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# THE PIZZO POST



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*Legislation Updates*

## A NOTE FROM SENATOR PIZZO

As we pass the halfway point of the 2022 Legislative Session, I'm proud to say that we've taken important steps in shaping legislation that will benefit Floridians.

Two years ago, three high school students met with me, asking that NARCAN, a life-saving medication able to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, be made available in schools. This session, with the support of Senator Jim Boyd, we amended Senate Bill 544 - Drug-Related Overdose Prevention to include a provision for NARCAN in schools. This will save the lives of countless of Florida's students who suffer from opioid addiction.

Last week, our Senate Memorial 174, asking Congress to establish a trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom passed on the Senate floor.



Over the next few weeks, we look forward to continuing in our fight to pass good legislation and supporting you all back home.

Sincerely,

# LEGISLATION UPDATES

## 98 POINTS OF LIGHT ROAD - SB 1682

In honor of the 98 victims who passed away in the Champlain Towers South building collapse, the Legislature has committed to providing funding for a memorial and naming a portion of Collins Avenue, "98 Points of Light Road".

While this is only a small gesture, we want to take the opportunity to memorialize the members of our community lost last summer.

## VISITING COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITIES - SB 178

To better understand Florida's criminal justice system, it is critical that legislators, judges, state attorneys, public defenders, the Governor, and members of the Cabinet are able to take a firsthand look and visit county and municipal detention facilities at their pleasure.

SB 178 passed its first committee and is awaiting its next hearing.

## STUNT DRIVING ON HIGHWAYS - SB 876

"Street takeovers," or the blocking of a portion of a roadway to perform burnouts, doughnuts, drifting, and wheelies, are incredibly dangerous and put our communities at risk.

We are proud to share that SB 876 has successfully passed its first two committees.

## TRADE - SM 174

Senate Memorial 174, urging Congress to negotiate a mutually beneficial trade agreement between the United State and the United Kingdom, passed in both of its committees as well as on the Senate floor.

## ARRESTS - SB 874

To adapt to an increasingly digital world, SB 874 would allow law enforcement officers to execute an arrest on a minor if they are found to be in unlawful possession of a firearm. Legislation like this will act as a deterrent in reducing firearm-related crimes committed by minors.

This bill passed its first committee and is now onto its next stop.

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL - SB 418

The Florida Assistive Technology Advisory Council works to support people with disabilities and provides technology, allowing them to live as independently as possible.

SB 418, which empowers the Council to better accommodate Floridians, was passed on the floor.



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# NEWS RECAP

"This is something that's not partisan, and we should all be on board and doing whatever we possibly can."

FLORIDA POLITICS

*"While opioid use was possibly declining over recent years, the pandemic has caused numbers to increase."*

*Thursday marked a big day for legislation on substance abuse and mental health in the Senate as lawmakers passed a series of bills tackling the issues.*

*The first behavioral health measure to pass the Senate Thursday was..."*

Senate panel OK's crackdown on 'aggressive careless driving'

FLORIDA POLITICS

*"A Senate bill that adds texting-while-driving to a class of violations constituting "aggressive careless driving" in the case of injury or property damage cleared its first committee Thursday, with an amendment added to provide penalties for the same.*

*SB 476 would add texting-while-driving and operating a vehicle in ways not allowed by driver's licenses as potential factors determining an aggressive driving charge, joining other violations including speeding, illegally passing, tailgating, failure to yield, and failure to obey traffic signals."*

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