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Beginning the Fifty-fourth Regular Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Florida Constitution as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, and the 124th Regular Session since Statehood in 1845, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the 11th of January, A.D., 2022, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for convening the Legislature.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Simpson at 9:30 a.m. A quorum present—38:

Mr. President	Burgess	Perry
Albritton	Cruz	Pizzo
Ausley	Diaz	Polsky
Baxley	Farmer	Powell
Bean	Garcia	Rodrigues
Berman	Gibson	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Stargel
Bracy	Hooper	Stewart
Bradley	Hutson	Taddeo
Brandes	Jones	Torres
Brodeur	Mayfield	Wright
Broxson	Passidomo	

Excused: Senator Gainer

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Reverend John Chesser, The Assemblies of God:

Father, I quote the scripture 1 Peter 4:11 that says, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God." So, I come to you today with a purpose. I ask—and Lord I declare that I believe in the power of prayer—that all things are possible to the person who prays. And my prayer is focused today on this new year, 2022. Lord, no one would believe that we would still be in a pandemic for the third year. These leaders before you today have faced something no other governing body has faced before—having to balance between protection, freedom, and practical wisdom. I am thankful, Lord, for such a state government that has stood up to protect our freedoms in Florida and to protect us from lawlessness. I ask for the Senate, the House, the Judiciary, and our Governor: wisdom, courage, strength, the ability to make good decisions, smart decisions, and godly decisions as we move into another year of the unknown. James 1:5 declares, "If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives liberally and without reproach, and it will be given them."

Father, I ask for a cure to be developed to stop the coronavirus. We pray for those who have lost family and friends—maybe many here today. Lord, I would ask that you would grant comfort, strength, and encouragement. I pray for those who are presently sick in our state and nation. I pray today for all the healthcare providers—the hospitals, the doctors, the nurses, the first responders, and our law enforcement. I pray today for Mrs. DeSantis for healing for this year. I pray for everyone here today in the Florida Senate. May God bless you, keep you and your family in health, prosperity, and blessings, that you would continue to honor and keep God in our state. Lord, as I've had a personal relationship with you for 51 years, and I wish that all here today would know and experience you like I have. The Apostle Paul declares in Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection." Even Jesus declared in John 14:6 that, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes unto the Father, but by me." Now, may the blessing and favor of God rest upon the leaders of this Senate. I ask in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

COLOR GUARD

At the direction of the President, the Sergeant at Arms opened the doors of the chamber, and the Pasco Honor Guard marched into the chamber bearing flags of the United States of America and the State of Florida.

PLEDGE

The President's grandchildren, Addy and Emy Monbarren, were joined in the center aisle by all children present in the chamber and led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The President introduced Brooks Timmons, who sang *The Star Spangled Banner*. Brooks is a district legislative assistant to the President and an accomplished singer and musician.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Rodrigo A. Torres of Zephyrhills as the doctor of the day, here at his invitation. Dr. Torres specializes in hospital and family medicine. He is the Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of AdventHealth Zephyrhills and Dade City.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed the following members of the Florida Cabinet: Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, and Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried.

The President welcomed the following Florida Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Charles T. Canady and Justices Ricky Polston, Alan Lawson, John D. Couriel, and Jamie R. Grosshans.

The President welcomed his wife, the First Lady of the Florida Senate, Kathy Simpson; their son, Wilton Simpson, Jr., and his wife, Caroline Storch Simpson; daughter, Lauran Monbarren, and her husband, Kenten Monbarren, and their children, Addy and Emy.

The President announced the Senate was honored by the presence of former Senate Presidents Jim Scott (1994-1996), and his wife, Virginia Scott; Jeff Atwater (2008-2010); and Mike Haridopolos (2010-2012), and his wife, Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos.

The President welcomed Senate spouses and special guests who were present in the chamber.

The President welcomed former Senators Carey Baker, Lake County Property Appraiser; Steven Geller, Broward County Commissioner; Maria Lorts Sachs; John Grant; Curt Kiser; Jeremy Ring; and Dave Aronberg, State Attorney for Palm Beach County, who were present in the chamber.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, by unanimous consent—

SCR 1440—A concurrent resolution providing that the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has expressed a desire to address the Legislature in Joint Session, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:

That the House of Representatives and the Senate convene in Joint Session in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 11:00 a.m. this day, January 11, 2022, for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

—was taken up and read the first time by title. On motion by Senator Passidomo, **SCR 1440** was read the second time in full, adopted, and, by two-thirds vote, immediately certified to the House.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT WILTON SIMPSON

It's great to see all the Senate children and grandchildren here today. Every child is precious, especially our own, but there's something very special about grandchildren. They give us a sense of mortality because their lives begin when we're at the top of the hill. To be clear, I said at the top of the hill, not over the hill. They also give us an understanding of immortality. In them, we realize that our purpose and influence extend well beyond our years of service. My grandchildren have also lit a fire of urgency in me to do all I can to provide them with a solid foundation for their futures.

To me, that's the true measure of success. Not just taking care of today, but also focusing on tomorrow and the world we will leave to future generations. Last year, I talked a lot about sowing and reaping—the basic law of farming. I had high hopes we would pass laws and make investments that would endure beyond our years in Tallahassee. Thanks to your hard work and great partnerships with Speaker Sprowls, the House, and Governor DeSantis, we did accomplish some great things.

First and foremost, we kept Florida open and free. Faced with tremendous pressure and criticism at every step of the way, we held the line. We showed the nation that the free State of Florida respects the dignity of work. We showed that you can operate in a pandemic with facts based on science, not political agendas. We helped educate people to make choices, focusing on protecting the most vulnerable and providing options for those who were sick without shutting down the entire state.

We kept our schools open. We affirmed the right, and the responsibility, of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and health care of their children. We invested record funding in education, with the highest per-pupil funding ever. We continued to increase teacher salaries to attract and keep great teachers in this noble profession. We expanded school choice. One of the cornerstones to breaking generational poverty is to ensure that we have strong school choice options so that parents can direct their children's education.

I am proud to say that Florida continues to lead the nation in school choice. One out of every four children in America that is enrolled in a school choice program lives right here in Florida. We are the promised land for education-minded families.

And, Senators, I am especially proud that we continued to prioritize students with unique abilities, children from low-income families, children in foster care, children from military families, and siblings of children already in these scholarship programs. You've heard me say, "A rising tide lifts all boats." School choice is the tide that allows every single child, regardless of where they come from, to rise.

We invested in our state infrastructure. We established a three-part statewide infrastructure plan for affordable housing, mitigating the impacts of sea level rise, and enhancing wastewater programs, including septic-to-sewer conversions. Floridians have been waiting a long time for a comprehensive policy and a predictable budget plan to address these three critical areas.

We used over $2 billion in our one-time federal assistance to invest in building and repairing our roadways, putting Floridians to work and keeping commerce thriving. And, by the way, using fiscal discipline by investing these one-time dollars in one-time projects is going to keep our economy balanced and healthy for generations to come.

We worked to mitigate supply chain issues in Florida, created by lockdown states and foreign bad actors, by focusing on our Florida ports. I'm proud we made a significant investment last year, but it was not just last year. I am proud that we have invested over a billion dollars since I have been in the Senate. These are visionary seeds sown in the past, which increase our harvest today.

And speaking of visionary, five years ago, we removed the sales tax on manufacturing equipment. America needs to bring manufacturing jobs back, and let me be clear: Florida is open for business. We've got a job for anyone who wants one, and it is showing up in the national monthly job reports. Florida is leading the country thanks to the legislature's long-term vision.

For generations, Florida's environment has been one of the main attractions to new residents, businesses, retirees, and visitors to our great state. Investing in our environment is also an investment in infrastructure, but more than that, it is an investment in the quality of life for future generations.

We preserved and expanded Florida's wildlife corridors to maintain more of Florida's unique natural habitats. Equally important, wildlife corridors create and protect our critical aquifer recharge area. We invested in Northern Storage ASR wells to increase our clean, sustainable water supply. Northern Storage will ensure that we have additional clean water supply during times of drought. It also reduces east/west lake releases on the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers. By capturing water in the north, we remove 80 percent of the nutrient load before it

even gets to the lake. In short, northern storage ensures all of our other Everglades restoration projects can work as they were designed.

We also invested in septic-to-sewer conversions to mitigate existing pollution and prevent future water pollution. Experts say that the majority of our current nutrient load in and around the Everglades and our springsheds comes from septic tanks, so these conversions get to the actual root cause of the problem.

We recognized and elevated flood mitigation and sea level rise as a critical part of Florida's public safety infrastructure. By doing so, we will protect the trillions of dollars in personal property and public infrastructure, and most importantly, the quality of life for millions of Floridians. Senators, we accomplished this and much more, all during a worldwide pandemic.

Now more than ever, we understand that leadership matters, and under the leadership of this Legislature and this Governor, Florida continues to be a refuge for freedom, a destination for millions, and a slice of paradise for those who want to work, raise their families, and succeed without the heavy hand of government telling them how to live.

But with all the great things happening in this state, there is always a need to innovate and improve. My work in farming and business taught me a long time ago that success has almost nothing to do with government and everything to do with hard-working people. Most of the time, the best way government can help is to stay out of the way. It always helps by honoring our freedoms and by focusing on the core mission of a solid infrastructure, strong public safety, and education opportunities enjoyed by everyone.

We also have to recognize that government can be hurtful, with mandates, lockdowns, edicts, and regulations that deprive good people of the ability to work and provide for themselves and their families. Every legislature, every year, has another chance to make choices about what kind of government Florida is going to have. This session, we have another chance to sow the seeds that will grow our tomorrow.

Some of our endeavors will be those that voters required of us, like our annual balanced budget, and redistricting. I know this Senate will accomplish both of these tasks with products that we, and all Floridians, can be proud of.

In addition to our constitutional assignments, we have choices to make about how we will conduct ourselves this session. Working together, I believe we should take the same approach as we did last year. Because of past choices, Floridians have continued to prosper, and entrepreneurs are creating and growing new businesses across our state. Our economy is flourishing and, as a result, our state has the resources to add to last year's investments in our children, our natural resources, and our infrastructure.

We will continue to invest in expanding Florida's Wildlife Corridors and Northern Storage ASR Wells. We will continue to invest in our roadways and seaports. We will further enhance the minimum wage for state workers and those who contract to perform critical services. We will provide higher wages for law enforcement and corrections officers. And we are also going to make sure that increases are prioritized for bus drivers, maintenance workers, cafeteria workers, and other true public servants in our public schools.

Senators, you all know how important it is to me that we continue our work to improve Florida's Child Welfare System. Costs of early childhood care are consistently identified as one of the biggest barriers for would-be foster families. We need to address the gap between what the Early Learning Coalition voucher pays and the actual cost of care. Also, if a relative takes on the responsibility of child rearing, they ought to receive the same support from the state as a foster family. The difference right now is about $200 a month per child.

Similarly, the college tuition waiver has been an important tool for youth aging out of foster care. We need to make sure more children raised by their foster relatives have access to this important tool. These are modest investments for the state, but could mean all the difference for a family member or foster parent facing the prospect of taking in a vulnerable child.

I'll be the first to say government can never replace the role of a safe, loving family. But we can, and we will continue to make foster children a priority by identifying and supporting caring families for them. The earlier in life we can give a child a safe, permanent home, the better opportunities that child will have for the rest of their lives.

Finally, I want local governments to know that we have heard your concerns about preemption bills. I will keep a sharp eye out for legislation that would limit your ability to pass local ordinances. At the same time, we are going to make sure that local citizens and businesses understand the impact of your regulations by requiring you to provide fiscal impact statements for your ordinances and referendums. We will also ensure that you pay legitimate businesses that are impacted by your takings. It's been said that "with great power comes great responsibility." We want to ensure that local governments are exercising one with the other.

Senators, I look forward to the work ahead this session. Over the last two years, Floridians have watched the freedoms of our friends and relatives in other states get stripped away one at a time. Florida is different. Florida is special. And if we work together, we can keep Florida a beacon of hope, opportunity, and freedom for generations to come. Thank you.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

On motion by Senator Passidomo that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the 2022 Session, the President appointed Senator Bean, Chair; and Senators Baxley, Hutson, Mayfield, and Rouson. The committee was excused.

On motion by Senator Passidomo that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the 2022 Session, the President appointed Senator Broxson, Chair; and Senators Bracy, Perry, Powell, and Torres. The committee was excused.

COMMITTEE RECEIVED

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Representative Andrade, Chair; and Representatives Eskamani, McCurdy, Snyder, and Tuck was received and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the 2022 Session. The committee then withdrew from the chamber.

COMMITTEES DISCHARGED

The committee appointed to notify the Governor returned to the Senate Chamber and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives returned to the Senate Chamber and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Burgess recognized his daughter, Adeline, whose eighth birthday was this day.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 10:38 a.m. and, pursuant to **SCR 1440**, will meet in joint session at 11:00 a.m. this day for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor and conducting other Senate business.

(See remainder of Senate business following joint session.)

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to **SCR 1440**, the Senate formed in processional order and marched as a body to the chamber of the House of Representatives where they were received in due form. The joint session was called to order by the Honorable Chris Sprowls, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, and the Congressional Delegation were received and seated.

The Justices of the Supreme Court were received and seated.

The Speaker presented the gavel to the Honorable Wilton Simpson, President of the Senate, to preside over the joint session.

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

The President declared a quorum of the joint session present.

Former Representative Mel Ponder delivered the prayer.

Senate President Pro Tempore Bean and House Speaker Pro Tempore Avila led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

On motion by Representative Grant that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was assembled to receive his message, the President appointed Senator Bean, Co-chair; and Senators Brandes, Gibson, and Stargel. On behalf of the Speaker, the President appointed Representative Tomkow, Co-chair; and Representatives Busatta Cabrera, Daley, Harding, and Omphroy. The committee withdrew from the chamber.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized the following guests: First Lady of the House of Representatives, Shannon Sprowls, and First Lady of the Senate, Kathy Simpson.

The President recognized the House Sergeant at Arms who announced His Excellency, the Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor. The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor subsequently returned to the chamber escorting Governor DeSantis to the rostrum.

The President presented the Governor to the joint assembly.

ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the Legislature and fellow citizens:

Together we have made Florida the freest state in these United States. While so many around the country have consigned the people's rights to the graveyard, Florida has stood as freedom's vanguard. In Florida, we have protected the right of our citizens to earn a living, provided our businesses with the ability to prosper, fought back against unconstitutional federal mandates, and ensured our kids have the opportunity to thrive.

Florida has become the escape hatch for those chafing under authoritarian, arbitrary, and seemingly never-ending mandates and restrictions.

Even today, across the nation, we see students denied an education due to reckless, politically-motivated school closures, workers denied employment due to heavy-handed mandates, and Americans denied freedoms due to a coercive biomedical apparatus. These unprecedented policies have been as ineffective as they have been destructive. They are grounded more in blind adherence to Faucian declarations than they are in the constitutional traditions that are the foundation of free nations.

Florida is a free state. We reject the biomedical security state that curtails liberty, ruins livelihoods, and divides society. And we will protect the rights of individuals to live their lives free from the yoke of restrictions and mandates. Florida has stood strong as the rock of freedom. And upon this rock we must build Florida's future.

We will, fortunately, be able to confront our challenges with an incredibly favorable budget outlook and strong economic performance that has withstood unfavorable national headwinds.

My recommended budget of $99.7 billion has more than $15 billion in reserve—one of the largest surpluses in state history. Florida's revenues have exceeded estimates by billions of dollars over the past year. December's revenues came in at more than $500 million over the latest monthly estimate. And this is all being done with no income tax and the lowest per capita tax burden in America.

Job creation in Florida is far exceeding the national average. And our labor force has increased six times faster than the nation's. Florida also leads the nation in business formations, which have increased by 61 percent since I took office in 2019. In 2021, Florida saw 114,000 more new businesses than second place California—even though California has a population that is 40 percent larger.

Freedom works. Our economy is the envy of the nation. And the state is well-prepared to withstand future economic turmoil. Our nation is, though, facing economic problems stemming from reckless federal policies, especially the most sustained inflation our country has witnessed in decades. The federal government has borrowed and printed unprecedented sums of money, and the bill is coming due.

Inflation is an invisible tax. It represents a pay cut for individuals and families alike. And one of the ways families have felt the pinch has been in significantly higher gas prices. To help alleviate this burden for Florida families, I am proposing a $1 billion gas tax holiday to help reduce prices at the pump. If Washington, D.C., won't change course, then we have a responsibility to step up on behalf of Floridians.

Education represents a major pillar of Florida's future. I'm happy to note that Florida is again ranked number three for K-12 achievement in the latest Education Week Quality Counts rankings. We have worked hard to keep schools open, increase teacher compensation, promote workforce education, and protect the rights of parents. In pockets across America, schools are closing once again. These closures are enormously destructive and will not be tolerated in the State of Florida. Florida has led the way in putting our kids first. In the summer of 2020, when it wasn't fashionable, we made clear that kids needed to be in school. We faced opposition from hysterical media, from unions, and the politicians they control. We even faced lawsuits aiming to close the schools, but we wouldn't allow fear or politics to harm our kids. We were right and they were wrong. And millions of families in Florida are better for it.

While it is important to embrace high academic standards and to measure student achievement, the FSA test is not the best way to do it. I am proposing the elimination of the FSA and replacing it with periodic progress monitoring. This will lead to meaningful feedback for parents and teachers and will reduce the amount of time dedicated to testing, leaving more time for learning. This reform will be better for students, teachers, and parents, and it will help Florida remain a leader in education reform.

Over the past two years, we have increased the average minimum salary for teachers by more than $6,000. And last year, we provided $1,000 bonuses to every public school teacher and principal in the state. Brittany Duquaine is a teacher at Lakewood Elementary School in Pinellas County. She has benefited from the bonuses and salary increases, and the experience at Lakewood shows why this is important, as Brittany and her colleagues took the school from an F grade in 2019 to an A grade in 2021. Let's continue this progress by further increasing teacher pay and by approving $1,000 bonuses for a second year in a row.

