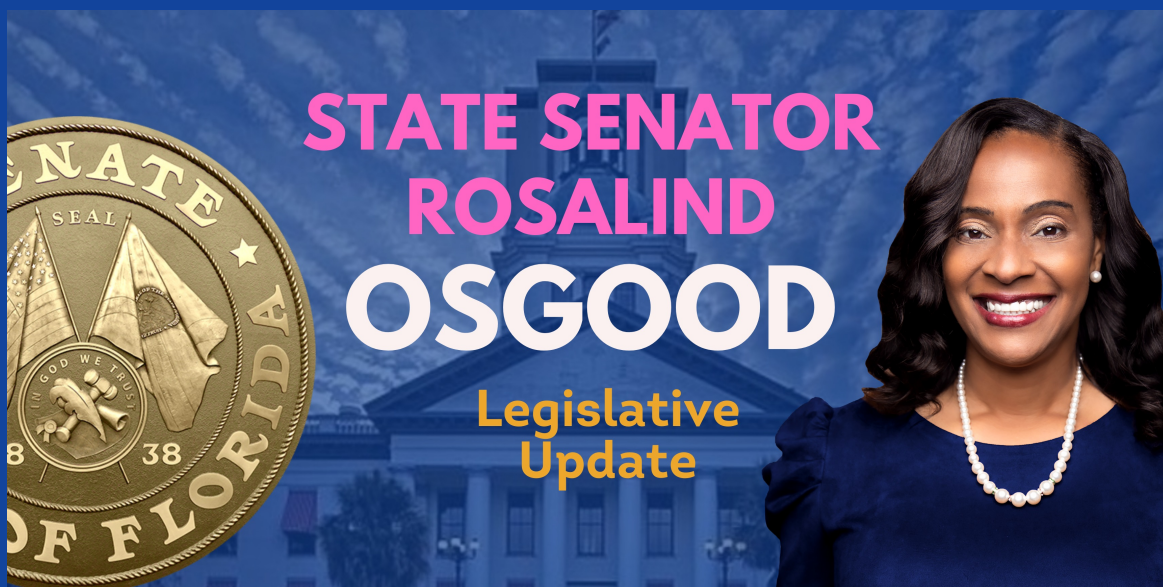


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Week Eight!

Dear Residents,

Greetings from the Florida Capitol! As we wrap up week eight of the 2024 Legislative Session, I'm excited to recap highlights from the week!

I am thrilled to share that [SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) has officially passed through the Florida Senate! [SB 62](#) allows students who have been incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility in Florida not to lose his or her residency status for purposes such as enrollment or in-state tuition rates.

I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to my fellow Senators for their unanimous support of [SB 62](#), which aims to enhance the education experience for all students from all walks of life in the state of Florida. Your unwavering dedication to advancing our educational system is admirable and will undoubtedly benefit countless minds across our state.

Although the end of the 2024 Legislative Session is near, I'll continue sharing weekly updates straight to your inbox, with valuable information on our progress and highlighting critical developments in the legislative process.

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I am confident that, together with my colleagues, we can make a positive impact on the lives of Floridians. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of shaping a better future for our great state!

Tuesday Talks

I am delighted to host the much-anticipated Tuesday Talks, where we can connect, share ideas, and discuss legislation. Mark your calendars, grab your favorite morning drink, and join me virtually via Facebook every **Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.!** You can find my weekly Tuesday Talks on my Facebook at [Rosalind Osgood](#). Your presence and engagement are invaluable as we embark on this journey of empowerment. I look forward to having you join me for Tuesday Talks, where your voice matters!

This past Tuesday, I held an amazing Tuesday Talk where we discussed all things from Week Eight of the 2024 Legislative Session. This Session is almost over, so be sure to tune in for the final Tuesday Talk next week!



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Committee Highlights

This Tuesday, during Fiscal Policy, the committee voted in favor of a \$20 million compensation to Dozier School victims who suffered abuse.

Historically, the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in North Florida committed the most heinous actions, such as rapes and beatings, against its students. After more than a decade of seeking justice and sharing their stories, the victims of the Dozier School will finally have a chance to be compensated for the horrors they faced.

With the compensation attached to the 2024 bill, [SB 24 - Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program](#), the Fiscal Policy Committee was able to vote on [SB 24](#) and send the bill to the Senate Floor. It is my hope that the bill passes through the Senate and House so that the victims of this horrible abuse get the compensation that they not only need but deserve.



