

<sup>1</sup> <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/separation-map.htm>

### **2. EFFECT OF THE BILL:**

- Florida has the nation’s third-largest veteran population with more than 1.5 million veterans. Veterans face unique employment and transition challenges. This bill would authorize Florida is For Veterans, Inc. to:
  - (1) Establish and maintain, as applicable, its certification for the SkillBridge program or any other similar workforce training and transition programs established by the United States Department of Defense
  - (2) Educate businesses, business associations, transitioning service members on the SkillBridge program and its benefits, and educate military command and personnel within the state on the opportunities available to transitioning service members through the SkillBridge program.
  - (3) Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge program, 41 including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, internships, or fellowships
  - (4) Match transitioning service members who are deemed eligible for SkillBridge participation by their military command with training opportunities offered by the corporation or 46 participating businesses, with the intent of having transitioning service members achieve gainful employment in this 48 state upon completion of their SkillBridge training

**3. DOES THE BILL DIRECT OR ALLOW THE AGENCY/BOARD/COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP, ADOPT, OR ELIMINATE RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, OR PROCEDURES? Y  N**

If yes, explain:	N/A
Is the change consistent with the agency’s core mission?	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Rule(s) impacted (provide references to F.A.C., etc.):	N/A

**4. WHAT IS THE POSITION OF AFFECTED CITIZENS OR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS?**

Proponents and summary of position:	
Opponents and summary of position:	No opposition noted

**5. ARE THERE ANY REPORTS OR STUDIES REQUIRED BY THIS BILL? Y  N**

If yes, provide a description:	
Date Due:	
Bill Section Number(s):	

**6. ARE THERE ANY NEW GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING BOARDS, TASK FORCES, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS, ETC. REQUIRED BY THIS BILL? Y  N**

Board:	
Board Purpose:	
Who Appoints:	
Changes:	
Bill Section Number(s):	

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

**1. DOES THE BILL HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT?**
Y  N 

Revenues:	N/A
Expenditures:	N/A
Does the legislation increase local taxes or fees? If yes, explain.	N/A
If yes, does the legislation provide for a local referendum or local governing body public vote prior to implementation of the tax or fee increase?	N/A

**2. DOES THE BILL HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT TO STATE GOVERNMENT?**
Y  N 

Revenues:	
Expenditures:	No Fiscal impact
Does the legislation contain a State Government appropriation?	No
If yes, was this appropriated last year?	n/a

**3. DOES THE BILL HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR?**
Y  N 

Revenues:	
Expenditures:	The DoD covers the Service Member's pay and benefits, and Industry partners gain early access to the extensive experience, skills, and unmatched work ethos Service members bring to the workforce
Other:	

**4. DOES THE BILL INCREASE OR DECREASE TAXES, FEES, OR FINES?**
Y  N 

If yes, explain impact.	No
Bill Section Number:	No

**TECHNOLOGY IMPACT**

1. **DOES THE BILL IMPACT THE AGENCY'S TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS (I.E. IT SUPPORT, LICENSING SOFTWARE, DATA STORAGE, ETC.)?** Y  N

If yes, describe the anticipated impact to the agency including any fiscal impact.	None
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**FEDERAL IMPACT**

1. **DOES THE BILL HAVE A FEDERAL IMPACT (I.E. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE, FEDERAL FUNDING, FEDERAL AGENCY INVOLVEMENT, ETC.)?** Y  N

If yes, describe the anticipated impact including any fiscal impact.	The DoD covers the Service Member's pay and benefits, and Industry partners gain early access to the extensive experience, skills, and unmatched work ethos Service members bring to the workforce
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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**LEGAL - GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE REVIEW**

Issues/concerns/comments:	There are no substantive legal issues with this bill. Since the FDVA General Counsel serves as attorney for Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., this bill may increase the need for agency legal services supporting the SkillBridge Program.
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Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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S-001 (10/14/14)

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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**BILL:** CS/SB 936

**INTRODUCER:** Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security and Senator Wright

**SUBJECT:** Recovery of Space Vehicles

**DATE:** March 2, 2021      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 936 protects from misuse a spaceflight asset that has fallen to earth. Spaceflight assets include any item or part of an item that is used in spaceflight activities, including launch and reentry. The bill provides that a spaceflight entity retains ownership over a spaceflight asset until the entity expressly abandons ownership of the asset.

The bill prohibits a person to use a spaceflight asset that he or she finds. Instead, the person must report the asset’s location to law enforcement. Then, the law enforcement agency must make a reasonable effort to identify the asset’s owner and promptly notify the owner of any information relevant to recovering the asset.