Florida has enacted a Parents' Bill of Rights and we reject the notion that parents shouldn't have a say in what their kids learn in school. Indeed, Florida law should provide parents with the right to review the curriculum used in their children's schools. We should provide parents with recourse so that state standards are enforced, such as Florida's prohibition on infusing subjects with critical race theory in our classrooms.

Quisha King is a mother from Duval County who has joined moms all across Florida and America to speak out against divisive ideologies like

CRT. These moms are standing up for a principle that is the policy of the State of Florida—our tax dollars should not be used to teach our kids to hate our country or to hate each other.

Florida's public college and university system is ranked number one in the nation yet again. Higher education must remain affordable for Florida families. I will not support any tuition increases at Florida's colleges and universities, and I oppose cutting Bright Futures scholarships, which have benefited many Florida families.

As proud as we are of the quality and affordability of Florida's university system, a four-year education at a traditional brick-and-ivy school isn't the only pathway to success. Over the past three years, Florida has added more than 50 new apprenticeship programs. The credentials earned through our workforce initiatives have paved the way for employment in a variety of fields like aviation, logistics, and welding. These are as valuable and as honorable endeavors as attending august universities, and they deserve our support.

Florida's dedicated focus on the skilled trades will help expand the state's manufacturing footprint. We have already seen businesses move here from other states, and we should also be actively encouraging businesses to repatriate production back to America from foreign countries. Do we really want our supply chains to be captive to the whims of a country such as communist China?

Florida's economic security is also linked to the stewardship of our natural resources. We Floridians are heirs to a unique environment that makes our state the envy of the nation for fishing, boating, and other outdoor activities. Three years ago, we promised bold action to safeguard Florida's natural resources, improve water quality, and restore the Everglades. With the support of the Legislature, especially Speaker Chris Sprowls and President Wilton Simpson, we have secured historic funding to support these efforts.

Since January 2019, 42 Everglades restoration projects have broken ground, hit a major milestone, or finished construction, record funding has gone to conduct research and secure technologies to mitigate blue-green algae and red tide, and the state now has dedicated streams of revenue to promote coastal resiliency and water quality improvements.

We have even made enormous strides in removing invasive Burmese pythons from the Everglades. In the gallery today is the reigning python king, Charlie Dachton, who caught a whopping 41 pythons in our 2021 statewide contest.

We resolved to leave our unique natural inheritance to God better than we found it, and we are fulfilling that pledge.

We also will continue to honor our commitment to safe communities. Florida is a law and order state. We will not allow law enforcement to be defunded, bail to be eliminated, criminals to be prematurely released from prison, or prosecutors to ignore the law. These soft-on-crime policies have been tried in communities throughout the country to disastrous results: crime has skyrocketed, morale for police officers has plummeted, and quality of life has been destroyed.

We have stood by the men and women of law enforcement. Not only do we reject defunding law enforcement, we enacted $1,000 bonuses for all police, fire, and EMTs in Florida. I'm asking the Legislature to re-up these bonuses for another year. They deserve it. Serving in law enforcement is a noble calling, and we will not allow our officers to be smeared by reckless politicians and corporate media. My proposals to increase pay for state law enforcement by up to 25 percent and to provide $5,000 signing bonuses to law enforcement personnel who either transfer to or begin their careers in Florida will spark a tidal wave of qualified professionals seeking employment at agencies throughout the state.

I'm happy to be joined by Officer Yehuda Topper from the North Miami Beach Police Department, who moved from NYC and is the state's first orthodox Jewish police officer. Let there be no doubt to those who wear the uniform—the State of Florida stands with you!

Law and order requires strong borders. The crisis at the U.S.—Mexico border over the past year has witnessed staggering illegal migration and a massive influx of narcotics like fentanyl. Rather than defend our sovereignty and enforce the border, the federal government has released hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens to communities across the U.S., shipping them to Florida at alarming rates, including by sending clandestine flights in the dark of night.

As a state, we cannot be a party to what is effectively a massive human smuggling operation run by the federal government. Companies who are facilitating the movement of illegal aliens from the southern border to Florida should be held accountable, including by paying restitution to the state for all the costs they are imposing on our communities. I am also requesting funds so that when the feds dump illegal aliens in Florida, the state can re-route them to states that have sanctuary policies. Florida should not be made to bear the burden of our federal government's lawless open border policies.

The rule of law also means that our citizens have the ability to participate in elections that are secure and transparent. It is Orwellian doublespeak to invoke the concept of "voting rights" to mean ballot harvesting, prohibiting voter ID and taxpayer funding of elections. Those are political concepts that erode the integrity of our elections. Ballot harvesting has no place in Florida and we need to increase the penalties for those who do it. We also need to ensure that supervisors clean the voter rolls, that only citizens are registered to vote, and that mail ballots only go to those who actually request them before each individual election.

To ensure that elections are conducted in accordance with the rule of law, I have proposed an election integrity unit whose sole focus will be the enforcement of Florida's election laws. This will facilitate the faithful enforcement of election laws and will provide Floridians with the confidence that their vote will count.

Our constitutional rights have been under assault on a number of fronts, and Florida has stood tall in defending the rights of its people. A free society requires the ability to have robust discussions about issues of public importance, yet today, Big Tech companies have used their platforms to elevate preferred narratives and to stifle dissent, serving as a de facto council of censors. Florida was the first state to legislate protections for its citizens, and we should build on this success. These same companies make a fortune by selling user data. Floridians should not have their data utilized by Big Tech without providing affirmative consent and I urge the Legislature to enact protections for the data privacy of all Floridians.

I also recommend that the Legislature strengthen protections for Floridians' 2nd Amendment rights. These important rights should not depend on the whims of politicians who reject the existence of those rights.

Finally, we have an opportunity to strengthen protections for the right to life, without which the other rights mean little. Protecting life does not end with the unborn. It must also include continued efforts to promote adoption and foster care so that all Floridians have a fair chance in life. Florida has 4,000 more licensed caregivers than in 2019, and I am proposing additional funds for foster parents in next year's budget.

Nobody has done more to support Florida's children than our First Lady, whose Pathway to Prosperity program has served more than 17,000 families in need through a collaboration between DCF and the faith community.

On behalf of our family, I want to personally thank everyone who has sent prayers and well-wishes for her recovery from breast cancer. Casey is strong, resilient, and has a husband and three kids who love her dearly. 2022 is the year she will be cancer free!

Florida has understood how important it is to put our seniors first, and we have done that time and again over the past two years. Most recently, we led the nation in raising awareness of and expanding access to monoclonal antibody treatments. This effort has kept thousands of seniors out of the hospital and has saved many lives.

Wally and Doris Cortese from Cape Coral are with us today. Wally is a WWII and Korean War veteran who has been married to Doris for 62 years. When they both contracted COVID-19, they utilized monoclonal treatments to make full recoveries. God bless you both.

On June 24, millions of Floridians were shocked to wake up to the news of a catastrophic partial collapse at the Champlain Towers South condominium complex. First responders rescued dozens of people from an adjoining tower and searched a massive pile of rubble for survivors for weeks. Our first responders poured their hearts and souls into the rescue efforts. Ray Jadallah is the assistant chief of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue who helped lead those efforts. We thank Ray and all the members of the Urban Search and Rescue Teams that worked tirelessly during those very difficult days.

The loss of the 98 victims who perished in the collapse has been devastating and incalculable.

One of the victims was 92-year-old Hilda Noriega, whose son, North Bay Village Chief of Police Carlos Noriega, and grandchildren are with us today. Hilda was the matriarch of an amazing family and is dearly missed by those who knew her. The grief and anguish endured by the Noriega family and the other Surfside families has been overwhelming, and reminds us that, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he saves those whose spirits are crushed."

Our state should provide support for an appropriate memorial so that future generations will never forget the legacies of the victims of that terrible event. The Surfside tragedy reminds us that you never know what tomorrow will bring. Don't take anything for granted and make the most out of each and every day.

We have 60 days to work together to build upon our rock of freedom. Lost time is never found again. Seize the moment. And be thankful that God has blessed us to live and serve in America's liberty outpost, the free State of Florida!

DISSOLUTION OF JOINT SESSION

Following the Governor's address, the previously appointed committee escorted the Governor from the House Chamber, followed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, and the Congressional Delegation.

SPEAKER SPROWLS PRESIDING

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the joint session was dissolved at 11:58 a.m., and the Senators were escorted from the House Chamber by the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

Senate Bills 2-48—Not used.

By Senator Jones—

SB 50—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Leonard Cure; providing an appropriation to compensate him for being wrongfully incarcerated for 16 years; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable directly to Mr. Cure; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to pay the directed funds without requiring that Mr. Cure sign a liability release; providing for the waiver of certain tuition and fees for Mr. Cure; declaring that the Legislature does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's limits of liability with respect to this act; prohibiting funds awarded under this act to Mr. Cure from being used or paid for attorney or lobbying fees; prohibiting Mr. Cure from submitting a compensation application under certain provisions upon his receipt of payment under this act; requiring specific reimbursement to the state should a civil award be issued subsequent to Mr. Cure's receipt of payment under this act; requiring Mr. Cure to notify the Department of Legal Affairs upon filing certain civil actions; requiring the department to file a specified notice under certain circumstances; providing that certain benefits are vacated upon specified findings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 52—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Robert Earl DuBoise; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. DuBoise for being wrongfully incarcerated for almost 37 years; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable directly to Mr. DuBoise; providing for the waiver of certain tuition and fees for Mr. DuBoise; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to pay the directed funds without requiring that Mr. DuBoise sign a liability release; declaring that the Legislature does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's limits of liability with respect to this act; prohibiting funds awarded under this act to Mr. DuBoise from being used or paid for specified attorney or lobbying fees; prohibiting Mr. DuBoise from submitting a compensation application under certain provisions upon his receipt of payment under the act; requiring specific reimbursement to the state should a civil award be issued subsequent to Mr. DuBoise's receipt of payment under the act; requiring Mr. DuBoise to notify the Department of Legal Affairs upon filing certain civil actions; requiring the department to file a specified notice under certain circumstances; providing that certain benefits are vacated upon specified findings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 54—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Barney Brown; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Brown for being wrongfully incarcerated for 38 years; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable directly to Mr. Brown; declaring that the Legislature does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's limits of liability with respect to this act; providing that the appropriation satisfies all present and future claims related to the arrest, conviction, and incarceration of Mr. Brown; prohibiting the award of any additional amounts for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 56—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Danielle Maudsley; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Danielle Maudsley for Ms. Maudsley's death, sustained as a result of the alleged negligence of Trooper Daniel Cole and the Florida Highway Patrol, a division of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 58—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Yeilyn Quiroz Otero by Miami-Dade County; providing for the appropriation of funds to Heather Hasandras, as guardian of the property of Yeilyn Quiroz Otero, to compensate Miss Quiroz Otero for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of Miami-Dade County; requiring that the funds, less certain fees and costs, be placed in a special needs trust for the exclusive use and benefit of Miss Quiroz Otero; requiring that any remaining funds in the trust upon the death of Miss Quiroz Otero revert to the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing legislative intent regarding the waiver of certain liens; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 60—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of the Estate of Molly Parker; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Molly Parker for Ms. Parker's death, sustained as result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 62—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Maury Hernandez; providing an appropriation to compensate Maury Hernandez, a former Broward County Sheriff's Office deputy, for injuries and damages sustained as a consequence of the alleged negligence of the Department of Corrections in the course of his employment; providing legislative intent that certain liens be waived; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 64—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Ricardo Medrano-Arzate and Eva Chavez-Medrano, as personal representatives of Hilda Medrano, by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office; providing for an appropriation of funds to pay Ricardo Medrano-Arzate and Eva Chavez-Medrano for the damages awarded in connection with the death of their daughter as a result of the negligence of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

SB 66—Not introduced.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 68—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Julia Perez by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office; providing for compensation to Julia Perez for personal injuries and damages she suffered as a result of the negligence of an employee of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office; providing legislative intent for the waiver of certain liens; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 70—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Donna Catalano by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an appropriation to compensate Donna Catalano for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of Donald Gerard Burthe, an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 72—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Reginald Jackson by the City of Lakeland; providing an appropriation to compensate Reginald Jackson for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of Mike Cochran, a police officer with the Lakeland Police Department; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 74—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Harry Augustin Shumow by the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Memorial Hospital; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 76—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Jamiyah Mitchell, Latricia Mitchell, and Jerald Mitchell by the South Broward Hospital District; providing an appropriation to compensate Latricia Mitchell and Jerald Mitchell, individually and as legal guardians of Jamiyah Mitchell, for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the South Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 78—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Scotty Bartek; providing an appropriation to compensate Scotty Bartek for being wrongfully incarcerated; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 80—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Christeia Jones, as guardian of Logan Grant, Denard Maybin, Jr., and Lanard Maybin; providing an appropriation to compensate them for injuries and damages sustained as a result of an automobile accident caused by Trooper Raul Umana, an employee of the Florida Highway Patrol, a division of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claim Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Torres—

SB 82—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Kareem Hawari by the Osceola County School Board; providing an appropriation to Mr. Hawari to compensate him for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Osceola County School Board; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master on Claims Bills; and the Committees on Judiciary; Education; and Rules.

SB 84—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

Senate Bills 86-94—Not used.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 96—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; amending s. 11.90, F.S.; authorizing the Legislative Budget Commission to convene to transfer or appropriate certain funds to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; amending s. 252.37, F.S.; revising legislative intent; authorizing the Governor to transfer and expend moneys from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; authorizing the Governor to request that additional funds be transferred or appropriated to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, under specified conditions; providing a transfer of funds; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 98—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund; creating s. 252.3711, F.S.; creating the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for the deposit and use of funds; providing for future review and termination of the fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senator Rodrigues—

SJR 100—A joint resolution of apportionment; providing for the apportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate (plans _____ and _____); adopting the United States Decennial Census of 2020 for use in such apportionment; defining terms; providing for the inclusion of omitted areas; providing contiguity for areas specified for inclusion in one district which are noncontiguous; specifying that the apportioned districts constitute the legislative districts of the state; specifying that electronic maps serve as the official maps of the legislative districts of the state; providing for the public availability of electronic maps; providing for severability of invalid portions; providing for application beginning in 2022.

—was referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

By Senator Rodrigues—

SB 102—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0001, F.S.; adopting the United States Decennial Census of 2020 as the official census of the state for use in redistricting the state's congressional districts; defining terms; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan _____); amending s. 8.0111, F.S.; providing for the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts in accordance with figures from the United States Decennial Census of 2020; reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to Congress; creating s. 8.051, F.S.; specifying that certain electronic maps serve as the official maps of the congressional districts of the state; providing for construction; requiring such maps to be made available to the public by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research within a specified timeframe; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for applicability; repealing ss. 8.08, 8.081, 8.082, 8.083, 8.084, 8.085, 8.086, 8.087, and 8.088, F.S.; deleting obsolete and superseded provisions relating to congressional districts enacted in Special Session A of the 2014 Legislature; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

Senate Bills 104-142—Not used.

Senate Bills 144-150—Not introduced.

By Senator Farmer—

SJR 152—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 22 in Article III and a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require a supermajority vote of each house to approve a general law preempting a subject of legislation to the state.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Rodriguez and Ausley—

SB 154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax exemption; amending s. 196.202, F.S.; revising the value of property subject to an ad valorem tax exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 156—A bill to be entitled An act relating to loss run statements; amending ss. 626.9202 and 627.444, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "loss run statement"; specifying the entities that must receive requests for loss run statements; specifying that insurers must provide loss run statements under certain circumstances; revising the required claims history in loss run statements; providing applicability; limiting loss run statement requests with respect to group health insurance policies to group policyholders; repealing s. 627.6647, F.S., relating to release of claims experience; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

SB 158—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 162—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physician certifications for the medical use of marijuana; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; increasing the number of supply limits of marijuana a qualified physician may issue in a single physician certification for the medical use of marijuana; providing a higher supply limit for certain disabled qualified patients; revising the frequency with which qualified physicians must evaluate existing qualified patients for a physician certification for the medical use of marijuana; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 164—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physician certifications for the medical use of marijuana; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; authorizing qualified physicians to perform patient examinations and evaluations through telehealth for renewals of physician certifications for the medical use of marijuana; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 166—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Inter Miami CF specialty license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the license plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Polsky and Book—

SB 168—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage between persons of the same sex; repealing s. 741.212, F.S., relating to marriage between persons of the same sex; deleting a prohibition on the recognition of same-sex marriages; deleting a prohibition on the state and its agencies and subdivisions giving effect to a public act, record, or judicial proceeding that respects a same-sex marriage or relationship or a claim arising from such marriage or relationship; deleting the definition of the term "marriage"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Polsky and Book—

SB 170—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 24.1051, F.S.; creating a temporary exemption from public records for the names of lottery winners who win prizes of more than a specified value; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senators Pizzo and Book—

