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# THE PIZZO POST



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## A NOTE FROM SENATOR PIZZO

While this past year proved difficult from the pandemic to the Surfside building collapse, I am incredibly proud and thankful for the resilience of our community, neighbors, and local leaders.

In January, the 60-day Florida Legislative Session begins. During this time I will push legislation that focuses on tangible, real-life solutions that will positively impact you, your families and our economy.

This holiday season, I want to express my gratitude for you. I am immensely humbled to represent this remarkable community.

Recently, our Chief of Staff, Maggie Gerson accepted a new role as Staff Director for the Senate Democratic Caucus. We are proud



and excited for her new opportunity knowing it will benefit all Floridians.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy new year.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator Pizzo.

# SESSION 2022 PREVIEW

## **AGGRESSIVE CARELESS DRIVING - SB 476**

Of all the tragedies that impacted my district this year, the death of 11-year old Anthony Reznik was among the worst. An uninsured driver ran a red light, killing the young boy.

This session, we are looking to enhance penalties for careless driving so we can keep our streets, and our children, safe.

## **CLOTHING-OPTIONAL LOCATIONS - SB 176**

Many of my constituents enjoy the clothing-optional beaches in Miami. SB 176 would provide protection for beachgoers who choose to fully partake in forgoing clothing at these designated beaches.

## **STUNT DRIVING ON HIGHWAYS - SB 876**

In a continued effort to keep our communities safe, SB 876 would prohibit "street takeovers," or the blocking of a portion of a roadway to perform burnouts, doughnuts, drifting, and wheelies, while also enhancing penalties for participating in stunt driving on highways.

## **ANIMAL ABUSE - SB 420**

SB 420 would increase the criminal penalties for the sexual conduct with animals as well as for fighting and baiting animals.

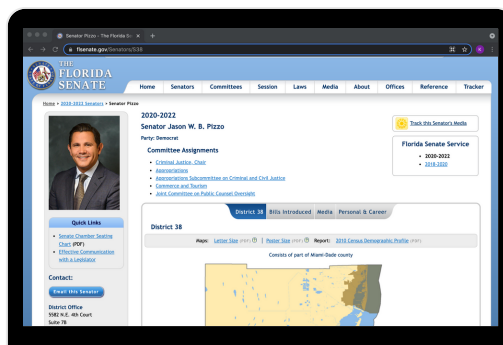
## **CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS - SB 880**

For the past three years, I have filed legislation demanding transparency from condominium associations. This bill would require condo boards to publish certain documents on their website, revise the contents of accounting records, and enhance criminal penalties for fraudulent board activities.

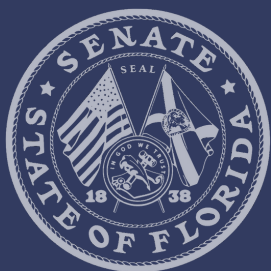
## **RENAMING THE CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT CODE - SB 260**

While many people are familiar with the criminal justice system, the word "punishment" fails to highlight the purpose of the system, which is to hold people accountable and keep Floridians safe.

By renaming the Criminal Punishment Code as the Criminal Public Safety Code, Floridians are able to feel invested because public safety should be everyone's responsibility.



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# IN THE NEWS

**"Any Florida teachers out there whose bonus check bounced?"**

FLORIDA POLITICS

*"The only "bonus" some teachers might have received so far has come in the form of an overdraft fee — caused by the bounced \$1,000 check the state sent as a reward for teachers' pandemic service.*

*Democratic Sen. Jason Pizzo tweeted a photo of a \$1,000 paper check from the Department of Education with the payee's name obscured and a "returned item notice"..."*

**"I have huge law firms and lobbying firms pushing back,"**

NBC NEWS

*"Soon after Jason Pizzo was elected to Florida's State Senate in 2018, he began working on a bill that reflected one of his top priorities: stiffening penalties for secrecy, fraud and kickbacks on condominium boards.*

*The legislation, he said, was a response to constituents' complaints about shady financial dealings that led to condo residents getting blindsided by costly renovation projects..."*

**"The greatest constituent outreach effort in the Legislature's history,"**

TAMPA BAY TIMES

*"The data shows the office of state Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-North Miami Beach, for example, referred more than 1,500 constituents to the department. On Aug. 28 alone, he sent the department a detailed spreadsheet of nearly 5,000 Floridians from across the state who still needed help receiving benefits. He estimates he and his office have referred 20,000 people to the agency for help.*

*Their contacts with so many jobless Floridians is likely the greatest constituent outreach effort in the Legislature's history..."*

**"We're not talking about food delivery. This is the transportation of children."**

WSVN

*"Several South Florida families are furious after they say their children were left stranded at school by a private bus company. In tonight's 7 Investigates, the Nightteam's Karen Hensel says their complaints drove Miami-Dade County to investigate.*

*With school back in session, big yellow buses are rolling again, but it's these smaller blue buses that parents say are causing big problems..."*

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