If a law enforcement officer determines that exigent circumstances require that a spaceflight asset’s owner enter private property to recover the asset, the officer may authorize the entry. Exigent circumstance include, without limitation, a situation in which failure to enter the property would result in immediate danger to public safety or destruction of the asset.

The bill provides that a person who finds a spaceflight asset and knowingly uses it or refuses to surrender it commits a first degree misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for 1 year or less and a fine not exceeding \$1,000. Moreover, the person must pay restitution to the owner.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

## II. Present Situation:

### Spaceflight Assets in Florida

Florida has the second-highest number of aviation and aerospace establishments of any state.<sup>1</sup> It is home to over 17,144 aerospace-related companies and more than 130,000 aerospace-related employees.<sup>2</sup>

As a result of the high number of space operations launching from and returning to the state, spaceflight assets often return to the land or water within the state.<sup>3</sup> These items can be incredibly valuable and can even contain national security secrets or trade secrets.

Protecting these items from misuse is a more pressing concern now than in prior decades, and companies are increasingly interested in reusing spaceflight assets:

Historically, most of a rocket's discarded parts were left to fall back down to Earth and burn up in the atmosphere. But starting in the 1980s with NASA's space shuttle, engineers designed rocket parts that could be recovered and reused. Private companies including SpaceX and Blue Origin are even building rockets with first stages that return to Earth and land themselves. The more that a rocket's parts can be reused, the cheaper rocket launches can get.<sup>4</sup>

### Theft

The Florida Statutes do not include the crime of “misappropriation of a spaceflight asset.” However, the crime of theft covers the misappropriation of property, which could include spaceflight assets.

The Florida Statutes define theft as follows:

- A person commits theft if he or she knowingly obtains or uses, or endeavors to obtain or to use, the property of another with intent to, either temporarily or permanently:
  - Deprive the other person of a right to the property or a benefit from the property; or
  - Appropriate the property to his or her own use or to the use of any person not entitled to the use of the property.<sup>5</sup>

In terms of severity, the two main categories of theft are grand theft and petit theft.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Space Florida, *Why Florida + Facts and Figures*, <https://www.spaceflorida.gov/>, (last visited Feb. 25, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *See generally*, Michael Greshko, National Geographic, *Rockets and rocket launches, explained*, Jan. 4, 2019, available at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/rockets-and-rocket-launches-explained>.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Section 812.014(1), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> *See s.* 812.014(2) and (3), F.S.

**Grand Theft**

Grand theft is a felony of the first, second, or third degree, depending on the value of the item stolen.<sup>7</sup> The value range for each degree and the corresponding punishments are set forth in this chart:

Degrees of Grand Theft		
First Degree	\$100,000 or more <sup>8</sup>	Imprisonment for 30 years or less and a fine of \$10,000 or less <sup>9</sup>
Second Degree	\$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000 <sup>10</sup>	Imprisonment for 15 years or less and a fine of \$10,000 or less <sup>11</sup>
Third Degree	\$750 or more, but less than \$20,000 <sup>12</sup>	Imprisonment for 5 years or less and a fine of \$5,000 or less <sup>13</sup>

In some cases, the punishments may be more severe than those set forth in the above chart, such as in the case of a “habitual offender.”<sup>14</sup>

**Petit Theft**

Petit theft is a misdemeanor of the first or second degree, depending on the value of the item stolen or the number of prior offenses.<sup>15</sup> A theft of an item valued at \$100 or more, but less than \$750, is first degree petit theft.<sup>16</sup> A person commits a petit theft of the second degree when he or she commits a theft that does not meet the criteria of any of the other degrees of theft set forth in statute.<sup>17</sup>

A second degree misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment for 1 year or less and a fine of \$1,500 or less.<sup>18</sup> A second degree misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment for 60 days or less and a fine of \$500 or less.<sup>19</sup>

**Law Enforcement Officers**

The Florida Statutes define “law enforcement officer” to mean a person whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state, and is:

<sup>7</sup> Section 812.014(2), F.S. The degree of grand theft can also be determined by other circumstances, such as the nature of the item or the circumstances of the theft. *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> Section 812.014(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Sections 775.082(3)(b) and 775.083(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Section 812.014(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Sections 775.082(3)(d) and 775.083(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 812.014(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Section 775.082 and 775.083(1)(c), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> *See s. 775.084, F.S.*

<sup>15</sup> *See s. 812.014(2)(e) and (3)(a), F.S.*

<sup>16</sup> Section 812.014(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>17</sup> Section 812.014(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Sections 775.082(4)(a) and 775.083(1)(d), F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Sections 775.082(4)(b) and 775.083(1)(e), F.S.