SB 172—A bill to be entitled An act relating to courtroom animal advocates; creating s. 828.035, F.S.; providing for appointment of an advocate for the interests of an animal in certain court proceedings, at the discretion of the court; providing powers and duties of such advocates; requiring the Animal Law Section of The Florida Bar to maintain a list of attorneys and certified legal interns meeting specified requirements who are eligible to be appointed as such advocates; specifying that certain rules of The Florida Bar govern such advocates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SM 174—A memorial to the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States commending Congress for granting trade promotion authority to the executive branch, urging the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and urging Congress to ratify such agreement.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 176—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clothing-optional locations; amending s. 800.03, F.S.; specifying that an exception to the commission of the offense of unlawful exposure of sexual organs includes clothing-optional beaches; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to amend a specified rule to comply with this act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 178—A bill to be entitled An act relating to visiting county and municipal detention facilities; creating s. 951.225, F.S.; authorizing specified persons to visit at their pleasure county and municipal detention facilities; prohibiting persons not otherwise authorized by law from entering such facilities; providing exceptions; prohibiting the unreasonable withholding of permission for professional journalists or writers to enter such facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 180—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 182—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy; amending s. 366.91, F.S.; defining the term "renewable energy source device"; authorizing owners of commercial or industrial businesses, or third parties contracted by such owners, to install, maintain, and operate a renewable energy source device on or about the structure in which the business operates or on a property that the business owns or leases; authorizing owners or contracted third parties to sell electricity generated from the device to certain businesses regardless of whether the device is located in a utility's service territory; providing applicability; authorizing utilities to recover the full cost of providing services to an energy-producing business or its customers, under certain circumstances; authorizing utilities to install, maintain, and operate certain renewable energy source devices; exempting the sale of electricity produced by such devices from regulation; authorizing utilities to recover certain costs under certain circumstances; authorizing customers to challenge such cost recovery and receive refunds following a successful challenge; clarifying applicability and the eligibility require-

ments of certain energy rebate or incentive programs established by law; authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dental therapy; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid to reimburse for dental services provided in a mobile dental unit that is owned by, operated by, or contracted with a health access setting or a similar setting or program; amending s. 466.001, F.S.; revising legislative purpose and intent; amending s. 466.002, F.S.; providing applicability; reordering and amending s. 466.003, F.S.; defining the terms "dental therapist" and "dental therapy"; revising the definition of the term "health access setting" to include certain dental therapy programs; amending s. 466.004, F.S.; requiring the chair of the Board of Dentistry to appoint a Council on Dental Therapy within a specified timeframe; providing for membership, meetings, and the purpose of the council; providing a process for rulemaking; making technical changes; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "full-time practice" and "full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year" to include full-time faculty members of certain dental therapy schools; amending s. 466.0075, F.S.; authorizing the board to require any person who applies to take the examination to practice dental therapy in this state to maintain medical malpractice insurance in a certain amount; amending s. 466.009, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to allow an applicant who fails the dental therapy examination to retake the examination; providing that an applicant who fails a practical or clinical examination to practice dental therapy because of a failing grade on just one part or procedure tested is required to retake and receive a passing score on only the failed part or procedure to be eligible for licensure; requiring an applicant who fails more than one part or procedure tested to retake the entire examination; making technical changes; amending s. 466.011, F.S.; requiring the board to certify certain applicants for licensure as a dental therapist; creating s. 466.0136, F.S.; providing that the board must require each licensed dental therapist to complete a specified number of hours of continuing education; providing requirements for the content of such continuing education; requiring the board to adopt rules and guidelines; authorizing the board to excuse licensees from continuing education requirements in certain circumstances; amending s. 466.016, F.S.; requiring a practitioner of dental therapy to post and display her or his license in each office where she or he practices; amending s. 466.017, F.S.; requiring the board to adopt certain rules relating to dental therapists; requiring certain dental therapists to possess a specified certification; authorizing a dental therapist under the general supervision of a dentist to administer local anesthesia and operate an X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, and interpret or read such films if specified requirements are met; requiring certain dental therapists to report to the board within a specified timeframe adverse incidents related to or resulting from the administration of local anesthesia; requiring a complete written report of such incidents to be filed with the board within a specified timeframe; providing for disciplinary action; amending s. 466.018, F.S.; providing that a dentist of record remains primarily responsible for the dental treatment of a patient regardless of whether the treatment is provided by a dental therapist; requiring the name or initials of a dental therapist who renders treatment to a patient to be placed in the record of the patient; creating s. 466.0225, F.S.; providing application requirements and examination and licensure qualifications for dental therapists; creating s. 466.0227, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; limiting the practice of dental therapy to specified settings or programs; authorizing a dental therapist to perform specified services, including specified state-specific dental therapy services, under the general supervision of a dentist under certain conditions; requiring a collaborative management agreement to be signed by a supervising dentist and a dental therapist and to include certain information; requiring a supervising dentist to determine the number of hours of practice which a dental therapist must complete under direct or indirect supervision before performing certain authorized services under general supervision; authorizing a supervising dentist to restrict or limit a dental therapist's practice in a collaborative management agreement; authorizing a dental therapist to provide dental therapy services to a patient before the supervising dentist examines or diagnoses the patient under certain conditions; requiring a supervising dentist to be licensed or registered and practicing in this state; specifying that the supervising dentist is responsible for certain services and for providing and arranging certain followup services; amending s. 466.026, F.S.; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 466.028, F.S.; revising grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action to include the practice of dental therapy; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming the criminal offense severity chart to changes made by the act; requiring the Department of Health, in consultation with the Board of Dentistry and the Agency for Health Care Administration, to submit certain reports to the Legislature by specified dates; providing requirements for such reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 186—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; amending s. 627.021, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising the method for determining the amounts of potential surcharges to be levied against policyholders under certain circumstances; defining the term "primary residence"; revising conditions for eligibility for coverage with the corporation to require a certain minimum premium; specifying a limit for agent commission rates; providing that eligible surplus lines insurers may participate, in the same manner and on the same terms as an authorized insurer, in depopulation, take-out, or keep-out programs relating to policies removed from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; providing certain exceptions, conditions, and requirements relating to such participation by a surplus lines insurer in the corporation's depopulation, take-out, or keep-out programs; providing thresholds for eligibility for coverage by the corporation for risks that are offered coverage from qualified surplus lines insurers; authorizing information from underwriting files and confidential claims files to be released under certain circumstances by the corporation to specified entities that consider writing or underwriting risks insured by the corporation; specifying that only the corporation's transfer of a policy file to an insurer, as opposed to the transfer of any file, changes the file's public record status; making technical changes; amending s. 627.3517, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 627.3518, F.S., and reenacting paragraphs (6)(a) and (7)(a) of that section, relating to the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation policyholder eligibility clearinghouse program, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 627.351, F.S., in references thereto; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civic literacy education; amending s. 1003.44, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop criteria for a civic literacy practicum that meets certain goals; authorizing the practicum to be incorporated into a school's curriculum beginning in a specified school year; providing purposes and requirements for the practicum; authorizing time spent on specified civic engagement activities to count toward requirements for certain scholarships and academic awards; creating s. 1004.342, F.S.; establishing the Citizen Scholar Program within the University of South Florida; providing that the program will be headquartered at a specified location; requiring the program to contract with a specified entity to serve certain students, subject to appropriation; providing program requirements; providing undergraduate credit for program completion; prohibiting engaging in protest civics from counting toward credit under the Citizen Scholar Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; revising the elements that constitute the capital offense of murder in the first degree; defining the term "substantial factor"; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; prohibiting specified activities involving controlled substances within 1,000 feet of additional specified facilities; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Cruz and Polsky—

SJR 192—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Sections 3 and 4 of Article IV and Section 2 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Commissioner of Education and his or her inclusion as a member of the Cabinet and the State Board of Education.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 194—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Safe Haven for Newborns license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 196—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; amending s. 420.509, F.S.; designating the corporation, rather than the State Board of Administration, as the state fiscal agency to make determinations in connection with specified bonds; authorizing the corporation's board of directors, rather than the State Board of Administration, to delegate to its executive director the authority and power to perform that function; requiring the executive director to annually report specified information to the board of directors, rather than the State Board of Administration; revising applicable interest rate limitations on bonds of the corporation; amending s. 420.5092, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to seagrass mitigation banks; amending s. 253.03, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to establish seagrass mitigation banks under certain conditions; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 200—A bill to be entitled An act relating to first responder employment-related accidents and injuries; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "first responder" to include certain correctional officers and 911 public safety telecommunicators; expanding eligibility for certain workers' compensation benefits for first responders to include certain correctional officers and 911 public safety telecommunicators; requiring an employing agency to annually provide specified educational training; providing requirements for such training; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 202—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Small Business Website Development Grant Program; creating s. 288.126, F.S.; creating the Small Business Website Development Grant Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing the purpose of the program; defining the term "small business"; requiring the department to provide grants subject to legislative appropriation; authorizing certain small businesses to apply for a grant in a specified amount; requiring that grant funds be used for the development of a website; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 204—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale and delivery of firearms; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; requiring the parties, if neither party to a sale, lease, or other transfer of a firearm is a licensed dealer, to complete the sale, lease, or other transfer through a licensed dealer; specifying procedures and requirements for a licensed dealer, seller, lessor, or transferor and a buyer or transferee; authorizing a licensed dealer to charge a buyer or transferee specified fees; providing applicability; deleting provisions authorizing a licensee to complete the sale or transfer of a firearm to a person without receiving certain notification from the Department of Law Enforcement informing the licensee that such person is prohibited from receipt or possession of a firearm or the department providing a unique approval number under certain circumstances; deleting provisions exempting a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer from the sale and delivery requirements under certain circumstances; amending s. 790.335, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 206—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate confinement; creating s. 944.175, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the use of solitary confinement; prohibiting the use of restrictive confinement for noncompliance, punishment, or harassment or in retaliation for an inmate's conduct; authorizing an inmate to be placed in restrictive confinement only if certain conditions are met; providing restrictions and requirements for such confinement; prohibiting specified inmates from being placed in restrictive confinement; prohibiting youths, young adults, and inmates who have specified medical needs from being placed in restrictive confinement except under specified circumstances; requiring facilities to keep certain records regarding restrictive confinement; requiring the warden of the facility to review such records monthly; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide a specified report to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing that an inmate is entitled to a review of his or her placement in restrictive confinement within a specified timeframe by a specified staff committee; amending s. 944.09, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to adopt certain rules; amending s. 951.23, F.S.; requiring sheriffs and chief correctional officers to adopt model standards relating to confinement; amending s. 985.601, F.S.; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt rules relating to restrictive confinement; reenacting s. 944.279(1), F.S., relating to disciplinary procedures applicable to a prisoner for filing frivolous or malicious actions or for bringing false information before a court, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 944.09, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 208—A bill to be entitled An act relating to well stimulation; providing a short title; amending s. 377.19, F.S.; defining the term "extreme well stimulation"; creating s. 377.2405, F.S.; prohibiting persons from engaging in extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits that authorize extreme well stimulation; prohibiting the department from authorizing certain permitholders to engage in extreme well stimulation on or after a specified date; imposing a specified fine for violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 210—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prohibited recordkeeping relating to firearms or firearm owners; repealing s. 790.335, F.S., relating to the prohibition of registration of firearms and the treatment of certain electronic records; repealing s. 790.336, F.S., relating to lists, records, or registries required to be destroyed; amending ss. 409.175 and 790.0625, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Farmer and Polsky—

SB 212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fairness in Women's Sports Act; providing a short title; repealing s. 1006.205, F.S., relating to the Fairness in Women's Sports Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Education; and Rules.

By Senators Farmer, Berman, Jones, Polsky, Cruz, Book, Stewart, Powell, Torres, Taddeo, and Bracy—

SB 214—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assault weapons and large-capacity magazines; creating s. 790.301, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the sale or transfer of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting possession of an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; requiring certificates of possession for assault weapons or large-capacity magazines lawfully possessed before a specified date; providing requirements for the certificates; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules by a specified date; specifying the form of the certificates; limiting sales or transfers of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines documented by such certificates; providing conditions for continued possession of such weapons or large-capacity magazines; providing requirements for an applicant who fails to qualify for such a certificate; requiring certificates of transfer for transfers of certain assault weapons or large-capacity magazines; providing requirements for certificates of transfer; requiring the department to maintain a file of such certificates; providing for relinquishment of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines; providing requirements for transportation of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; specifying circumstances in which the manufacture or transportation of assault weapons or large-capacity magazines is not prohibited; exempting permanently inoperable firearms from certain provisions; amending s. 775.087, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with an assault weapon or a large-capacity magazine; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 216—A bill to be entitled An act relating to correctional privatization; transferring the duties of the Department of Management Services concerning private correctional facilities to the Department of Corrections by a type two transfer; creating s. 287.0832, F.S.; prohibiting an agency from entering into or renewing a contract with private correctional services after a specified date; providing an exception; amending ss. 287.042, 330.41, 633.218, 784.078, 790.251, 800.09, 943.053, 943.133, 943.325, 944.023, 944.08, 944.105, 944.115, 944.17, 944.35, 945.215, 945.6041, 946.5025, 946.503, 957.04, 957.06, 957.07, 957.08, 957.14, 957.15, and 957.16, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 944.105, F.S., relating to contractual arrangements with private entities for operation and maintenance of correctional facilities and supervision of inmates; repealing s. 944.7031, F.S., relating to eligible inmates released from private correctional facilities; repealing s. 944.710, F.S., relating to definitions of terms relating to private operation of state correctional facilities and s. 944.105; repealing s. 944.72, F.S., relating to the Privately Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; repealing s. 951.062, F.S., relating to contractual arrangements for the operation and maintenance of county detention facilities; providing for future repeal of ch. 957, F.S., relating to correctional privatization; providing for custody of inmates after the expiration of correctional facility contracts; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 218—A bill to be entitled An act relating to defendants with a traumatic brain injury; amending s. 916.106, F.S.; redefining the term "intellectual disability" as it relates to defendants who have been found to be incompetent to proceed by adding the terms "significantly deficient in adaptive functioning" and "traumatic brain injury"; amending s. 916.303, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to assist certain defendants found incompetent to proceed with application to the long-term care managed care program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safe storage of loaded firearms; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; revising requirements for the storage or leaving of a loaded firearm by a person on a premise under his or her control under certain circumstances involving a minor; revising the circumstances under which such person commits a specified violation; making technical changes; reenacting s. 409.175(5)(g), F.S., relating to rules of the Department of Children and Families requiring the adoption of a form used by child-placing agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.174, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 222—A bill to be entitled An act relating to swimming pool specialty contracting services; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; authorizing certain persons under the supervision of specified licensed contractors to perform certain specialty contracting services for commercial or residential swimming pools, interactive water features, hot tubs, and spas; providing that such supervision does not require a direct contract between those persons; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Gruters, Bradley, Farmer, Berman, Stewart, and Rouson—

SB 224—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of smoking in public places; revising the title of part II of ch. 386, F.S.; amending s. 386.201, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 386.209, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks under certain circumstances; creating s. 386.2095, F.S.; prohibiting smoking within the boundaries of a state park; amending ss. 381.84 and 386.211, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; and Rules.

By Senators Powell, Burgess, and Perry—

SB 226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to care for retired law enforcement dogs; providing a short title; creating s. 943.69, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; creating the Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the department to contract with a nonprofit corporation to administer and manage the program; specifying requirements for the nonprofit corporation; specifying requirements for the disbursement of funds for the veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs; limiting annual funding available for an eligible dog; prohibiting the accumulation of unused funds from a current year for use in a future year; prohibiting reimbursement in certain circumstances; providing for use of appropriated funds for administrative expenses; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rodriguez, Burgess, Hutson, Gruters, and Hooper—

SB 228—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Resiliency Energy Environment Florida programs; amending s. 163.08, F.S.; defining terms; providing that a property owner may apply to a Resiliency Energy Environment Florida (REEF) program for funding to finance a qualifying improvement and may enter into an assessment financing agreement with a local government; providing that REEF program costs may be collected as non-ad valorem assessments; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements with program administrators to administer REEF programs; revising and specifying public recording requirements for assessment financing agreements and notices of lien; revising requirements that apply to local governments or program administrators in determining eligibility for assessment financing; revising requirements for qualifying improvements; revising and specifying limitations on non-ad valorem assessments; providing construction; specifying underwriting, financing estimate, disclosure, and confirmation requirements for program administrators relating to residential real property; authorizing a residential real property owner, under certain circumstances and within a certain timeframe, to cancel an assessment financing agreement without financial penalty; specifying limitations on assessment financing agreement terms for residential real property; prohibiting certain financing terms for residential real property; specifying requirements for, and certain prohibited acts by, program administrators relating to assessment financing agreements and contractors for qualifying improvements to residential real property; specifying additional annual reporting requirements for program administrators; specifying requirements for, and limitations on, assessment financing agreements relating to government-leased property; providing construction and applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

SB 230—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senators Harrell and Gibson—

SB 232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state park fee discounts; amending s. 258.0145, F.S.; providing certain entrance passes for specified military members and veterans at no charge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Environment and Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 234—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Working Floridians Tax Rebate Program; creating the Working Floridians Tax Rebate Program within the Department of Revenue for a certain purpose; granting specified people and households certain state funds if they received the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and meet certain criteria; specifying the calculation of the rebate and procedures for disbursing funds; requiring the department to provide to the Governor, the Cabinet, and the Legislature a certain report by a specified date; prohibiting receipt of the rebate from being used in certain program eligibility determinations; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Jones, Ausley, Powell, Berman, and Taddeo—

SB 236—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children with developmental delays; amending s. 1003.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "exceptional student" to include additional students with developmental delays; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 238—A bill to be entitled An act relating to endangered and threatened species; amending s. 379.2291, F.S.; revising the legislative intent of the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species Act; revising definitions; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to protect certain endangered or threatened species, regardless of the status of their federal classification; prohibiting the commission from considering certain costs when designating a species as endangered or threatened; amending s. 581.185, F.S.; revising criteria for placement of species on the Regulated Plant Index by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; directing the department, in consultation with the Endangered Plant Advisory Council, to protect certain endangered or threatened species, regardless of the status of their federal classification; prohibiting the department from considering certain costs when designating a species as endangered or threatened; reenacting ss. 379.1026 and 379.4115(1), F.S., relating to site-specific location information for endangered and threatened species and prohibitions relating to the Florida panther, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.2291, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

SR 240—Not introduced.

By Senators Gruters and Perry—

SB 242—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racial and sexual discrimination; creating s. 110.1222, F.S.; defining terms; requiring each agency head to take certain measures to prevent the use of training for agency employees which espouses certain concepts; providing duties of agency heads; requiring agency heads to request agency inspectors general to review agency compliance with the act and to submit a report to the agency head; requiring the Department of Management Services, in consultation with the Florida Commission on Human Relations, to review diversity and inclusion training to ensure compliance with the act; requiring each agency to submit a report detailing spending on diversity or inclusion training to the Office of Policy and Budget by a specified date; providing an exception; providing for construction; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing governing bodies of counties to provide certain training, workshops, or programming; prohibiting counties from providing mandatory employee training that espouses certain concepts; providing an exception; requiring counties to ensure certain diversity and inclusion efforts and to prohibit certain discrimination; providing for construction; amending s. 166.021, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing municipalities to provide certain training, workshops, or programming; prohibiting municipalities from providing mandatory employee training that espouses certain concepts; providing an exception; requiring municipalities to ensure certain diversity and inclusion efforts and to prohibit certain discrimination; providing for construction; creating s. 287.0741, F.S.; defining terms; requiring contracts with an agency which are entered into or renewed on or after a specified date to include the option to terminate if the contractor provides workforce training that espouses certain concepts; requiring a contractor to submit a certification before entering into or renewing a contract; requiring each agency to report violations to the department for investigation; authorizing a contractor's placement on the discriminatory vendor list under certain conditions; providing for construction; amending s. 1000.05, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing public K-20 educational institutions to provide certain training; prohibiting public K-20 educational institutions from providing mandatory employee or student training that espouses certain concepts; providing an exception; requiring public K-20 educational institutions to ensure certain diversity and inclusion efforts and to prohibit certain discrimination; providing for construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senators Gruters and Harrell—

SJR 244—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education; and Rules.