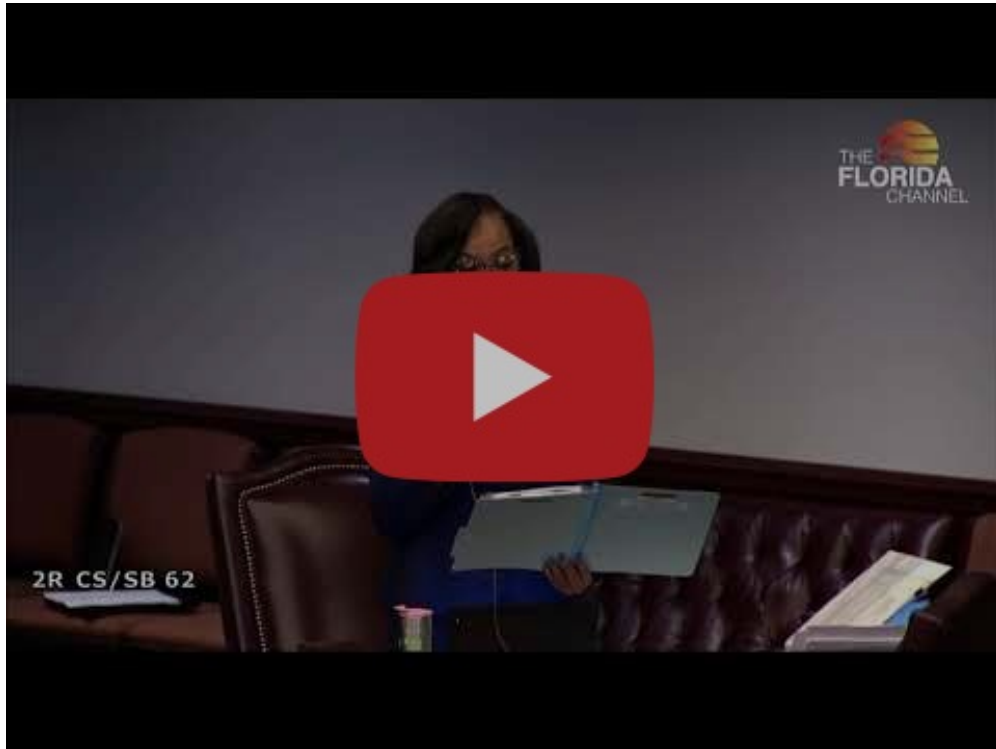
Senate Floor Highlights

This week, [SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) passed unanimously

through the Senate Floor!

[SB 62](#) allows individuals who have been incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility in Florida not to lose his or her residency status. Geared towards education, this bill is a step forward for previously incarcerated students to either continue or start their education post release. Affording formerly incarcerated individuals' access to in-state tuition rates demonstrates a commitment to promoting a more forgiving educational environment that values rehabilitation and second chances.

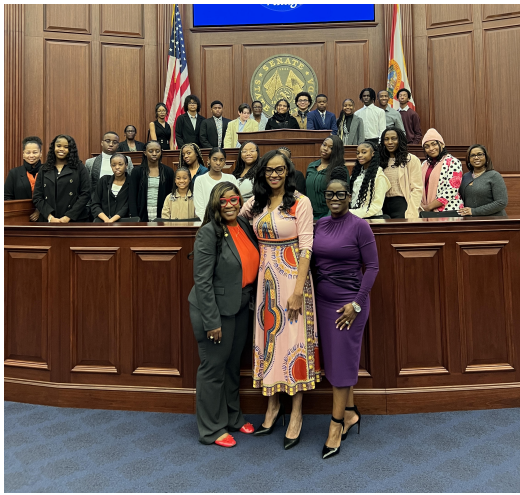
To view [SB 62 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes](#) passing on the Senate Floor, please see the video below!



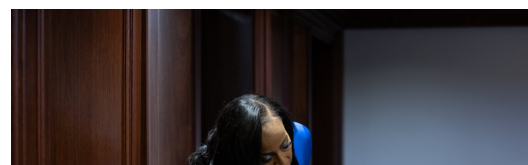
Office Visits

I find great joy in welcoming individuals to my office at the Florida Capitol to share their legislative interests – it's truly a highlight of my day! Engaging with constituents and hearing their perspectives on critical issues is valuable. As the Legislative Session progresses, you can reach out anytime by phone, email, or by visiting my Tallahassee office (Office #226) in the Florida Capitol. Your input is crucial, and I look forward to building a stronger connection with my community! If you would like to set up a meeting in Tallahassee, please send a request to Fishman.Julie@flsenate.gov.