- Elected, appointed, or employed full time by the state, a county or other subdivision of the state, or a municipality; and
- Vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests.<sup>20</sup>

The term includes “certified supervisory and command personnel whose duties include, in whole or in part, the supervision, training, guidance, and management responsibilities of law enforcement officers, including part time and auxiliary officers.”<sup>21</sup> However, “support personnel” are expressly excluded from the definition.<sup>22</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill protects from misuse a spaceflight asset that has fallen to earth. Spaceflight assets include any item or part of an item that is used in spaceflight activities, including launch and reentry. The bill provides that a spaceflight entity retains ownership over a spaceflight asset until the entity expressly abandons ownership of the asset.

The bill prohibits a person to use a spaceflight asset that he or she finds. Instead, the person must report the asset’s location to law enforcement. Then, the law enforcement agency must make a reasonable effort to identify the asset’s owner and promptly notify the owner of any information relevant to recovering the asset.

If a law enforcement officer determines that exigent circumstances require that a spaceflight asset’s owner enter private property to recover the asset, the officer may authorize the entry. Exigent circumstance include, without limitation, a situation in which failure to enter the property would result in immediate danger to public safety or destruction of the asset.

The bill provides that a person who finds a spaceflight asset and knowingly uses it or refuses to surrender it commits a first degree misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for 1 year or less and a fine not exceeding \$1,000. Moreover, the person must pay restitution to the owner.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The bill does not appear to require cities and counties to expend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, Section 18 of the State Constitution.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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<sup>20</sup> Section 943.10(1), F.S.

<sup>21</sup> *Id.*

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill may have a positive fiscal impact as the bill helps safeguard expensive spaceflight assets from theft, including theft of proprietary technology and intellectual property that could be discovered by examining a spaceflight asset.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill may have a positive fiscal impact as the bill protects expensive spaceflight assets from theft and, in turn, eliminates the need to expend resources tracking down a stolen asset.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 331.501 and creates section 331.502 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security on March 1, 2021:**



The committee substitute:

- Protects all “spaceflight assets,” instead of protecting only a space vehicle and its parts;
- Defines spaceflight asset to include anything involved in the launch, orbit, or reentry of a spacecraft;
- Provides that the owner of a spaceflight asset retains ownership over the asset until the entity expressly abandons it;
- Removes the bill’s authorization for law enforcement to require a person who finds a spaceflight asset to bring it to the owner or to the law enforcement agency;
- Creates the crime of “misappropriation of a spaceflight asset,” a first degree misdemeanor;
- Describes misappropriation of a spaceflight asset as appropriating a spaceflight asset to that person’s use or the use of another, or as the refusal to surrender the asset to a law enforcement officer or the asset’s owner upon command; and
- Requires a court to order a person guilty of misappropriation of a spaceflight asset to pay restitution to the asset’s owner for any damage the person caused.

**B. Amendments:**

None.



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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Wright) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 331.502, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

331.502 Recovery of spaceflight assets.-

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

(a) "Launch" has the same meaning as provided in 51 U.S.C.

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11 (b) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as  
12 provided in s. 908.102.

13 (c) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as  
14 provided in s. 943.10.

15 (d) "Reentry" has the same meaning as provided in 51 U.S.C.  
16 50902.

17 (e) "Spaceflight activities" and "spaceflight entity" have  
18 the same meanings as provided in s. 331.501(1).

19 (f) "Spaceflight asset" means any item, or any part of an  
20 item, owned by a spaceflight entity which is used in spaceflight  
21 activities, including crewed and uncrewed capsules, launch  
22 vehicles, parachutes and other landing aids, and any ancillary  
23 equipment that was attached to the launch vehicle during launch,  
24 orbit, or reentry.

25 (2) A spaceflight entity retains ownership over a  
26 spaceflight asset following a launch or reentry, regardless of  
27 the physical condition or location of a spaceflight asset,  
28 unless or until such time the spaceflight entity expressly  
29 indicates its intent to abandon the asset.

30 (3) (a) A person who locates any item reasonably  
31 identifiable as a spaceflight asset must report the description  
32 and location of the spaceflight asset to a law enforcement  
33 agency having jurisdiction over the location.