By Senators Book, Polsky, and Perry—

SB 246—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax exemption for diapers and incontinence products; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting the sale for human use of diapers, incontinence undergarments, incontinence pads, or incontinence liners from the sales and use tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Book, Polsky, and Harrell—

SB 248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student health services; providing a short title; creating s. 1006.064, F.S.; defining the term "menstrual hygiene products"; requiring school districts to make menstrual hygiene products available, at no charge, in each school nurse's office or other physical school facility for health services; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to removing memorializations of the Confederate States of America; amending s. 256.051, F.S.; deleting provisions prohibiting specified improper uses or mutilation of the flag or emblem of the Confederate States of America; making technical changes; repealing s. 256.10, F.S., relating to the mutilation of, or disrespect for, Confederate flags or replicas thereof; amending s. 683.01, F.S.; removing the designations of the birthdays of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis and Confederate Memorial Day as legal holidays; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 252—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care cost savings; amending s. 627.6387, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "shoppable health care service" to include certain items and services specified in federal regulation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Brodeur and Perry—

SB 254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to religious institutions; creating s. 252.64, F.S.; defining the term "religious institution"; providing that an emergency order may not expressly prohibit religious services or activities; providing an exception under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 256—A bill to be entitled An act relating to animal cruelty; amending s. 828.12, F.S.; revising the elements necessary for a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senators Book and Stewart—

SB 258—A bill to be entitled An act relating to racing motor vehicles; reenacting and amending s. 316.191, F.S.; defining the term "organized ride"; revising the definition of the term "spectator"; revising prohibitions on persons driving motor vehicles in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed, a stunt, agility, or acceleration or for other specified purposes on any highway, roadway, or parking lot; prohibiting a person from coordinating via social media any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; prohibiting a person from purposefully causing the movement of traffic, including pedestrian traffic, to slow, stop, or be impeded in any way for such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle for the purpose of filming or recording activities of participants in any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle carrying any amount of fuel for the purposes of fueling a vehicle involved in any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition; prohibiting persons from operating a vehicle in a manner that would constitute participation in an organized ride; providing penalties; prohibiting a person from being a spectator at any such race, competition, contest, test, exhibition, or organized ride; providing penalties; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 316.027(2)(c), 322.0261(4)(a) and (b), and

901.15(9)(d), F.S., relating to a crash involving death or personal injuries, driver improvement courses, and when arrest by an officer without warrant is lawful, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.191, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 260—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renaming the Criminal Punishment Code; amending ss. 775.082, 775.087, 782.051, 817.568, 893.13, 910.035, 921.0022, 921.0023, 921.0024, 921.0025, 921.0026, 921.0027, 924.06, 924.07, 944.17, 948.01, 948.015, 948.06, 948.20, 948.51, 958.04, and 985.465, F.S.; renaming the Criminal Punishment Code as the Criminal Public Safety Code; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; revising a principle of the Criminal Public Safety Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 893.20, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Rodriguez, Perry, and Brodeur—

SB 262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to damages recoverable by parents of an adult child in medical negligence actions; amending s. 768.21, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting parents of an adult child from recovering damages for mental pain and suffering in a medical negligence suit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 264—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighter inquiries and investigations; amending s. 112.81, F.S.; reordering and revising definitions; amending s. 112.82, F.S.; providing that firefighters have certain rights during an informal inquiry; providing that a firefighter may not be threatened with certain disciplinary action during an informal inquiry or interrogation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 266—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service as a law enforcement officer; amending s. 943.10, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "law enforcement officer" to specify that the time spent on certain activities is part of service as an officer; reenacting ss. 111.065(1), 112.1815(1), 112.19(2)(g), 196.081(6)(c), 316.066(5), 440.092(2), 440.15(11), 790.052(1), and 960.194(1)(e), F.S., relating to legal actions against law enforcement or correctional officers and employer payment of costs and attorney fees or provision of attorney; special provisions for employment-related accidents and injuries of firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officers; death benefits for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers; an exemption for surviving spouses of first responders who die in the line of duty; written reports of crashes; special requirements for compensability, deviation from employment, and subsequent intervening accidents; compensation for disability; carrying concealed firearms by off-duty law enforcement officers; and emergency responder death benefits, respectively, to incorporate amendments made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 268—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the proclamation of "Victims of Communism Day"; creating s. 683.334, F.S.; requiring the Governor to annually proclaim November 7 as "Victims of Communism Day"; requiring the day to be observed in public schools and by public exercise; requiring a day other than November 7 to be observed by public schools under a specified circumstance; requiring certain high school students to receive specified instruction on Victims of Communism Day; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Hutson and Perry—

SB 270—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funds for student transportation; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; modifying requirements for determining student membership in a school district in order to determine the annual allocation for funding for student transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 272—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the certification of individuals who provide child and adult protective services; amending s. 39.101, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to approve third-party credentialing entities to certify counselors and supervisors who serve the central abuse hotline by a specified date; requiring the department to approve entities who meet certain requirements; defining the term "third-party credentialing entity"; requiring certain personnel to be certified by a specified date; requiring newly hired hotline counselors and supervisors to obtain certification within a specified timeframe; providing a review and appeal process for certifications that are denied, revoked, or suspended or sanctions that are imposed by a third-party credentialing entity; amending s. 402.40, F.S.; providing a review and appeal process for child welfare administration certifications that are denied, revoked, or suspended or sanctions that are imposed by a third-party credentialing entity; amending s. 415.101, F.S.; revising legislative intent regarding the certification of individuals who provide adult protective services; amending s. 415.1105, F.S.; requiring the department to approve third-party credentialing entities to certify certain individuals who provide adult protective services and their supervisors; defining the term "third-party credentialing entity"; requiring certain personnel to be certified by a specified date; requiring newly hired individuals to obtain certification within a specified timeframe; providing a review and appeal process for certifications that are denied, revoked, or suspended or sanctions that are imposed by a third-party credentialing entity; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 274—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Condominium Fraud Investigation Pilot Program; creating s. 16.81, F.S.; creating the Condominium Fraud Investigation Pilot Program within the Department of Legal Affairs in the Office of the Attorney General; providing a purpose for the program; authorizing the department to contract with a private entity to achieve the purpose of the program; requiring the department to hire specified personnel; authorizing a person to submit a complaint to the Office of the Condominium Ombudsman; requiring the ombudsman to review complaints and take specified actions; providing powers of and requirements for the department relating to the pilot program; requiring that the pilot program be funded from the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes Trust Fund; providing for future repeal of the program unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature; amending s. 718.501, F.S.; requiring the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to

forward complaints received alleging fraud or corruption to the office; amending s. 718.5012, F.S.; revising the powers of the ombudsman; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 276—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; creating s. 775.08701, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing for the retroactive applicability of s. 775.087, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from being sentenced to mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for aggravated assault or attempted aggravated assault committed before a specified date; requiring resentencing for persons who committed such violations before a specified date and are serving mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment; specifying procedures for such resentencing; providing eligibility for gain-time for such sentenced or resentenced persons; creating s. 893.13501, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing for the retroactive applicability of s. 893.135, F.S.; requiring the initial sentencing and the resentencing of certain persons who committed certain violations before a specified date which involved trafficking in hydrocodone or codeine; providing criminal penalties for such violations that are subject to an initial sentencing or a resentencing; providing legislative intent; providing for the retroactive applicability of s. 893.135, F.S.; requiring the initial sentencing and the resentencing of certain persons who committed certain violations before a specified date which involved trafficking in oxycodone; providing criminal penalties for such violations that are subject to an initial sentencing or a resentencing; specifying procedures for such resentencing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SCR 278—A concurrent resolution acknowledging the injustices perpetrated against the targets of the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee between 1956 and 1965 and offering a formal and heartfelt apology to those whose lives, well-being, and livelihoods were damaged or destroyed by the activities and public pronouncements of those who served on the committee.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 280—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local ordinances; amending s. 57.112, F.S.; authorizing courts to assess and award attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; providing construction; amending s. 125.66, F.S.; requiring a board of county commissioners to prepare a business impact statement before the adoption of a proposed ordinance; specifying requirements for the posting and content of the statement; providing applicability; creating s. 125.675, F.S.; requiring a county to suspend enforcement of an ordinance that is the subject of a certain legal action if certain conditions are met; requiring courts to give priority to certain cases; specifying factors a court must consider in determining whether an ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable; providing applicability; authorizing courts to award attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances; amending s. 166.041, F.S.; requiring a governing body of a municipality to prepare a business impact statement before the adoption of a proposed ordinance; specifying requirements for the posting and content of the statement; providing applicability; creating s. 166.0411, F.S.; requiring a municipality to suspend enforcement of an ordinance that is the subject of a certain legal action if certain conditions are met; requiring courts to give priority to certain cases; specifying factors a court must consider in determining whether an ordinance is arbitrary or unreasonable; providing applicability; authorizing courts to award attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances; amending ss. 163.2517, 163.3181, 163.3215, 376.80, 497.270, 562.45, and 847.0134, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Rouson, Jones, and Book—

SB 282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health and substance use disorders; amending s. 394.4573, F.S.; providing that the use of peer specialists is an essential element of a coordinated system of care in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental illness; making a technical change; amending s. 397.4073, F.S.; revising background screening requirements for certain peer specialists; revising authorizations relating to work by applicants who have committed disqualifying offenses; making a technical change; amending s. 397.417, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; revising requirements for certification as a peer specialist; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop a training program for peer specialists and to give preference to trainers who are certified peer specialists; requiring the training program to coincide with a competency exam and be based on current practice standards; authorizing the department to certify peer specialists, either directly or by approving a third-party credentialing entity; prohibiting third-party credentialing entities from conducting background screenings for peer specialists; requiring that a person providing recovery support services be certified or be supervised by a licensed behavioral health care professional or a certain certified peer specialist; authorizing the department, a behavioral health managing entity, or the Medicaid program to reimburse recovery support services as a recovery service; encouraging Medicaid managed care plans to use peer specialists in providing recovery services; requiring peer specialists and certain persons to meet the requirements of a background screening as a condition of employment and continued employment; requiring certain entities to forward fingerprints to specified entities; requiring the department to screen results to determine if the peer specialist meets the certification requirements; requiring that fees for state and federal fingerprint processing be borne by the peer specialist applying for employment; requiring that any arrest record identified through background screening be reported to the department; authorizing the department or the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with certain vendors for fingerprinting; specifying requirements for vendors; specifying disqualifying offenses for a peer specialist who applies for certification; authorizing a person who does not meet background screening requirements to request an exemption from disqualification from the department or the agency; providing that a peer specialist certified as of the effective date of the act is deemed to satisfy the requirements of the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 284—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraudulent proof of vaccination; creating s. 817.354, F.S.; prohibiting specified actions involving fraudulent proof of vaccination; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

SB 286—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 288—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic dissemination of commercial recordings and audiovisual works; amending s. 501.155, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "electronic dissemination"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 290—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surplus state-owned nonconservation lands; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to dispose of surplus nonconservation lands at specified values under certain circumstances; authorizing the board to donate such lands to fiscally constrained counties under certain circumstances; authorizing the board of trustees to sell or lease surplus nonconservation lands located in fiscally constrained counties to private entities under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Polsky and Book—

SB 292—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; revising requirements for the Department of Health's rules related to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.145, F.S.; defining terms; requiring hospitals and other state-licensed birthing facilities to test for congenital cytomegalovirus in newborns under certain circumstances; making technical and conforming changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 16.618, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of a donor or prospective donor to the direct-support organization of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking who desires to remain anonymous; providing an exemption from notice requirements for specified meetings; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 296—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care expenses; amending s. 395.301, F.S.; requiring a licensed facility to establish, update, and make public a list of the facility's charges for services which meets certain federal requirements; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to impose fines for violations of the public disclosure requirements; creating s. 501.181, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting consumer reporting agencies from publishing a consumer report containing a medical debt credit impairment under certain circumstances; requiring the consumer reporting agency to remove the credit impairment, free of charge, under certain circumstances; requiring the agency to obtain express written consent from a patient-consumer's health care provider before publishing a consumer report containing a medical debt credit impairment; authorizing patient-consumers to initiate legal proceedings for violations; providing for damages and the award of attorney fees; requiring such actions to commence within a specified timeframe; authorizing the use of arbitration for disputes; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules; amending s. 559.72, F.S.; prohibiting persons from reporting certain consumer debt to a consumer reporting agency without the express written consent of the creditor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 298—A bill to be entitled An act relating to teacher salaries; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; requiring each school district that has not yet reached a specified minimum base salary to use its share of the teacher salary increase allocation in a specified manner; requiring school districts to use a specified percentage of the allocation to raise the minimum base salary; authorizing school districts that have met the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers to use funds to raise the salaries of specified personnel; providing applicability; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; revising definitions; authorizing, instead of prohibiting, district school boards to use advanced degrees as a criterion in setting a salary schedule for certain personnel; authorizing certain instructional personnel to continue to use a salary schedule adopted before a district school board adopts a performance salary schedule or opt into the performance salary schedule; authorizing, instead of requiring, a district school board to base a portion of each employee's compensation upon performance; authorizing, instead of requiring, a district school board to adopt a performance salary schedule; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Pap Corps Champions for Cancer Research license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Burgess, Book, Gibson, and Harrell—

SM 302—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to recognize the epidemic of suicide among veterans and to fully fund suicide prevention efforts of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 304—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student fee exemptions; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; revising fee waiver eligibility for students who are or were placed in the custody of a relative or nonrelative to include students placed prior to a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Berman, Perry, and Bracy—

SB 306—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "developmental disability" to include fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; defining the term "fetal alcohol spectrum disorders"; amending s. 393.065, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to allow certain individuals diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders to receive home and community-based services; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Berman, Polsky, Stewart, and Book—

SB 308—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crimes evidencing prejudice; amending s. 775.085, F.S.; expanding grounds for the re-

classification of crimes to include acts of prejudice based on the gender or gender identity of any person; specifying that the reclassification occurs if the crime was based in whole or in part on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, homeless status, advanced age, gender, or gender identity of any person; defining the term "gender identity"; amending s. 775.0863, F.S.; replacing the term "mental or physical disability" with the term "disability"; defining the term "disability"; specifying that the reclassification of a certain crime occurs if the crime was based in whole or in part on a disability of any person; amending s. 877.19, F.S.; expanding the data the Governor is required to collect and disseminate to include incidents of criminal acts that evidence prejudice based on gender, gender identity, or disability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wright—

SB 310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court-related payment plans; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; revising the calculation of a monthly payment amount presumed to correspond to a person's ability to pay court-related fees, service charges, court costs, and fines under a payment plan; authorizing a court to waive, modify, or convert outstanding fees, service charges, court costs, or fines to community service under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telehealth; amending s. 456.47, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "telehealth"; narrowing the prohibition on prescribing controlled substances through telehealth to include only specified controlled substances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 314—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses committed by aliens; creating s. 775.0864, F.S.; requiring specified offenses to be reclassified if committed by aliens unlawfully present in the United States; specifying the reclassification of the offenses; specifying the enhancement of the levels of the ranking for purposes of sentencing and gain-time eligibility; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; revising references to offense reclassification provisions to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 316—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preemption of tree pruning, trimming, and removal; repealing s. 163.045, F.S., relating to tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Rouson, Ausley, and Perry—

SB 318—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program; creating s. 1003.4321, F.S.; establishing the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; specifying eligibility requirements for the awarding of a Seal of Fine Arts; defining the term "work of art"; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt additional criteria for the award of a seal; requiring the Commissioner of Education and school districts to perform specified duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school district or the Department of Education from charging a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Stewart, Polsky, and Taddeo—

SB 320—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the preemption of recyclable and polystyrene materials; amending s. 403.7033, F.S.; removing the preemption of local laws regarding the regulation of auxiliary containers, wrappings, or disposable plastic bags; amending s. 500.90, F.S.; removing the preemption of local laws regarding the use or sale of polystyrene products to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discrimination in labor and employment; creating the "Senator Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act"; amending s. 448.07, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting an employer from providing less favorable employment opportunities to employees based on their sex; providing exceptions; revising applicability; providing civil penalties; amending s. 448.102, F.S.; prohibiting an employer from taking certain employment actions against employees; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; prohibiting an employer from engaging in certain activities relating to wages and benefits; prohibiting an employer from requiring employees to sign certain waivers and documents; providing applicability; authorizing an employer to confirm wage or salary history under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Brandes and Gruters—

SCR 324—A concurrent resolution rescinding the designation of the mockingbird as the state bird.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 326—A bill to be entitled An act relating to physician certifications for the medical use of marijuana; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; deleting a requirement that qualified physicians be physically present in the same room as their patients when conducting an examination for physician certification for the medical use of marijuana; authorizing qualified physicians to conduct such examinations through telehealth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 328—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance coverage for at-home COVID-19 test kits; creating s. 627.42398, F.S.; defining the term "at-home COVID-19 test kit"; requiring health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide 100 percent coverage for at-home COVID-19 test kits; providing for expiration of the insurance coverage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 330—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid modernization; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid to reimburse providers for certain remote evaluation and patient monitoring services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Hooper, Berman, and Book—

