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District 21 Newsletter - April 2, 2021

Senator Jim Boyd



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FL Senate Prioritizes Cybersecurity with SB 1900

Senator Boyd filed SB 1900: Cybersecurity, which expands the duties and responsibilities of the Florida Digital Service (FDS), relating to the state's cybersecurity governance framework. The bill is a result of the Florida Cybersecurity Task Force and builds on the multi-year effort to modernize the state's technology systems and processes.



The Task Force, chaired by Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez and members of the public and private sectors, identifies opportunities to make state government more resilient against the evolving nature of cyber threats. SB 1900 will result in some of the following:

- Establishes a State Cybersecurity Operations Center as a centralized clearinghouse for threat information in coordination with FDLE.

- Enhances the role of the State Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).
- Establishes the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council to protect the state's information technology resources from cyber threats.

Follow the link for additional details on [CS/SB 1900: Cybersecurity](#).

Piney Point: Information and Updates

On Wednesday, April 7, the Senate will consider a budget amendment, sponsored by Senator Boyd, to fund the Piney Point Emergency Water Treatment project. President Wilton Simpson has also committed to use funds from the American Rescue Plan to ensure full clean up and restoration of Piney Point.

As the situation continues to evolve, the State of Florida, as well as Manatee County local government, want to provide residents with accurate resources and access to updates related to Piney Point.

To learn more about the budget amendment to SB 2500: General Appropriations Act, visit [FLSenate.gov](#).

Visit [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/PineyPoint](#), to read about the response from the Department of Environmental Protection, local stakeholders, and sign up for email notifications.

Visit [MyManatee.org](#) for the latest updates on evacuations, local resources, and the current situation on site at the reservoir.

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Covid-19 Vaccines Available for 18+

Beginning April 5, residents who are 18 and older, are now eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine in Florida.

Register here for the [Manatee County Covid-19 Vaccine Pool](#). Vaccines are also available at select Publix, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart locations, as well as some health clinics.



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