34 (b) A law enforcement agency that receives a report under  
35 this subsection must make a reasonable effort to identify the  
36 owner of the spaceflight asset and promptly notify the owner of  
37 any information relevant to the recovery of the spaceflight  
38 asset.

39 (4) The owner of a spaceflight asset may enter private



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40 property to recover a spaceflight asset if a law enforcement  
41 officer authorizes such entry after determining that exigent  
42 circumstances exist. Exigent circumstances may include, but are  
43 not limited to, a determination that a failure to timely recover  
44 the spaceflight asset may result in an immediate danger to  
45 public safety or damage to, or destruction of, the spaceflight  
46 asset.

47 (5) A person may not knowingly appropriate an item  
48 reasonably identifiable as a spaceflight asset to his or her own  
49 use, or to the use of any other person not entitled to the  
50 spaceflight asset, or refuse to surrender a spaceflight asset to  
51 a law enforcement officer or the owner upon demand. A person who  
52 violates this subsection commits misappropriation of a  
53 spaceflight asset, a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
54 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A court shall order any  
55 person convicted of violating this subsection to pay restitution  
56 to the owner of the spaceflight asset if, as a result of the  
57 misappropriation of a spaceflight asset, the asset is damaged or  
58 cannot be recovered.

59 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of  
60 section 331.501, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

61 331.501 Spaceflight; informed consent.—

62 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

63 (a) "Participant" means any spaceflight participant as that  
64 term is defined in 51 U.S.C. s. 50902 ~~49 U.S.C. s. 70102~~.

65 (b) "Spaceflight activities" means launch services or  
66 reentry services as those terms are defined in 51 U.S.C. s.  
67 50902 ~~49 U.S.C. s. 70102~~.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to recovery of spaceflight assets;  
creating s. 331.502, F.S.; defining terms; providing  
that a spaceflight entity retains ownership of a  
spaceflight asset after launch or upon reentry;  
requiring a person who finds an item reasonably  
identifiable as a spaceflight asset to report the  
description and location of the asset to law  
enforcement; requiring a law enforcement agency to  
make reasonable efforts to identify and notify the  
owner of a spaceflight asset; authorizing the owner of  
a spaceflight asset to enter private property under  
specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from  
appropriating a spaceflight asset to his or her own  
use or refusing to surrender a spaceflight asset to  
law enforcement or the owner; providing criminal  
penalties; amending s. 331.501, F.S.; updating  
references to federal provisions; providing an  
effective date.

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to recovery of space vehicles;  
 3 creating s. 331.502, F.S.; providing definitions;  
 4 requiring a person who finds a space vehicle to report  
 5 its description and location to a law enforcement  
 6 officer; prohibiting such a person from appropriating  
 7 the space vehicle to his or her own use or refusing to  
 8 deliver the space vehicle to law enforcement or the  
 9 spaceflight entity that owns the vehicle; providing  
 10 criminal penalties; providing powers and duties of a  
 11 law enforcement officer who ascertains that a person  
 12 has wrongfully appropriated or withheld a space  
 13 vehicle or that a space vehicle is present on public  
 14 property; providing penalties for a person who  
 15 opposes, obstructs, or resists a law enforcement  
 16 officer under certain circumstances; providing  
 17 immunity from prosecution for a law enforcement  
 18 officer and a person authorized by a law enforcement  
 19 officer for certain actions; requiring the spaceflight  
 20 entity that owns a recovered space vehicle to  
 21 reimburse a law enforcement agency for certain costs;  
 22 amending s. 331.501, F.S.; updating references to  
 23 federal provisions; providing an effective date.

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 25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 28 read:  
 29 331.502 Recovery of space vehicles.-

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30 (1) As used in this section, the term:  
 31 (a) "Spaceflight activities" and "spaceflight entity" have  
 32 the same meanings as provided in s. 331.501(1).  
 33 (b) "Space vehicle" means any item, or any part of an item,  
 34 owned by a spaceflight entity which is used in spaceflight  
 35 activities, including crewed and uncrewed capsules, launch  
 36 vehicles, parachutes and other landing aids, and any ancillary  
 37 equipment that was attached to the launch vehicle during launch,  
 38 orbit, or reentry.  
 39 (2) A person who finds a space vehicle must report the  
 40 description and location of the space vehicle to a law  
 41 enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1).  
 42 (3) A person who finds a space vehicle may not appropriate  
 43 the space vehicle to his or her own use or refuse to deliver the  
 44 space vehicle, when required, to law enforcement or to the  
 45 spaceflight entity that owns the space vehicle. A person who  
 46 violates this subsection commits theft as defined in s. 812.014,  
 47 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
 48 (4) A law enforcement officer who ascertains that a person  
 49 has wrongfully appropriated or withheld a space vehicle under  
 50 this section may demand that the person surrender the space  
 51 vehicle to the law enforcement officer. The law enforcement  
 52 officer shall keep the space vehicle in custody until it can be  
 53 transferred to the spaceflight entity that owns the space  
 54 vehicle. The law enforcement officer must make a reasonable  
 55 attempt to ascertain and notify the rightful owner.  
 56 (5) A law enforcement officer who ascertains that a space  
 57 vehicle is present on public property may take the space vehicle  
 58 into custody. The law enforcement officer shall keep the space