SB 332—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential swimming pool safety; providing a short title; amending s. 468.8323, F.S.; requiring a home inspector to include certain information relating to swimming pools in his or her report; amending s. 515.27, F.S.; requiring that new residential swimming pools meet an additional requirement in order to pass final inspection and receive a certificate of completion; requiring that certain pool safety features meet specified standards; prohibiting a property owner from transferring ownership of a parcel that includes a swimming pool unless certain requirements are met; providing civil penalties rather than criminal penalties; amending s. 515.31, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Polsky and Book—

SB 334—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale or transfer of ammunition; providing a short title; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; requiring background checks for the sale or transfer of ammunition; providing exceptions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 336—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; amending ss. 679.4061 and 679.4081, F.S.; providing that certain restrictions on the effectiveness of terms in specified agreements and the effectiveness of certain rules of law, statutes, or regulations related to the discharge of account debtors and certain restrictions on the assignment of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables, and certain general intangibles, respectively, do not apply to a security interest in an ownership interest in a general partnership, a limited partnership, or a limited liability company; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 338—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Senior Management Service Class; amending s. 121.055, F.S.; providing that participation in the Senior Management Service Class of the Florida Retirement System is compulsory for each district's assistant regional counsel supervisors, beginning on a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 340—A bill to be entitled An act relating to care of students with epilepsy or seizure disorders; creating s. 1006.0626, F.S.; defining terms; providing for the creation of an individualized seizure action plan for a student with epilepsy or seizure disorders to receive health care at school; providing requirements for the student's parent, school nurses, and appropriate school employees; providing requirements for such plans; requiring school nurses or appropriate school employees to coordinate the care of such students and ensure that specified training is provided to specified school employees and individuals; providing requirements for such training; requiring school districts to provide specified information and training to school bus drivers who transport students with epilepsy or seizure disorders; requiring school nurses or appropriate school employees to obtain specified releases relating to the medical information and care of such students; providing immunity from liability under certain conditions; defining the term "good faith"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Perry and Taddeo—

SB 342—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile diversion program expunction; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who successfully complete a diversion program for specified felony offenses, rather than only for misdemeanor offenses; amending s. 985.126, F.S.; authorizing a minor who successfully completes a diversion program for any offense, rather than only for a first-time misdemeanor offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 344—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for a nonjudicial record of the arrest of a minor who has successfully completed a diversion program; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 346—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for records containing certain information pertaining to a buyer or transferee who is not found to be prohibited from receipt or transfer of ammunition; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for the reversion of specified statutory text if certain conditions are met; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to using alternative therapies to treat mental health and other medical conditions; requiring the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Board of Medicine, to conduct a study regarding the use of alternative therapies in the treatment of mental health and other medical conditions; providing requirements for the study; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for future expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

SB 350—A bill to be entitled An act relating to procedures for petitions for utility rate relief; amending s. 366.06, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual sales, expressed in gigawatt hours, which natural gas or public electric utilities may have to be eligible to request that the Public Service Commission use certain procedures for the utility's petition for rate relief; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 352—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction liens; amending s. 713.135, F.S.; revising the threshold for determining whether certain direct contracts to repair or replace an existing heating or air-conditioning system are exempt from specified notice of commencement and applicability of lien requirements for authorities issuing building permits; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 354—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state lottery; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; specifying the minimum commission rate for ticket sales by a retailer; providing that compensation and bonuses for certain other lottery-related activities may be established by rules of the Department of the Lottery; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 356—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a sales tax holiday for ENERGY STAR and WaterSense products; providing a sales tax exemption for certain ENERGY STAR and WaterSense products during a specified timeframe; defining terms; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 358—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; creating s. 491.017, F.S.; creating the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; providing purposes and objectives; defining terms; specifying requirements for state participation in the compact; specifying duties of member states; authorizing member states to charge a fee for granting a privilege to practice under the compact; specifying that that compact does not affect an individual's ability to apply for, and a member state's ability to grant, a single state license pursuant to the laws of that state; providing construction; providing for recognition of the privilege to practice licensed professional counseling in member states; specifying criteria a licensed professional counselor must meet for the privilege to practice under the compact; providing for the expiration and renewal of the privilege to practice; providing construction; specifying that a licensee with a privilege to practice in a remote state must adhere to the laws and rules of that state; authorizing member states to act on a licensee's privilege to practice under certain circumstances; specifying the consequences and parameters of practice for a licensee whose privilege to practice has been acted on or whose home state license is encumbered; specifying that a licensed professional counselor may hold a home state license in only one member state at a time; specifying requirements and procedures for changing a home state license designation; providing construction; authorizing active duty military personnel or their spouses to keep their home state designation during active duty; specifying how such individuals may subsequently change their home state license designation; providing for the recognition of the practice of professional counseling through telehealth in member states; specifying that licensees must adhere to the laws and rules of the remote state in which they provide professional counseling through telehealth; authorizing member states to take adverse actions against licensees and issue subpoenas for hearings and investigations under certain circumstances; providing requirements and procedures for adverse action; authorizing member states to engage in joint investigations under certain circumstances; providing that a licensee's privilege to practice must be deactivated in all member states for the duration of an encumbrance imposed by the licensee's home state; providing for notice to the data system and the licensee's home state of any adverse action taken against a licensee; providing construction; establishing the Counseling Compact Commission; providing for the jurisdiction and venue for court proceedings; providing construction; providing for membership, meetings, and powers of the commission; specifying powers and duties of the commission's executive committee; providing for the financing of the commission; providing commission members, officers, executive directors, employees, and representatives immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring the commission to defend the commission's members, officers, executive directors, employees, and representative in civil actions under certain circumstances; providing construction; requiring the commission to indemnify and hold harmless such individuals for any settlement or judgment obtained in such actions under certain circumstances; providing for the development of the data system, reporting procedures, and the exchange of specified information between member states; requiring the commission to notify member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or applicant for licensure; authorizing member states to designate as confidential information provided to the data system; requiring the commission to remove information from the data system under certain circumstances; providing rulemaking procedures for the commission; providing for member state enforcement of the compact; specifying that the compact and commission rules have standing as statutory law in member states; specifying that the commission is entitled to receive notice of process, and has standing to intervene, in certain judicial and administrative proceedings; rendering certain judgments and orders void as to the commission, the compact, or commission rules under certain circumstances; providing for defaults and termination of compact membership; providing procedures for the resolution of certain disputes; providing for commission enforcement of the compact; providing for remedies; providing construction; providing for implementation of, withdrawal from, and amendment to the compact; providing construction; specifying that licensees practicing in a remote state under the compact must adhere to the laws and rules of the remote state; providing construction; specifying that the compact, commission rules, and commission actions are binding on member states; providing construction and severability; amending s. 456.073, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to report certain investigative information to the data system; amending s. 456.076, F.S.; requiring monitoring contracts for impaired practitioners participating in treatment programs to contain certain terms; amending s. 491.004, F.S.; requiring the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling to appoint an individual to serve as the state's delegate on the commission; amending ss. 491.005 and 491.006, F.S.; exempting certain persons from licensure requirements; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing certain disciplinary action under the compact for specified prohibited acts; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; designating the state delegate and other members or employees of the commission as state agents for the purpose of applying waivers of sovereign immunity; requiring the commission to pay certain claims or judgments; authorizing the commission to maintain insurance coverage to pay such claims or judgments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 360—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traveling across county lines to commit a burglary; amending s. 843.22, F.S.; deleting a requirement that travel across county lines be for a specified purpose in order to reclassify a burglary offense; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 362—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem tax exemption for nonprofit homes for the aged; amending s. 196.1975, F.S.; revising ownership entities for nonprofit homes qualifying for an exemption from ad valorem taxation to include certain limited partnerships; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

SB 364—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plate presales; amending s. 320.08053, F.S.; revising the presale voucher sales requirement for out-of-state college or university license plates; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the presale period by a specified period for certain approved specialty license plate organizations; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Berman and Stewart—

SB 366—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state renewable energy goals; amending s. 366.91, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "biomass" and "renewable energy"; amending s. 377.24, F.S.; prohibiting the drilling or exploration for, or production of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products on the lands and waters of the state; amending s. 377.242, F.S.; prohibiting the permitting and construction of certain structures intended to drill or explore for, or produce or transport, oil, gas, or other petroleum products on the lands and waters of the state; amending s. 377.803, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "renewable energy"; creating s. 377.821, F.S.; requiring that all electricity used in this state be generated by renewable energy by a specified date; requiring statewide net zero carbon emissions by a specified date; directing the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with other state agencies, state colleges and universities, public utilities, and other private and public entities, to develop a unified statewide plan to generate this state's electricity from renewable energy and reduce this state's carbon emissions by specified dates; requiring state and public entities to cooperate upon request; providing plan requirements; requiring the office to submit the plan and updates to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date and annually thereafter; creating s. 377.8225, F.S.; creating the Renewable Energy Workforce Development Advisory Committee in the office; providing for committee membership and duties; defining the term "environmental justice"; directing the Commissioner of Agriculture to prepare and submit a specified annual report to the Legislature by a specified date and annually thereafter; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Berman—

SB 368—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration; amending s. 97.055, F.S.; revising the date by which the registration books must be closed before an election; amending s. 97.057, F.S.; revising procedures governing voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing that driver license or identification card applications, driver license or identification card renewal applications, and applications for changes of address for existing driver licenses or identification cards submitted to the department serve as voter registration applications; specifying that an applicant is deemed to have consented to the use of his or her signature for voter registration purposes, unless a declination is made; requiring specified applications to include a voter registration component, subject to approval by the Department of State; specifying requirements for the voter registration component; providing for the transmittal of voter registration information to the Department of State and supervisors of elections; amending s. 98.045, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Hooper and Book—

SB 370—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses against firefighters; amending s. 782.065, F.S.; providing enhanced penalties for certain offenses committed against firefighters engaged in the performance of their lawful duties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senators Berman and Polsky—

SB 372—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic violence; creating s. 784.04875, F.S.; prohibiting certain acts of domestic violence and dating violence; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; revising a prohibition on the sale or transfer of firearms to persons convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses; amending s. 790.233, F.S.; defining the term "misdemeanor offense of domestic violence"; prohibiting persons convicted of a misdemeanor offense of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition; requiring persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses of domestic violence, upon conviction, to surrender all firearms and ammunition in their possession; requiring a court, upon convicting a defendant of such offense, to order the defendant to surrender to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction all firearms and ammunition and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; providing requirements for law enforcement officers carrying out the court order; requiring a law enforcement officer to take possession of all firearms and ammunition owned by the defendant and any license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; authorizing a law enforcement officer to seek a search warrant under certain circumstances; requiring the law enforcement officer taking possession of the firearms, ammunition, and license to issue a receipt to the defendant and to file the original with the court and a copy with his or her law enforcement agency; requiring the court to make a certain determination upon a sworn statement or testimony that the defendant did not comply with the required surrender of any firearms, ammunition, or license; requiring the court to issue a warrant if it finds that probable cause exists; providing for the return of surrendered firearms, ammunition, and licenses to their lawful owner under certain circumstances; requiring all law enforcement agencies to develop certain policies and procedures; authorizing a defendant to elect to transfer all firearms and ammunition that he or she owns to another person if specified requirements are met; providing criminal penalties; creating s. 790.234, F.S.; defining the term "domestic violence"; requiring a law enforcement officer to remove firearms from the scene of an alleged act of domestic violence under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the law enforcement officer removing such firearms; authorizing the owner of the firearms to retake possession within a specified timeframe; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 374—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gay and transgender panic legal defenses; creating s. 900.06, F.S.; providing a short title;

providing legislative findings; defining terms; prohibiting individuals from using a nonviolent sexual advance or specified perceptions or beliefs about another individual as a defense to a criminal offense, to excuse or justify the conduct of an individual who commits a criminal offense, or to mitigate the severity of a criminal offense; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Book—

SB 376—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment protections; amending s. 110.221, F.S.; authorizing parental leave for state employees in the Career Service System who have a stillborn child; creating s. 112.0445, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a public employer or an employment agency from engaging in certain activities relating to wages and salary; providing applicability; authorizing a public employer or an employment agency to confirm a prospective employee's wage or salary history under certain conditions; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; prohibiting an employer from engaging in certain activities relating to wages and salary; providing applicability; authorizing an employer to confirm a prospective employee's wage or salary history under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 378—A bill to be entitled An act relating to designation of the state bird; creating s. 15.0352, F.S.; designating the Florida scrub-jay as the official state bird; specifying that the act supersedes designation of the mockingbird as the state bird; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 380—A bill to be entitled An act relating to greenhouse gas emissions; creating s. 403.08723, F.S.; defining the term "greenhouse gas"; prohibiting the adoption or enforcement of certain state and regional programs to regulate greenhouse gas emissions without specific legislative authorization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SJR 382—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 24 of Article X of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a minimum training wage rate lower than the Florida minimum wage rate which employers may elect to pay employees for the first 6 months of employment.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senators Brandes and Gruters—

SB 384—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individual wine containers; repealing s. 564.05, F.S., relating to the size limitation for individual wine containers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 386—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abolishing the death penalty; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; providing that capital felonies are punishable only by life imprisonment; deleting provisions relating to the effect of a declaration by a court of last resort that the death penalty in a capital felony is unconstitutional; amending ss. 27.51 and 27.511, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to representation in death penalty cases; amending s. 27.5304, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 27.7001, 27.7002, 27.701, 27.702, 27.703, 27.704, 27.7045, 27.705, 27.706, 27.707, 27.708, 27.7081, 27.7091, 27.710, 27.711, and 27.715, F.S., relating to capital collateral representation, constitutionally deficient representation, and postconviction capital collateral proceedings; amending ss. 23.21, 27.51, 27.511, 43.16, and 112.0455, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption relating to capital collateral proceedings; amending ss. 186.003, 215.89, 215.985, 216.011, and 790.25, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 775.15 and 790.161, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the effect of a declaration by a court of last resort that the death penalty in a capital felony is unconstitutional; repealing ss. 913.13, 921.137, 921.141, and 921.142, F.S., relating to jurors in capital cases, prohibition of the imposition of the death sentence upon an intellectually disabled defendant, determination of whether to impose a sentence of death or life imprisonment for capital felonies, and determination of whether to impose a sentence of death or life imprisonment for capital drug trafficking felonies; amending ss. 394.912, 775.021, 775.30, 782.04, 782.065, 794.011, 893.135, 944.275, and 948.012, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 922.052, 922.06, 922.07, 922.08, 922.095, 922.10, 922.105, 922.108, 922.11, 922.111, 922.12, 922.14, 922.15, 924.055, 924.056, and 924.057, F.S., relating to issuance of warrant of execution, stay of execution of death sentence, proceedings when a person under sentence of death appears to be insane, proceedings when person under sentence of death appears to be pregnant, pursuit of collateral remedies, execution of death sentence, prohibition against reduction of death sentence as a result of determination that a method of execution is unconstitutional, sentencing orders in capital cases, regulation of execution, transfer to state prison for safekeeping before death warrant issued, return of warrant of execution issued by the Governor, sentence of death unexecuted for unjustifiable reasons, return of warrant of execution issued by the Supreme Court, legislative intent concerning appeals and postconviction proceedings in capital cases, commencement of capital postconviction proceedings for which sentence of death is imposed on or after a certain date, and limitation on capital postconviction cases in which the death sentence was imposed before a certain date; amending s. 925.11, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the preservation of DNA evidence in death penalty cases; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption for the identity of executioners or those who have specified involvement in the administration of a lethal injection; amending ss. 316.3026, 373.409, 373.430, 376.302, 403.161, 448.09, 504.013, 648.571, 775.261, 787.06, 794.0115, 800.04, 907.041, 921.1401, 921.1402, 944.17, 944.608, 944.609, and 944.705, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Berman and Powell—

SB 388—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; creating s. 14.2031, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; establishing the office within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for the appointment of a Chief Diversity Officer; prescribing minimum qualifications for the Chief Diversity Officer; providing the duties of the Chief Diversity Officer, including creation of a strategic plan that must be periodically updated and the review of certain agency programs and policies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 390—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restraint of students with disabilities in public schools; amending s. 1003.573, F.S.; prohibiting school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities; providing exceptions; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

SJR 392—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 28 of Article I of the State Constitution to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 394—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential associations; amending ss. 718.112, 719.106, and 720.3033, F.S.; revising certification and education requirements for board directors of residential condominium associations, cooperative associations, and homeowners' associations, respectively; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 396—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fee waivers for students living in a recovery residence; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, and charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for students living in a recovery residence; providing eligibility criteria for such students; prohibiting tuition and fees charged to a student granted the waiver from exceeding the tuition and fees charged to a resident student; requiring a student to provide written or electronic verification of his or her residence; providing requirements for such verification; providing an eligibility period for students who provide the required verification; providing for the renewal of the out-of-state fee waiver; providing a statewide limit on such waivers; requiring each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, and charter technical career center to report to the State Board of Education the number and value of all such waivers granted annually; requiring the board to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 398—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation projects; amending s. 206.46, F.S.; revising the requirement for the annual commitment of State Transportation Trust Fund revenues for public transportation projects by the Department of Transportation; amending s. 337.168, F.S.; providing that a document that reveals the identity of a potential bidder on a transportation project is a public record; amending s. 339.08, F.S.; authorizing the department to enter into an agreement with the Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to pay for work zone speed enforcement using moneys in the State Transportation Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 400—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guidance services for academic and career planning; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring district school boards to inform students and parents of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning options; requiring certain information to be included in such notification; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; requiring a personalized academic and career plan be developed in consultation with a certified school counselor for certain students; requiring certain information to be included in such plans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 402—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firearms; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, within a specified timeframe, to enter into the Florida Crime Information Center database certain orders affecting a person's ability to purchase a firearm; amending s. 790.401, F.S.; prohibiting attempted violations of the provisions of a firearms risk protection order; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 404—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aquaculture land valuation; amending s. 193.461, F.S.; specifying the methodology for the assessment of structures and equipment located on property used in producing aquacultural products; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 406—A bill to be entitled An act relating to secured transactions; amending s. 679.1081, F.S.; providing that a description of certain accounts and entitlements by a certain type of collateral is insufficient for the purpose of security agreements; providing retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 408—A bill to be entitled An act relating to acceptance of cash payments by businesses; creating s. 559.96, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain businesses to accept cash payments for certain transactions; prohibiting such businesses from charging a fee or placing conditions on acceptance of such cash payments; providing applicability; providing penalties for violations of the act; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senators Rodriguez and Taddeo—