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Committee Assignments

In the Florida Legislature, committees are established to vote on and propose solutions for the benefit of Florida's residents. These committees are tailored to specific issues and are named based on their intended purpose.

I am pleased to share that I have been appointed to several significant committees within the Florida Legislature, including the roles of Vice Chair on the Community Affairs Committee and membership in the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, Education Pre-K -12, Fiscal Policy, Health Policy, Regulated Industries, Rules, and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute and make a positive impact in these important areas, and I eagerly look forward to the meaningful work ahead. **Please see below for more information on my assigned committees for the 2024 Legislative Session.**

Committee Assignments for the 2024 Legislative Session

Updated on January 12, 2023



CA

Community Affairs (Vice Chair): This committee is responsible for a broad range of issues relating to local governments.

AEG

Appropriations on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government: This committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations on the state budget for agriculture, environment, and general government programs

ED

Education Pre-K - 12: This committee is responsible for overseeing the state's education policies and programs for children from pre-k to 12th grade.

FP

Fiscal Policy: This committee is responsible for reviewing and analyzing Florida's fiscal policies and making recommendations to the Senate.

HP

Health Policy: This committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing legislation related to health care policy in Florida.

RI

Regulated Industries: This committee is responsible for maintaining a review of the work of state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each area.

RC

Rules: This committee is responsible for reviewing all proposed bills to ensure that they follow the guidelines of the State.

Legislative Updates

After putting in months of groundwork, I've been actively working with my colleagues in the Senate and House to represent your interests. From advocating for enhanced healthcare services to pushing for comprehensive education reforms, our focus is on driving meaningful change and addressing the core concerns that matter most to our community. **Please see below for updated information on all of the bills I have filed for the 2024 legislative Session.**

Legislation Update: Current List of Filed Bills

Updated on March 1st, 2024



SB62

Resident Status for Tuition: This bill changes the requirements for a person to be considered a resident for tuition purposes to include time spent in certain correctional institutions. **This bill has passed on the Senate Floor!**

SB64

Landlords & Tenants: This bill limits rent increases in certain circumstances and clarifies that a landlord can still terminate the rental agreement even if a partial payment is made.

SB252

Psychiatric Therapy: This bill defines electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) and psychosurgical procedure requiring only physicians perform them and prohibits procedures on minors.

SB350

Cold Case Murders: This bill allows local agencies to work on cold cases if they have the resources or turn them over to the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement if they can't work the case. **This bill has passed in Criminal Justice and is now in on Appropriations on Criminal and Civil Justice.**

SB354

Task Force on Missing & Murdered African-American Women: This bill establishes the Task Force within the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement to address and reduce violence against African-American women and girls.

SB372

State Certified Doulas: This bill defines a "state-certified doula" and requires the Dept. of Health to create certification requirements, best practices, a public registry, and a list of entities with approved education/training for doulas.

SB374

Human Trafficking: This bill revises the term "coercion" and authorizes the prosecution of specified offenses under the RICO Act. It requires several state agencies to establish awareness training programs and partnerships.

SB386

Affordable Housing Parking Requirements: The bill requires counties and municipalities to reduce parking requirements for certain developments if specific conditions are met. **The concept of this bill is now in SB 328.**

SB1426

Sale of Rabbits: This bill is designed to help curtail the growing wild rabbit population by requiring better accountability for rabbits sold by pet stores and prohibits the sale of rabbits during the months of March and April.

SB1446

Access to Contraception: This bill's primary purpose is to establish and protect the right to access contraception in the state of Florida.

SB1460

Child Support and Time-sharing Resulting from Unwanted Pregnancies: This bill sets the guidelines for pregnancies resulting from rape, incest or human trafficking if the victim is unable to receive an abortion.

SB1462

Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program: This bill establishes the Reduction in Black Female and Women's Maternal Mortality Grant Program and aims reduce Black female and women's maternal mortality.

SB1610

Financial Accountability in Publicly Funded Education: This bill establishes universal standards for the use of public funds in the education system.

SB1688

Career-themed Courses: This bill requires school districts to inform middle school students and parents of career and technical education opportunities. **This bill has passed on the Senate Floor!**



Warm Regards,

Rosalind Osgood

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Senator, District 32



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