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59 vehicle in custody until it can be transferred to the  
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61 enforcement officer must make a reasonable attempt to ascertain  
62 and notify the rightful owner.

63 (6) A person who opposes, obstructs, or resists a law  
64 enforcement officer or a person authorized by the law  
65 enforcement officer in the discharge of his or her duties as  
66 provided in this section commits a misdemeanor of the second  
67 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

68 (7) A law enforcement officer or a person authorized by the  
69 law enforcement officer is immune from civil or criminal  
70 prosecution for reasonable, good faith trespass upon real  
71 property while in the discharge of his or her duties as provided  
72 in this section.

73 (8) The spaceflight entity that owns a recovered space  
74 vehicle must reimburse a law enforcement agency for costs  
75 incurred by the law enforcement agency for transportation and  
76 storage of the recovered space vehicle.

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84 reentry services as those terms are defined in 51 U.S.C. s.  
85 50902 ~~49 U.S.C. s. 70102~~.

86 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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SB 930

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**4:00:10 PM** Chair Wright calls meeting to order  
**4:00:12 PM** Roll Call by CAA Lois Graham  
**4:01:11 PM** Opening comments  
**4:02:00 PM** Chair Wright passes chair to Vice-Chair Harrell  
**4:02:11 PM** Tab 1, SB 586 by Senator Wright - Veterans Employment and Training  
**4:02:17 PM** Senator Wright explains the bill  
**4:03:22 PM** Senator Torres with question  
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**4:05:37 PM** Vice-Chair Harrell responds  
**4:06:05 PM** Senator Wright with comments  
**4:06:14 PM** Appearance Forms - Roy L. Clark, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs waives in support  
**4:07:16 PM** Senator Burgess in debate  
**4:07:33 PM** Senator Harrell with comments  
**4:08:00 PM** Senator Torres in debate  
**4:08:43 PM** Senator Gibson in debate  
**4:09:00 PM** Senator Harrell in debate  
**4:10:12 PM** Senator Wright waives close  
**4:11:13 PM** Roll Call on SB 586  
**4:11:19 PM** SB 586 is reported favorably  
**4:11:36 PM** Tab 2, SB 936 by Senator Wright - Recovery of Space Vehicles  
**4:11:41 PM** Senator Wright explains the bill  
**4:11:53 PM** Amendment Barcode 888898 by Senator Wright  
**4:12:06 PM** Senator Wright explains the Amendment  
**4:12:55 PM** Senator Cruz with question  
**4:13:41 PM** Public testimony - Jeffery Sharkey, CEO, Capitol Alliance Group waives in support  
**4:14:51 PM** Senator Wright closes on Amendment  
**4:15:19 PM** Amendment is adopted  
**4:15:26 PM** Senator Gibson with question  
**4:16:07 PM** Senator Wright responds  
**4:16:19 PM** Senator Gibson with follow-up  
**4:16:55 PM** Vice-Chair Harrell with comments  
**4:17:06 PM** Senator Wright with comments  
**4:17:19 PM** Senator Wright closes on bill as amended

**4:18:24 PM** Roll call on CS/SB 936  
**4:18:44 PM** CS/SB 936 reported favorably  
**4:19:09 PM** Additional appearance forms for SB 586  
**4:19:10 PM** Dan Hendrickson, President, Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative, waives in support  
**4:19:16 PM** James Mosteller, Advocacy Associate, Foundation for Florida's Future, waives in support  
**4:19:25 PM** Joe Marino, Executive Director, Veterans Florida, waives in support  
**4:19:30 PM** Matthew Choy, Policy Director, The Florida Chamber of Commerce, waives in support  
**4:20:16 PM** Senator Gibson moves to adjourn  
**4:20:21 PM** Meeting adjourned