SB 410—A bill to be entitled An act relating to photographic enforcement of school zone speed limits; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term "speed detection system"; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to enforce school speed zones through the use of speed detection systems; providing a rebuttable presumption; authorizing counties and municipalities to install, or contract with a vendor to install, speed detection systems; amending s. 316.0776, F.S.; authorizing the installation of speed detection systems

on state roads, when permitted by the Department of Transportation, and on streets and highways under the jurisdiction of counties and municipalities, in accordance with certain placement and installation specifications; requiring the department to establish such specifications by a certain date; requiring counties and municipalities that install speed detection systems to provide certain notification to the public; providing signage requirements; requiring counties and municipalities that have never conducted a speed detection system program to conduct a public awareness campaign before commencing enforcement using such system; providing penalties in effect during the public awareness campaign; creating s. 316.1896, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to authorize traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue certain traffic citations; providing construction; providing notification requirements and procedures; authorizing a person who receives a notification of violation to request a hearing within a specified timeframe; defining the term "person"; providing for waiver of challenge or dispute as to the delivery of the notification of violation; requiring counties and municipalities to pay certain funds to the Department of Revenue; providing for the distribution of funds; providing requirements for issuance of a traffic citation; providing for waiver of challenge or dispute as to the delivery of the traffic citation; providing notification requirements and procedures; specifying that the registered owner of a motor vehicle is responsible and liable for paying a traffic citation; providing exceptions; requiring an owner of a motor vehicle to furnish an affidavit under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for such affidavit; providing a criminal penalty for submitting a false affidavit; providing that certain images or video and evidence of speed are admissible in certain proceedings; providing a rebuttable presumption; providing construction; providing requirements and procedures for hearings; amending s. 316.1906, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "officer"; authorizing a traffic infraction enforcement officer to satisfy a certain requirement by reviewing certain images or video and evidence of speed; providing requirements for speed detection systems; requiring a law enforcement agency and its agents operating a speed detection system to maintain a log of results of the system's self-tests; requiring a law enforcement agency and its agents to perform independent calibration tests of such systems; providing that self-test logs and calibration test results are admissible in certain court proceedings; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing penalties; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; prohibiting points from being imposed against a driver license for certain infractions enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer; prohibiting such infractions from being used to set motor vehicle insurance rates; amending ss. 316.306, 316.640, 316.650, 318.14, 318.21, and 655.960, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Taddeo, Berman, Polsky, and Book—

SJR 412—A joint resolution proposing the creation of a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to require amendment of the state Medicaid plan to provide Medicaid coverage to persons under age 65 who have an income equal to or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Powell and Book—

SB 414—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the family caregiver certified nursing assistant program; amending s. 464.201, F.S.; defining the terms "family caregiver" and "relative"; creating s. 464.2031, F.S.; requiring the Board of Nursing, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, to develop a program to train and certify family caregivers as certified nursing assistants for a specified purpose; specifying requirements for the program; authorizing family caregivers who complete the program to take the nursing assistant competency examination; providing that such caregivers who pass the examination are eligible for certification as a nursing assistant; providing conditions on certification for family caregivers who obtain certification as nursing assistants; providing for the lifting of conditions after a specified period; authorizing the board, in consultation with the agency, to adopt rules; amending s. 464.203, F.S.; revising certification requirements for certified nursing assistants to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 416—A bill to be entitled An act relating to animal cremation; creating s. 501.961, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; requiring a provider of companion animal cremation services to provide certain individuals and entities with a written description of the services that the provider offers; requiring the written description to include a detailed explanation of each service offered; providing that the written description may not contain false or misleading information; requiring certain persons or entities that make referrals to providers or accept deceased companion animals for cremation through a provider to make the provider's written description of services available to owners or their representatives; providing construction; requiring certain providers to include a certification with the returned animal's cremation remains; providing requirements for the certification; providing that certain acts are unlawful; providing civil penalties for initial and subsequent offenses; providing circumstances under which a person commits an unfair or deceptive act or practice or engages in an unfair method of competition in violation of certain provisions; providing for a private right of action; providing powers of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; requiring that certain fines collected by the department be paid into the General Inspection Trust Fund; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senators Pizzo, Jones, Gruters, and Perry—

SB 418—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Assistive Technology Advisory Council; amending s. 413.407, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the membership of and appointments and reappointments to the Assistive Technology Advisory Council; requiring council members to select a chair from among the council membership; revising provisions relating to committees appointed to perform the council's functions; expanding the council's functions to include fundraising activities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senators Pizzo and Book—

SB 420—A bill to be entitled An act relating to animal abuse; amending s. 828.126, F.S.; increasing the criminal penalties for sexual activities involving animals; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; assigning an offense severity ranking for sexual activities involving animals for purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code; increasing the offense severity ranking for fighting or baiting animals for purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 422—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobilization of the National Guard; creating s. 250.475, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; prohibiting release of the Florida National Guard or any member thereof from this state into active duty combat without a declaration of war or other official action by the United States Congress; requiring the Governor to take all necessary actions to comply with such prohibition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Berman—

SB 424—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Ethical Ecotourism license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 426—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority; repealing part III of ch. 343, F.S., relating to the creation and operation of the authority; dissolving the authority and requiring the authority to discharge its liabilities, settle and close its activities and affairs, and provide for the distribution of the authority's assets; amending ss. 339.175 and 341.302, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 428—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the elimination of court-related financial obligations for juveniles; providing a short title; amending ss. 27.52, 318.15, 322.245, 775.083, 938.01, 938.03, 938.05, 938.055, 938.06, 938.08, 938.085, 938.10, 938.13, 938.15, 938.19, 938.23, 938.27, 938.29, 938.35, 939.185, 943.0515, 944.485, 948.09, 960.28, 985.032, 985.033, 985.039, 985.12, 985.145, 985.155, 985.18, and 985.331, F.S.; deleting certain children and young adults, and the parents or guardians of such children and young adults, from numerous provisions relating to fees, costs, and financial obligations; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 985.514, F.S., relating to responsibility for cost of care and fees; creating s. 985.038, F.S.; providing that certain fees and court-ordered costs are unenforceable and uncollectable; providing that unsatisfied civil judgments or portions of judgments imposing those costs, fees, reimbursements, or other financial obligations pursuant to specified provisions are vacated and discharged; providing that warrants issued solely based on the alleged failure to pay certain costs or to appear on a court date set for payment of costs, fees, reimbursements, or other financial obligations imposed pursuant to specified provisions are null and void; requiring reinstatement of driver licenses that have been suspended for failure to make specified payments; providing construction; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wright—

SB 430—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; amending s. 1000.40, F.S.; extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wright—

SB 432—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current and former judicial assistants and their spouses and children; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senators Hooper, Torres, and Stewart—

SB 434—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida tourism marketing; amending ss. 288.1226 and 288.923, F.S.; delaying the scheduled repeal of provisions governing the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and the Division of Tourism Marketing of Enterprise Florida, Inc., respectively; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving under the influence; amending s. 316.193, F.S.; expanding conditions under which a person commits the offense of driving under the influence and must remain in custody after arrest; defining the term "impairing substance"; reenacting ss. 316.027(2)(c), 322.2715(3)(a), and 322.291, F.S., relating to crashes involving death or personal injuries, ignition interlock devices, and driver improvement schools or DUI programs, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 316.193, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 438—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the United States Space Force; amending ss. 61.703 and 97.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "uniformed services" to include the United States Space Force; amending s. 115.01, F.S.; revising the military service branches for which any county or state official who is called to active service may receive a leave of absence; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; updating military base names; amending s. 210.04, F.S.; adding post exchanges operated by the United States Space Force to the those that are exempt from paying tax on cigarettes sold; amending s. 250.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "armed forces" to include the United States Space Force; amending s. 250.43, F.S.; revising the armed forces uniforms that are protected from imitation to include uniforms of the United States Space Force; amending s. 295.061, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "United States Armed Forces" to include the United States Space Force; amending s. 296.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "peacetime service" to include service in the United States Space Force; amending s. 540.08, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "member of the armed forces" to include members of the United States Space Force; amending s. 695.031, F.S.; including members of the United States Space Force as servicemembers who may acknowledge certain instruments; amending s. 718.113, F.S.; including the official flag that represents the United States Space Force as a flag that may be displayed by a condominium owner; amending s. 720.304, F.S.; including the official flag that represents the United States Space Force as a flag that may be displayed by a homeowner; amending s. 790.25, F.S.; authorizing members of the United States Space Force to own, possess, and lawfully use firearms and other weapons, ammunition, and supplies when on duty, when training or preparing themselves for military duty, or while subject to recall or mobilization; reenacting ss. 373.324(7), 409.1664(1)(c), 520.14(1), 627.7283(5), 689.27(1)(d), 790.015(5), 790.06(4)(f) and (11)(b), 790.062(1), 790.065(13), 790.0655(2)(d), and 948.21(1), (2), and (3), F.S., which reference the definition of the term "servicemember," to incorporate the amendment made to s. 250.01, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 440—A bill to be entitled An act relating to overpayment of claims; amending ss. 627.6131 and 641.3155, F.S.; revising the timeframe for submission of insurer and health maintenance organization claims, respectively, for overpayment to providers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 442—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the powers of land authorities; amending s. 380.0666, F.S.; authorizing land authorities to assist the counties in which they are located with certain activities addressing flooding and sea-level rise; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Book—

SB 444—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lewd or lascivious molestation; creating s. 800.06, F.S.; specifying what constitutes the crime of lewd or lascivious molestation upon a person 16 years of age or older; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 446—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wage and employment benefits requirements; repealing s. 218.077, F.S., relating to restrictions on the establishment of minimum wage and employment benefits requirements by political subdivisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 448—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterinary telehealth; providing a short title; amending s. 474.202, F.S.; defining the term "telemedicine"; creating s. 474.2021, F.S.; authorizing veterinarians to practice telemedicine; requiring veterinarians using telemedicine to establish a veterinarian/client/patient relationship and meet certain professional standards; prohibiting such veterinarians from prescribing controlled substances under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing licensure requirements to practice telemedicine; providing jurisdiction of the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine; providing construction; amending s. 828.30, F.S.; authorizing employees, agents, or contractors of animal control authorities to administer rabies vaccinations under certain circumstances; providing that a supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person vaccinating animals at the supervising veterinarian's discretion or under his or her supervision; defining the term "indirect supervision"; authorizing a veterinarian who indirectly supervises the administration of the rabies vaccination to affix his or her signature stamp on a rabies vaccination certificate; amending ss. 474.203 and 474.214, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Agriculture; and Rules.

Senate Bills 450-452—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Perry—

SB 454—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Commission on Offender Review; amending s. 947.04, F.S.; increasing the rate of payment for work performed by retired or former commissioners assigned to temporary duty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Torres—

SB 456—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver license and identification card gender designation; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.08, F.S.; requiring an application for an identification card or a driver license, respectively, to provide for male, female, or nonbinary gender designation; amending ss. 98.093, 320.05, 322.091, 322.14, and 322.17, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Torres—

SB 458—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the secure storage of firearms; creating s. 790.0656, F.S.; providing firearm storage requirements for licensed importers, licensed manufacturers, and licensed dealers under certain circumstances; authorizing agents or employees of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to perform inspections under certain circumstances; providing noncriminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 460—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead assessments following a change in ownership; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; providing that the transfer of property to a child or grandchild under certain conditions is not considered a change of ownership; specifying procedures for establishing qualification for a homestead exemption under such conditions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Torres—

SB 462—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marriage equality; repealing s. 741.212, F.S., relating to marriages between persons of the same sex; removing a prohibition on the recognition of marriages entered into between persons of the same sex in this state, another state, or another jurisdiction, either domestic or foreign; removing a prohibition on giving effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of another jurisdiction respecting a marriage or relationship not recognized in this state or a claim arising from such a marriage or relationship; removing the definition of the term "marriage," which limits marriage only to a legal union between one man and one woman; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Powell—

SB 464—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payments to prisoners upon release; creating ss. 944.6125 and 951.31, F.S.; providing that Florida releasees and county and municipal prisoners who receive funds in the form of payment instruments upon their release may not be charged a fee for cashing the instruments at specified businesses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senators Torres, Wright, Book, Taddeo, Stewart, Jones, Cruz, Rouson, Gibson, Powell, Ausley, Bracy, Burgess, and Harrell—

SB 466—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Military Medics and Corpsmen of Florida program; creating s. 295.126, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Health to establish and administer the program; providing program purposes; providing for eligibility; providing program components; authorizing medically trained veterans participating in the program to perform certain medical activities under specified supervision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; redefining the term "covered policy" under the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund in relation to certain collateral protection insurance policies; amending s. 440.381, F.S.; revising the annual audit requirement for construction classes to apply to new and renewal policies having estimated annual premiums over a specified threshold; amending s. 624.423, F.S.; specifying when service of process is valid and binding upon insurers; creating s. 624.46227, F.S.; authorizing any association, trust, or pool created for the purpose of forming a risk management mechanism or providing self-insurance for a public entity to establish a quorum and conduct public business through communications media technology; amending s. 626.856, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "company employee adjuster"; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; authorizing the use of a certain modeling indication for residential property insurance rate filings; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; authorizing insurers to file certain insurance rating plans based on certain windstorm mitigation construction standards, if certain requirements are met; amending s. 627.0665, F.S.; revising notification requirements for insurers who have automatic bank withdrawal agreements with insureds to include notices when withdrawal amounts increase above a specified threshold; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising conditions for determining the ineligibility of condominiums for wind-only coverage; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; deleting a requirement for electronic transmissions of certain documents to include specified notices; deleting a requirement that paper copies of policies be provided upon request; amending ss. 627.701 and 627.712, F.S.; revising policyholder acknowledgment statement requirements for property insurance policies having certain hurricane deductibles or windstorm or contents coverage exclusions, respectively; amending s. 627.7152, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "assignment agreement"; specifying the addresses to which a notice of intent must be served; amending s. 627.7276, F.S.; revising notice requirements for motor vehicle policies that do not provide coverage for bodily injury and property damage liability; amending ss. 634.171, 634.317, and 634.419, F.S.; authorizing licensed personal lines or general lines agents to solicit, negotiate, advertise, or sell motor vehicle service agreements, home warranty contracts, and service warranty contracts, respectively, without a sales representative license; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 624.424(10) and 627.351(6)(v), F.S., relating to annual statements and other information and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 215.555, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 626.865(1)(e), F.S., relating to public adjuster's qualifications, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 626.856, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 627.7153(1) and (2)(d), F.S., relating to policies restricting assignment of post-loss benefits under a property insurance policy, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.7152, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

SB 470—A bill to be entitled An act relating to revising penalties for nonviolent offenses; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; creating s. 893.131, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of civil citations for the possession of 20 grams or less of cannabis and the possession of drug paraphernalia used in connection with the consumption of cannabis; providing for civil fines; providing for community service in lieu of civil fines; limiting the number of civil citations that a person may receive; providing that a person who contests the violation waives a specified civil penalty and may receive a larger penalty upon a finding of a violation; providing for entry of default judgment in cases of noncompliance; amending s. 893.147, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; revising a principle of the Criminal Punishment Code relating to a prisoner's required minimum term of imprisonment; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; revising the incentive gain-time that the Department of Corrections may grant a prisoner; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SJR 472—A joint resolution proposing the repeal of Section 27 of Article I of the State Constitution relating to the definition of marriage.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 474—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recreational off-highway vehicles; amending ss. 261.03 and 317.0003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "ROV" to increase the weight limit of a specified vehicle; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senators Pizzo, Book, and Boyd—

SB 476—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aggressive careless driving; amending s. 316.1923, F.S.; providing a short title; revising the definition of the term "aggressive careless driving"; providing a civil penalty for aggressive careless driving; providing criminal penalties for aggressive careless driving resulting in damage to property or person, serious bodily injury, or death; defining the term "serious bodily injury"; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking an offense created by the act on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senators Brodeur and Perry—

SB 478—A bill to be entitled An act relating to suicide prevention; directing the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention within the Department of Children and Families to conduct a study for specified purposes; specifying requirements for the study; requiring the office to submit the report to the Legislature and the Secretary of Children and Families by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Burgess and Book—

SB 480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to required instruction in public schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring members of the

instructional staff of public schools to provide instruction on social media literacy; defining the term "social media"; requiring district school boards to make social media literacy instructional material available online; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rouson, Taddeo, Book, Hooper, and Perry—

