



# From the desk of Senator Barbara Sharief



## A Senator on a Mission

2025 Legislative Update  
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Dear Constituents,

As we enter Week 7 of the 2025 Legislative Session, the Capitol was abuzz with energy and purpose. On April 15, we welcomed families and advocates from across the state for Children's Day at the Capitol, a highlight of Children's Week Florida. The event featured engaging activities like Storybook Village and the inclusive Storybook Garden, providing a joyful and educational experience for our youngest citizens.

In legislative developments, the Senate Finance and Tax Committee advanced SPB 7034, a comprehensive tax relief package. This proposal includes permanent sales tax exemptions on clothing and shoes priced at \$75 or less, a series of targeted sales tax holidays, including those for disaster preparedness, back-to-school supplies, and hunting equipment, and a one-time vehicle registration fee credit. Additionally, the bill proposes a study on reducing property taxes, reflecting a commitment to long-term fiscal responsibility.

# Kids Day at the Capitol



Highlights included the beloved Storybook Village, where stories were brought to life through interactive exhibits, and the newly introduced Storybook Garden, a sensory-friendly space designed to provide a calming environment for children who benefit from a quieter setting. This addition underscores our commitment to inclusivity, ensuring every child feels welcomed and engaged. Events like these remind us of the importance of investing in our children's futures and the role we all play in shaping a brighter tomorrow.

To learn more about Children's Week Florida and its initiatives, visit <https://childrensweek.org/>

# Legislative Update



## **Advancing Targeted Tax Relief: SPB 7034**

The Florida Senate is progressing with SPB 7034, a comprehensive tax relief package designed to provide meaningful support to families, businesses, and rural communities across the state.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- **Sales Tax Exemptions:** Permanent elimination of sales tax on clothing and shoes priced at \$75 or less, aimed at easing the financial burden on families with growing children and seniors.
- **Sales Tax Holidays:** Implementation of several tax-free periods, including a weeklong back-to-school holiday, a two-week disaster preparedness holiday, a week-long tool and safety equipment holiday, and a month-long outdoor supplies holiday.
- **Property Tax Study:** Commissioning a study to explore the implications of permanently reducing property taxes, reflecting a commitment to long-term fiscal responsibility and economic growth.
- **Rural Community Investment Program:** Establishment of a program within the Department of Commerce to incentivize investments in rural areas, fostering economic development and job creation.

SPB 7034 represents a balanced approach to tax policy, addressing immediate needs while laying the groundwork for sustainable economic prosperity.



As your Senator, I remain steadfast in championing the voices of District 35 and all Floridians. With purpose and determination, I will continue to advocate for our community's needs throughout this legislative session. Together, we forge ahead—focused, resolute, and always a Senator on a mission.

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