



*Session Weeks*  
*February 7th – 11th and February 14th - February 18th*

*Dear Constituent and Friend,*

The legislative session ends on March 11th, but there is still time for you or your stakeholder groups to attend committee meetings to offer testimony, or watch the floor proceedings of the Florida Senate in person. You can also call my Senate office to weigh in on legislation to express your support or objection to a particular bill. Please call (904) 359-2553 or (850) 487-5006 if you would like to share your position.

**My filed bill heading to the next committee:**

**SB 1010: Uterine Fibroid Research and Education**, tasks the Department of Health (DOH) to develop and maintain an electronic database including demographic information that captures data related to discovery and treatment of uterine fibroids. Fibroids are non-cancerous tumors that occur in women, in and around the uterus and generally develop during child-bearing and pre-menopausal years. Symptoms vary in type and severity, including anemia related fatigue. Millions of women develop fibroids in the United States every year. Under the bill, the captured data will provide information on various treatment that may be an alternative to surgery. DOH must also include information related to fibroids on women's health care and other healthcare literature made available to the public.



*National Utility Contractors Association of North Florida (NUCANF) members*



*Representatives from AIDS Healthcare Foundation*



*Dr. Steve Porter and Dr. Jennifer Cowart, whom I sponsored from Mayo Clinic served as Doctor(s) of the Day in the Florida Senate*

**Other bills of interest:**

**SB 1236: County and Municipal Detention Facilities (Senator Shevrin Jones) - Miami** - clarifies that all jails, including those run by the sheriff, county, city or other entity, are held to the same standards under the [Florida Model Jail Standards \(FMJS\)](#). Several key provisions to this bill include: each county or municipal detention facility must be inspected at least twice annually; prohibits a county or municipal detention facility from refusing to be inspected or refusing access to its facility; if upon inspection, a facility is noncompliant with the FMJS, corrections must be made within 30 days, and serious violations must be corrected within 24 days. If a re-inspection for a violation reveals the detention facility continues to be noncompliant, the facility is required to cease operation and relocate inmates until compliance is obtained.

**SB 514: Substitution of Work Experience for Postsecondary Educational Requirements (Senator Danny Burgess) - Tampa** – the bill allows governmental agencies, to substitute equivalent work experience as an alternative to postsecondary education during the hiring process, if the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position through work experience. The work experience **may not** be substituted for any required licensure, certification, or registration as established by the employing agency and indicated on the position description. I supported this bill, however, I asked if data can be collected to see the positive benefits for **all** in our state. The bill is headed to the Senate floor.

For information on other bills filed this session, visit: <https://www.flsenate.gov/>.



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*As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!*

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson  
State Senator  
District 6

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