SB 482—A bill to be entitled An act relating to victims of reform school abuse; providing a short title; defining the term "victim of Florida reform school abuse"; requiring a person seeking certification under this act to apply to the Department of State by a specified date; prohibiting the estate of a decedent or the personal representative of a decedent from submitting an application on behalf of the decedent; requiring that the application include certain information and documentation; requiring the department to examine the application, notify the applicant of any errors or omissions, and request any additional information within a certain timeframe; providing that the applicant has 15 calendar days after such notification to complete the application; requiring the department to review and process a completed application within a certain timeframe; prohibiting the department from denying an application for specified reasons and under certain circumstances; requiring the department to notify the applicant of its determination within a certain timeframe; requiring the department to certify an applicant as a victim of Florida reform school abuse if the department determines his application meets the requirements of this act; requiring the department to submit a list of all certified victims to the Legislature by a specified date; providing exceptions from specified requirements for crime victim compensation eligibility for applications by victims of Florida reform school abuse; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 484—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle glass; amending s. 559.920, F.S.; prohibiting motor vehicle repair shops or their employees from offering anything of value to a customer in exchange for making an insurance claim for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair, including offers made through certain persons; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 486—A bill to be entitled An act relating to money services businesses; amending s. 559.952, F.S.; revising exceptions to general laws and rules for licensees during the Financial Technology Sandbox period; amending s. 560.103, F.S.; revising definitions; defining the term "virtual currency"; amending s. 560.123, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Florida Control of Money Laundering in Money Services Business Act; revising the duties of money services businesses; revising civil and criminal penalties; amending s. 560.125, F.S.; revising criminal and civil penalties for certain violations relating to unlicensed activity involving money services businesses and deferred presentment providers; amending s. 560.204, F.S.; revising provisions related to certain prohibited activities without a license or an exemption; revising the definition of the term "compensation"; amending s. 560.208, F.S.; revising requirements for a money transmitter or payment instrument seller to conduct business; amending s. 560.2085, F.S.; revising requirements for written contracts between money transmitters or payment instrument sellers and authorized vendors; amending s. 560.210, F.S.; requiring money transmitters that receive virtual currency for specified purposes to hold a certain type and amount of virtual currency until the transmission obligation is completed; excluding such virtual currency in the calculation of permissible investments; amending s. 560.211, F.S.; revising recordkeeping requirements for money transmitters or payment instrument sellers; amending s. 560.212, F.S.; revising financial liability requirements for money transmitters or payment instrument sellers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 488—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education recovery scholarship accounts; creating s. 1002.4111, F.S.; establishing education recovery scholarship accounts; providing the purpose of the accounts; specifying eligibility requirements; providing requirements for parent and student participation; defining the term "curriculum"; prohibiting providers from sharing scholarship account moneys with parents or students; prohibiting a parent, student, or provider from billing specified entities for the same services that are paid for using scholarship account funds; providing that parents are responsible for certain unreimbursed expenses; providing for administration of the scholarship; specifying Department of Education scholarship obligations; specifying school district scholarship obligations; providing for funding and payment of scholarships; providing immunity from liability for the state; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Stewart, Bracy, Berman, and Jones—

SB 490—A bill to be entitled An act relating to required instruction in the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to be included in specified instruction; amending ss. 1006.148 and 1014.05, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

SB 492—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 494—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 327.4107, F.S.; revising the vessel conditions that an officer of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a law enforcement agency may use to determine that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict; amending s. 327.45, F.S.; requiring specified evidence before the commission may establish certain vessel restriction rules for protection zones for springs; amending s. 327.46, F.S.; prohibiting municipalities and counties from designating public bathing beach areas or swim areas within their jurisdictions which are within the marked channel portion of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway or within a specified distance from any portion of the marked channel; repealing s. 376.15, F.S., relating to derelict vessels and the relocation and removal of such vessels from the waters of this state; amending s. 379.101, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "marine fish" and "saltwater fish"; amending s. 705.101, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "abandoned property" to include vessels declared to be a public nuisance; amending s. 705.103, F.S.; clarifying the notice requirements and procedures for vessels declared to be public nuisances; amending s. 823.11, F.S.; making technical changes; authorizing the commission to establish a program to provide grants to local governments for certain actions regarding derelict vessels and those declared to be a public nuisance; specifying sources for the funds to be used, subject to an appropriation; authorizing the commission to use funds not awarded as grants for certain purposes; requiring the commission to adopt rules for the grant applications and the criteria for allocating the funds; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; providing that all employees of the commission or the Florida Forest Service may operate drones for specified purposes; amending ss. 327.04, 328.09, 328.72, and 376.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 25, chapter 2021-184, Laws of Florida, relating to derelict vessels; re-

enacting ss. 125.01(4) and 379.2412, F.S., relating to powers and duties of legislative and governing bodies of counties and state preemption of the regulating of taking or possessing saltwater fish, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.101(34), F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 496—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the preemption of firearms and ammunition regulation; repealing s. 790.33, F.S., relating to the preemption of the field of regulation of firearms and ammunition to the Legislature, to the exclusion of local jurisdictions; amending s. 790.251, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Baxley and Perry—

SB 498—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance coverage for hearing aids for children; creating s. 627.6413, F.S.; providing a definition of the term "hearing aid"; requiring certain individual health insurance policies to provide coverage for hearing aids for children 21 years of age or younger under certain circumstances; specifying health care providers who may prescribe, fit, and dispense the hearing aids; specifying a minimum coverage limit within a certain timeframe; providing an exception; providing that an insured is responsible for certain costs that exceed the policy limit; providing applicability; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; requiring certain individual health maintenance contracts to provide coverage for hearing aids for children 21 years of age or younger under certain circumstances; specifying health care providers who may prescribe, fit, and dispense the hearing aids; specifying a minimum coverage limit within a certain timeframe; providing an exception; providing that a subscriber is responsible for certain costs that exceed the contract limit; providing a definition of the term "hearing aid"; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 500—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a back-to-school sales tax holiday; providing exemptions from the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer-related accessories during a specified timeframe; defining terms; specifying locations where the exemptions do not apply; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 502—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity; amending s. 401.25, F.S.; requiring certain counties to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to applicants seeking licensure for basic or advanced life support services which meet specified criteria; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Berman—

SB 504—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal convictions; amending s. 921.002, F.S.; revising the principles embodied by the Criminal Punishment Code as it relates to punishment and rehabilitation; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 944.02, F.S.; defining the term "gain-time"; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections to grant deductions from sentences in the form of good behavior time, rehabilitation credits, and outstanding deed awards, rather than solely for gain-time, for specified purposes; revising the "tentative release date" the department must calculate for each prisoner based on his or her good behavior time, rehabilitation credits, and outstanding deed awards; requiring the department to grant good behavior time, rather than basic gain-time, as a means of encouraging satisfactory behavior and developing character traits necessary for successful reentry to the community, subject to certain conditions; authorizing the department to grant rehabilitation credits, rather than incentive gain-time, for each month during which a prisoner engages in specified activities; revising the rates of eligibility to earn rehabilitation credits; increasing the authorized amount of outstanding deed awards which a prisoner may be granted per outstanding deed performed; authorizing the department to grant a specified number of additional days of rehabilitation credit for successful completion of specified programs; defining the term "life skills program"; providing for retroactivity of specified rehabilitation credits; authorizing the department to grant up to a certain amount of additional days per month to prisoners serving sentences for certain violations; providing for retroactivity of specified good behavior time; prohibiting certain prisoners from being eligible to earn or receive good behavior time or outstanding deed awards in an amount that would cause a sentence to expire, end, or terminate, or that would result in a prisoner's release, before he or she serves a specified minimum percentage of the sentence imposed; prohibiting certain prisoners from earning or receiving rehabilitation credits in an amount that would cause a sentence to expire, end, or terminate, or that would result in a prisoner's release, before he or she serves a specified minimum percentage of the sentence imposed; providing that gain-time may be forfeited according to law after due process if a prisoner is found guilty of an infraction of certain laws or rules; requiring the department to adopt rules in accordance with the changes made by the act; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; amending s. 784.078, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending ss. 316.027, 775.0845, 775.0847, 775.0861, 775.0862, 775.087, 775.0875, 777.03, 777.04, 794.011, 794.023, 817.568, 831.032, 843.22, 874.04, 944.281, 944.473, and 944.70, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 775.084(4)(k), 900.05(2)(v) and (3)(e), 944.605(1), 944.607(6), 947.005(15), and 985.4815(6)(a), F.S., relating to gain-time granted by the department, the definition of "gain-time credit earned" and gain-time data that the department must collect, a required notification of expiration of sentence, a requirement that a digitized photograph of sexual offenders be taken within a certain time before release, the definition of "tentative release date," and a requirement that a digitized photograph of juvenile sexual offenders be taken within a certain time before release, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 944.275, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 506—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Hope Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.40, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Hope Scholarship Program; defining terms and revising definitions; deleting obsolete language; revising program eligibility; providing for the use of funds under the program; revising the term of a program scholarship; revising school district, Department of Education, parent, and nonprofit scholarship-funding organization obligations under the program; authorizing payment of scholarship funds by organizations to be made by deposit into the student's account instead of by individual warrant made payable to the student's parent; providing that accrued interest in the student's account is in addition to, and not part of, awarded funds; providing that program funds include both the awarded funds and accrued interest; prohibiting a student's scholarship award from being reduced for debit card or electronic payment fees; conforming provisions

to changes made by the act; amending ss. 213.053, 1002.394, and 1002.395, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 508—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials and executive officers; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision to create part IX of ch. 112, F.S.; creating s. 112.89, F.S.; providing legislative findings and purpose; defining terms; establishing standards for the fiduciary duty of care for appointed public officials and executive officers of specified governmental entities; requiring training on board governance beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to contract for or approve a training program or publish a list of approved training providers; specifying requirements for such training; authorizing training to be provided by in-house counsel for certain governmental entities; requiring appointed public officials and executive officers to certify their completion of the annual training; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing exceptions to the training requirement; specifying requirements for the appointment of executive officers and general counsels of governmental entities; specifying standards for legal counsel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 510—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosures for elected local officers; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring specified local officers to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "local officer"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 512—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vacation rentals; amending s. 212.03, F.S.; requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit taxes for certain transactions; reordering and amending s. 509.013, F.S.; defining the term "advertising platform"; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising the regulated activities of public lodging establishments and public food service establishments preempted to the state to include licensing; revising an exemption to the prohibition against certain local regulation of vacation rentals; expanding the authority of local laws, ordinances, or regulations to include requiring vacation rentals to register with local vacation rental registration programs; authorizing local governments to adopt vacation rental registration programs and impose fines for failure to register; authorizing local governments to charge fees for processing registration applications; specifying requirements, procedures, and limitations for local vacation rental registration programs; authorizing local governments to terminate or refuse to issue or renew vacation rental registrations under certain circumstances; preempting the regulation of advertising platforms to the state; amending s. 509.241, F.S.; requiring applications for vacation rental licenses to include certain information; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue temporary licenses upon receipt of vacation rental license applications; providing for expiration of temporary vacation rental licenses; requiring licenses issued by the division to be displayed conspicuously to the public inside the licensed establishment; requiring the owner or operator of certain vacation rentals to also display its vacation rental license number and applicable local registration number; creating s. 509.243, F.S.; requiring advertising platforms to require that persons placing advertisements for vacation rentals include certain information in the advertisements and attest to certain information; requiring advertising platforms to display and check such information; requiring the division to maintain certain information in a readily accessible electronic format by a certain date; requiring advertising platforms to remove an advertisement or listing under certain conditions and within a specified timeframe; requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit taxes for certain transactions; authorizing the division to issue and deliver a notice to cease and desist for certain violations; providing that such notice does not constitute agency action for which certain hearings may be sought; authorizing the division to file certain proceedings; authorizing the division to seek certain remedies for the purpose of enforcing a cease and desist notice; authorizing the division to collect attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances; authorizing the division to impose a fine on advertising platforms for certain violations; requiring the division to issue written warnings or notices before commencing certain legal proceedings; requiring advertising platforms to adopt an anti-discrimination policy and to inform their users of the policy's provisions; providing construction; amending s. 509.261, F.S.; authorizing the division to revoke, refuse to issue or renew, or suspend vacation rental licenses under certain circumstances; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "temporary residence"; amending ss. 159.27, 212.08, 316.1955, 404.056, 477.0135, 509.221, 553.5041, 559.955, 705.17, 705.185, 717.1355, and 877.24, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing applicability; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing requirements and an expiration for the emergency rules; providing for the expiration of such rulemaking authority; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Burgess and Perry—

SB 514—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce education requirements; creating s. 110.1081, F.S.; authorizing state governmental employing agencies to substitute equivalent work experience in lieu of a postsecondary education requirement for a position of employment if certain conditions are met; providing construction; creating ss. 125.75, 166.04435, and 189.0195, F.S.; requiring a county, municipality, or special district, respectively, that elects to substitute equivalent work experience in lieu of a postsecondary education requirement for a position of employment to include a certain notice in job advertisements for the position; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 516—A bill to be entitled An act relating to procurement activities of for-profit eye banks; amending ss. 765.542 and 873.01, F.S.; prohibiting for-profit eye banks from procuring certain human organs and tissue for specified purposes; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 518—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential home protection; amending s. 163.045, F.S.; defining terms; revising conditions under which a local government may not require a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on a residential property; specifying when a tree poses an unacceptable risk; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 520—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and public meetings; creating s. 1004.098, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for any personal identifying information of an applicant for president of a state university or a Florida

College System institution held by a state university or a Florida College System institution; specifying when the personal identifying information of applicants who are in the final group of applicants is no longer confidential and exempt; providing an exemption from public meeting requirements for any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president of a state university or a Florida College System institution, including any portion of a meeting which would disclose certain personal identifying information of such applicants; requiring that a recording be made of any portion of a closed meeting which would disclose personal identifying information of such applicants; providing that no portion of a closed meeting may be held off the record; providing that the recording of any closed portion of a meeting is exempt from public records requirements; specifying that certain meetings are not exempt from public meeting requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 522—A bill to be entitled An act relating to full-time equivalent student membership for International General Certificate of Secondary Education students; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; providing a specified amount of full-time equivalent membership for each student enrolled in an International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE) course who receives a score of "E" or higher on the corresponding pre-AICE subject examination; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 524—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.0575, F.S.; removing the limitation on the amount of aggregate fines that may be assessed in a calendar year against a third-party voter registration organization for specified violations; amending s. 99.021, F.S.; revising the candidate oath to require a candidate to subscribe to an oath or affirmation regarding outstanding fines, fees, or penalties owed for certain ethics or campaign finance violations; creating s. 101.019, F.S.; prohibiting the use of ranked-choice voting to determine election or nomination to elective office; voiding existing or future local ordinances authorizing the use of ranked-choice voting; amending s. 101.657, F.S.; authorizing the supervisor of elections to designate up to two additional early voting sites per election in areas of a county that do not have otherwise eligible locations; amending s. 105.031, F.S.; revising the oath for judicial candidates to require a candidate to subscribe to an oath or affirmation regarding outstanding fines, fees, or penalties owed for certain ethics or campaign finance violations; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Brandes—

SB 526—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation for eligible victims of wrongful incarceration; amending s. 961.03, F.S.; extending the filing deadline for a petition claiming wrongful incarceration; providing limited retroactivity for filing a petition claiming wrongful incarceration; providing that a deceased person's heirs, successors, or assigns do not have standing to file a petition related to the wrongful incarceration of the deceased person; amending s. 961.04, F.S.; revising eligibility for compensation for wrongful incarceration for a wrongfully incarcerated person; amending s. 961.06, F.S.; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to adjust compensation for inflation for persons found to be wrongfully incarcerated after a specified date; revising conditions for eligibility for compensation for wrongful incarceration; amending s. 961.07, F.S.; specifying that payments for certain petitions filed under the Victims of Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act are subject to specific appropriation; reenacting ss. 961.02(4) and 961.03(1)(a), (2), (3), and (4), F.S., relating to eligibility for compensation for wrongfully incarcerated persons, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 961.04, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 961.02(5) and 961.05(6), F.S., relating to receiving compensation, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 961.06, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 528—A bill to be entitled An act relating to value of motor vehicles exempt from legal process; amending s. 222.25, F.S.; revising upward the value of a motor vehicle owned by a natural person that is exempt from legal process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 530—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 11.0431, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption for drafts of and requests for drafts of reapportionment plans, redistricting plans, or amendments thereto and any supporting documents; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 532—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private schools; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising requirements that private schools participating in certain educational scholarship programs must meet; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising school district obligations under the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; revising Department of Education obligations; revising private school eligibility and obligations; revising parent and student responsibilities; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.395, F.S.; conforming cross-references; revising parent and student responsibilities for participating in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; revising private school eligibility and obligations; revising department obligations; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1002.40, F.S.; revising school district obligations under the Hope Scholarship Program; revising private school eligibility and obligations; revising department obligations; revising parent and student responsibilities; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; requiring certain private schools to be graded according to specified rules; requiring certain private schools to assess at least 95 percent of eligible students; deleting obsolete language; requiring the department to annually develop, in collaboration with certain private schools, a school report card that certain private schools provide to parents; amending s. 1013.37, F.S.; requiring private schools to comply with the State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code; providing for injunctive relief under certain circumstances; authorizing attorney fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 534—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prescription drugs used in the treatment of schizophrenia for Medicaid recipients; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; authorizing the approval of drug products or certain medication prescribed for the treatment of schizophrenia or schizotypal or delusional disorders for Medicaid recipients who have not met the step-therapy prior authorization criteria, when the drug product or certain medication meets specified criteria; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 536—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 120.54, F.S.; applying certain provisions applicable to all rules other than emergency rules to repromulgated rules; requiring a notice of rule development to include certain information; requiring a notice of withdrawal if a notice of proposed rule is not filed within a certain timeframe; requiring that certain persons be available at a workshop or public hearing to receive public input; requiring a notice of proposed rule to include certain information; requiring certain notices to be published within a specified timeframe; requiring that material proposed to be incorporated by reference be made available in a specified manner; authorizing electronic delivery of notices to persons who have requested advance notice of agency rulemaking proceedings; revising the circumstances under which a proposed rule's adverse impact on small businesses is considered to exist; requiring an agency to provide notice of a regulatory alternative to the Administrative Procedures Committee within a certain timeframe; requiring an agency to publish a notice of convening a separate proceeding in certain circumstances; providing that rulemaking timelines are tolled during such separate proceedings; requiring a notice of change for certain changes to a statement of estimated regulatory costs; revising the requirements for the contents of a notice of change; requiring the committee to notify the Department of State that the date for an agency to adopt a rule has expired under certain circumstances; requiring the department to publish a notice of withdrawal under certain circumstances; requiring that certain information be available on the agency's website; requiring emergency rules to be published in the Florida Administrative Code; prohibiting agencies from making changes to emergency rules by superseding the rule; authorizing an agency to make technical changes to an emergency rule during a specified timeframe; requiring an agency to file a copy of a certain petition with the committee; amending s. 120.541, F.S.; requiring an agency to provide a copy of any proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to the committee within a certain timeframe; specifying the circumstances under which such a proposal is made in good faith; revising requirements for an agency's consideration of a lower cost regulatory alternative; providing for an agency's revision and publication of a revised statement of estimated regulatory costs in response to certain circumstances; requiring that a revised statement of lower cost regulatory alternative be submitted to the rules ombudsman and published in a specified manner; revising the information required in a statement of estimated regulatory costs; deleting the definition of the term "transactional costs"; revising the applicability of specified provisions; providing additional requirements for the calculation of estimated regulatory costs; requiring the department to include specified information on a website; requiring certain agencies to include certain information in a statement of estimated regulatory costs and on their websites; providing certain requirements for an agency that revises a statement of estimated regulatory costs; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 120.5435, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring agency review of rules and repromulgation of rules that do not require substantive changes within a specified timeframe; providing that failure of an agency to meet certain deadlines applicable to a rule required to be repromulgated constitutes the repeal of the rule; requiring an agency to publish a notice of repromulgation in the Florida Administrative Register and file a rule for promulgation with the department within a specified timeframe; requiring an agency to file a notice of repromulgation with the committee within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for the notice of repromulgation; providing that a repromulgated rule is not subject to challenge as a proposed rule and that certain hearing requirements do not apply; requiring an agency to file a specified number of certified copies of a proposed repromulgated rule and any material incorporated by reference; providing that a repromulgated rule is adopted upon filing with the department and becomes effective after a specified time; requiring the department to update certain information in the Florida Administrative Code; requiring the department to adopt rules by a certain date; amending s. 120.545, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the committee to examine existing rules; amending s. 120.55, F.S.; requiring the Florida Administrative Code to be published once daily and indicate certain information; requiring materials incorporated by reference to be filed in a specified manner; requiring the department to include the date of a technical change in the Florida Administrative Code; providing that a technical change does not affect the effective date of a rule; requiring specified rulemaking; amending s. 120.74, F.S.; requiring an agency to identify and describe each rule it plans to develop, adopt, or repeal during the forthcoming year in the agency's annual regulatory plan; requiring that an agency's annual regulatory plan identify any rules required to be repromulgated during the forthcoming year; requiring the agency to make certain declarations concerning the annual regulatory plan; amending ss. 120.80, 120.81, 420.9072, 420.9075, and 443.091, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 538—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private instructional personnel providing applied behavior analysis services; amending s. 1003.572, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "private instructional personnel" to include certain registered behavior technicians; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 540—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certification for prescriptive authority; creating s. 490.017, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Board of Psychology to certify certain psychologists to exercise prescriptive authority; requiring the board to develop and implement specified procedures to review requirements for certification; requiring the board to adopt rules; specifying application requirements for certification; requiring the board to establish a method for certification renewal; authorizing certified psychologists to use their prescriptive authority in accordance with rules adopted by the board; specifying requirements and prohibitions for prescribing psychologists; requiring prescribing psychologists who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances to file specified information with the board within a specified timeframe; requiring the board to maintain a record of such information; requiring the board to submit a list of prescribing psychologists, including specified information, to the Board of Pharmacy; requiring the board to notify the Board of Pharmacy of any changes to the list; requiring the board to establish an interim panel by a specified date to provide recommendations for rules governing prescriptive authority for psychologists; providing for membership of the panel; requiring the panel to submit its recommendations to the board by a specified date; providing for future expiration of the panel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 542—A bill to be entitled An act relating to evidentiary standards for actions arising during an emergency; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; defining the term "engaged individual"; prohibiting certain actions taken by a business during a public health emergency from being used as evidence in certain civil causes of action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Boyd—

SB 544—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug-related overdose prevention; amending s. 381.887, F.S.; revising the purpose of specified provisions relating to the prescribing, ordering, and dispensing of emergency opioid antagonists to certain persons by authorized health care practitioners; requiring the Florida Public Health Institute, Inc., in consultation with the Department of Health, to educate the public regarding the use of emergency opioid antagonists; authorizing pharmacists to order certain emergency opioid antagonists; providing certain

authorized persons immunity from civil or criminal liability for administering emergency opioid antagonists under certain circumstances; authorizing civilian personnel of law enforcement agencies to administer emergency opioid antagonists under certain circumstances; amending s. 395.1041, F.S.; requiring hospital emergency departments and urgent care centers to report incidents involving a suspected or actual overdose to the department under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the report; requiring hospital emergency departments and urgent care centers to use best efforts to report such incidents to the department within a specified timeframe; amending s. 401.253, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, basic life support services and advanced life support services to report incidents involving a suspected or actual overdose of a controlled substance within a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 546—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer finance loans; amending s. 516.03, F.S.; authorizing an applicant for a license to make and collect loans under the Florida Consumer Finance Act to provide certain documents in lieu of evidence of liquid assets; amending s. 516.031, F.S.; prohibiting a person licensed to make and collect consumer finance loans from charging prepayment penalties for loans; amending s. 516.05, F.S.; authorizing a licensee or an applicant for a license to make and collect consumer finance loans to provide a surety bond, certificate of deposit, or letter of credit in lieu of evidence of liquid assets; providing requirements for such bonds, certificates of deposit, and letters of credit; providing rulemaking authority to the Financial Services Commission; amending s. 516.07, F.S.; modifying grounds for denial of license or disciplinary action for certain violations of the Florida Consumer Finance Act; amending s. 559.952, F.S.; revising exceptions for a licensee during the Financial Technology Sandbox period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 548—A bill to be entitled An act relating to energy; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to make specified information available to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "adjusted federal income" to include certain tax credits taken for farm renewable energy production; creating s. 220.1931, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; establishing a tax credit for electricity produced from a renewable energy source located on an operational farm in this state; specifying the amount of the tax credit; providing an application process for the tax credit; specifying the priority the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services must give to applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing the tax credit to carry forward under certain circumstances for a specified period of time; authorizing the transfer of tax credits under certain circumstances; specifying the timeframe during which tax credits for operational farms may be earned; requiring a taxpayer who claims a credit to make a certain adjustment to net income under certain circumstances; specifying that certain entities producing and selling electricity may pass through the credit earned to certain taxpayers; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to certify taxpayer eligibility for the credit; limiting the total tax credits granted during a fiscal year to a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to perform specified audits and investigations; requiring the department to provide technical assistance to the Department of Revenue under certain circumstances; establishing grounds for forfeiting a credit if the taxpayer was not entitled to receive the credit; requiring forfeited credits returned to be paid into the General Revenue Fund; providing requirements if a taxpayer's eligibility for the credit is revoked or modified under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Revenue and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to publish on its website updates on the amount of available credits and provide an annual assessment of the tax credit program to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the assessment; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; requiring the Division of Emergency Management's statewide emergency shelter plan to identify the capacity of backup power generation systems and fuel types available at each shelter; creating s. 253.471, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to lease manmade stormwater management systems for floating solar energy systems; providing requirements for such leases; amending s. 255.257, F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services to establish a program to measure and benchmark the energy efficiency of buildings owned, leased, or controlled by the state; providing requirements for such program; requiring the Department of Management Services to submit an annual report to the Legislature regarding state building energy performance; requiring the Department of Management Services to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop energy-saving strategies; creating s. 366.921, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; requiring the Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for a renewable and energy efficiency portfolio standard; prohibiting implementation of the rules until ratification by the Legislature; providing requirements for the rules; requiring providers to report certain information to the commission regarding their energy portfolios; requiring the commission to provide for cost recovery of certain renewable energy projects, up to a specified amount; requiring municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives to develop standards for renewable energy use and conservation and efficiency measures and to annually report such standards to the commission by a specified date; providing construction; requiring the commission to adopt rules; creating s. 377.7061, F.S.; establishing the Residential Energy Efficiency Upgrades Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified purpose; defining terms; requiring the department to provide grants for the implementation of certain energy efficiency measures that reduce energy usage and costs for low-income households; providing eligibility requirements for the program; requiring the department to publish on its website updates on grant funds available; requiring the department to provide an annual report on the program to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; requiring the department to adopt rules by a specified date; creating s. 377.817, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; requiring the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with certain state entities and officers, to develop rules that meet certain requirements for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; requiring the office to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature at specified intervals; specifying requirements for the report; creating s. 377.818, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in coordination with the Department of Management Services and the Department of Environmental Protection, to develop and maintain a greenhouse gas registry and inventory; requiring state and local governmental entities, state universities, Florida College System institutions, utilities, and certain businesses to track and report greenhouse gas emissions data to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services beginning on specified dates; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; requiring the department to adopt rules and authorizing the department to implement certain methodologies; creating s. 377.819, F.S.; establishing the Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified purpose; defining terms; requiring the department to provide awards for projects that meet certain requirements; providing requirements for the awards; requiring eligible applicants to contribute a specified cost share for projects; limiting the amount that may be used on administrative costs; prohibiting awards from exceeding a specified amount per fiscal year; requiring the department to publish on its website updates on funding availability; requiring the department to provide an annual assessment of the program to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the assessment; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 377.8201, F.S.; establishing the Farm Renewable and Efficiency Demonstrations Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified purpose; defining terms; requiring the department to conduct onsite evaluations to determine certain energy efficiency upgrades at individual farms and agricultural producers in this state; requiring the department to provide grants for the implementation of its recommendations; authorizing

the department to give priority consideration to historically underserved producers or projects that serve certain areas; prohibiting awarded grants from exceeding the appropriated funds per fiscal year for the program; providing for an application process; requiring the department to submit an annual assessment of the program to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the assessment; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 520.27, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with the Public Service Commission and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, to take certain actions to protect residential solar energy systems consumers; authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to electronically store purchase agreements at the request of a consumer for a specified timeframe; authorizing the department to share such information with other state agencies; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an appropriation; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 550—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unlawful employment practices; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; revising the unlawful employment practices in the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to include discriminatory practices relating to military status; reenacting s. 760.11(1) and (15), F.S., relating to administrative and civil remedies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 760.10, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Boyd, Ausley, and Wright—

SB 552—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clerks of the circuit court; amending s. 28.241, F.S.; revising the distribution of filing fees in specified trial and appellate proceedings; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; revising the calculations for certain payment plans with clerks of court; providing requirements for down payments for such payment plans; providing that the down payment does not include specified service charges; amending s. 28.35, F.S.; revising the duties of the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation; requiring the corporation to recommend to the Legislature the costs associated with clerk support for newly created county court and circuit court judgeships; amending s. 34.041, F.S.; revising the allocation to the fine and forfeiture fund of filing fees of certain claims filed in county courts; amending s. 57.082, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to review the property records and motor vehicle title records of applicants for indigent status; requiring clerks to maintain the results of such reviews with the applications and provide those results to the court if an applicant seeks review of the clerk's determination; providing construction; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; revising the minimum civil penalty for noncriminal traffic infractions; amending s. 322.29, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to coordinate with the clerks of court to ensure that their technology systems have the capability to reinstate driver licenses suspended for failure to pay court obligations; amending s. 394.459, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to seek reimbursement from the Legislature for habeas corpus petitions under specified conditions; providing the method to seek such reimbursement; requiring the corporation to annually develop and submit to the Governor a budget request for such reimbursement, not subject to change by the Justice Administrative Commission, to be transmitted to the Legislature; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to seek reimbursement from the Legislature for the filing of orders of involuntary examination under specified conditions; providing the method to seek such reimbursement; requiring the corporation to annually develop and submit to the Governor a budget request for such reimbursement, not subject to change by the Justice Administrative Commission, to be transmitted to the Legislature; amending s. 394.467, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to seek reimbursement from the Legislature for the filing of petitions for involuntary inpatient placement; providing the method to seek such reimbursement; requiring the corporation to annually develop and submit to the Governor a budget request for such reimbursement, not subject to change by the Justice Administrative Commission, to be transmitted to the Legislature; amending s. 394.917, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to seek reimbursement from the Legislature for costs and fees related to appeals for persons determined to be sexually violent predators; providing the method to seek such reimbursement; requiring the corporation to annually develop and submit to the Governor a budget request for such reimbursement, not subject to change by the Justice Administrative Commission, to be transmitted to the Legislature; amending s. 397.6814, F.S.; authorizing clerks of court to seek reimbursement from the Legislature for petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization; providing the method to seek such reimbursement; requiring the corporation to annually develop and submit to the Governor a budget request for such reimbursement, not subject to change by the Justice Administrative Commission, to be transmitted to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 554—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educational opportunities for disabled veterans; creating s. 295.011, F.S.; defining the term "disabled veteran"; providing that disabled veterans receiving certain federal educational assistance benefits are eligible to receive a waiver for the remaining cost of tuition and fees at certain institutions; requiring certain institutions to submit an annual report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education; requiring the boards to respectively adopt regulations and rules; specifying applicability of other laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 556—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical marijuana identification cards for service-disabled veterans; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Health from charging a fee for the issuance, replacement, or renewal of an identification card for the medical use of marijuana for a service-disabled veteran or his or her caregiver if a specified form is included with the identification card application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 558—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court recordings; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; requiring that certain family law court proceedings be electronically or stenographically recorded in their entirety; requiring that the recordings or transcripts of a proceeding be made available to the parties for purchase; providing exceptions; requiring the court to provide an indigent party with a recording or transcript of the proceeding at no cost, upon request; amending ss. 61.1827 and 409.2579, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rodriguez, Brodeur, and Perry—

SB 560—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recovery for wrongful death; amending s. 768.21, F.S.; deleting a prohibition on adult children of certain decedents recovering specified damages; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 562—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military occupational licensure; amending s. 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the applicable board or program to expedite professional license applications submitted by spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States; requiring the department to issue temporary professional licenses under certain circumstances; amending s. 456.024, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health or the applicable board to issue a professional license to spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States if certain requirements are met; requiring the department to waive the application fee for such license applications; authorizing applicants issued such licenses to renew their licenses if certain requirements are met; providing construction; requiring the department or applicable board to expedite applications for such licenses; requiring the department or applicable board to issue a temporary professional license under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Regulated Industries; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 564—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 627.4239, F.S.; defining the terms "associated condition" and "health care provider"; prohibiting health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain cancer treatment drugs; prohibiting health insurers and health maintenance organizations from requiring, before providing prescription drug coverage for the treatment of stage 4 metastatic cancer and associated conditions, that treatment has failed with a different drug; providing applicability; prohibiting insurers and health maintenance organizations from excluding coverage for certain drugs on certain grounds; prohibiting insurers and health maintenance organizations from requiring home infusion for certain cancer treatment drugs or that certain cancer treatment drugs be sent to certain entities for home infusion unless a certain condition is met; revising construction; amending s. 627.42392, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "health insurer"; defining the term "urgent care situation"; specifying a requirement for the prior authorization form adopted by the Financial Services Commission by rule; authorizing the commission to adopt certain rules; specifying requirements for, and restrictions on, health insurers and pharmacy benefits managers relating to prior authorization information, requirements, restrictions, and changes; providing applicability; specifying timeframes in which prior authorization requests must be authorized or denied and the patient and the patient's provider must be notified; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 566—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health professional licensure; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising educational requirements for marriage and family therapist and mental health counselor licenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 568—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abatement of taxes for residential dwellings rendered uninhabitable by catastrophic event; creating s. 197.319, F.S.; providing definitions; specifying conditions under which persons whose residential dwellings are rendered uninhabitable may receive an abatement of taxes originally levied; specifying a formula for determining the amount of the tax abatement; providing directives to property appraisers in issuing written statements to the tax collector when granting abatements; providing directives to tax collectors in calculating damage differentials and processing refunds; providing a mechanism for persons to file late applications for abatement of taxes; requiring tax collectors to provide specified information to the Department of Revenue and the governing boards of each affected local government on an annual basis; providing for retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

SR 570—Not introduced.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 572—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property appraisers; amending s. 193.011, F.S.; revising factors that a property appraiser must consider in deriving just valuation; amending s. 194.036, F.S.; revising the thresholds for variance in assessed value which allow a property appraiser to appeal decisions of the value adjustment board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

SB 574—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring the application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration to include language permitting applicants to request registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and tax collectors to use United States mail service to deliver registration certificate cards; specifying a requirement for mailing such cards; amending s. 320.055, F.S.; requiring the department to issue registration certificate cards to specified motor vehicle owners under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a registration certificate card to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle if requested by such owner or lessee; amending s. 320.0605, F.S.; expanding the list of documents required to be in the possession of the operator of a motor vehicle or carried in the vehicle for certain purposes to include registration certificate cards; providing penalties; amending s. 320.0609, F.S.; requiring that registration certificate cards be issued to the owner of a registered vehicle; authorizing registration certificate cards to be transferred by the owner or surrendered under certain circumstances; specifying a transfer fee for the issuance of a new registration certificate card under certain circumstances; authorizing the surviving spouse of a deceased registered owner of a motor vehicle to request a registration certificate card; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; prohibiting a person from altering the original appearance of a registration certificate card; providing penalties; amending s. 320.07, F.S.; providing that a person who has been assessed certain penalties is not subject to a delinquent fee if the person obtains a valid registration certificate card within a specified timeframe; amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; requiring that eligible applicants for permanent disabled parking permits be noted on registration certificate cards under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; requiring a registration certificate card to be carried within former military vehicles under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.1325, F.S.; requiring the department to provide a registration certificate card upon request to a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle and who is temporarily employed in this state; amending s. 320.58, F.S.; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

SB 576—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to collect a mail service charge for mailed registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.04, F.S.; imposing a specified service

charge for the transfer or duplicate issuance of a registration certificate card; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 578—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; deleting construction relating to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation coverage rates; delaying the future repeal of the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Torres—

SB 580—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rent control measures; amending ss. 125.0103 and 166.043, F.S.; deleting requirements for the termination, expiration, extension, and renewal of local governmental rent control measures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SB 582—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payments made into the registry of the court; amending s. 83.60, F.S.; removing a provision that waives a tenant's defenses other than payment and entitles a landlord to an immediate default judgment for removal of a tenant if the tenant fails to take certain actions in an action by the landlord for possession of a dwelling unit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SB 584—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; providing for enactment of the agreement; providing a method by which a state may become a member state; requiring a statewide popular election for President and Vice President of the United States; establishing a procedure for appointing presidential electors in member states; providing that the agreement becomes effective upon the occurrence of specified actions; providing for the withdrawal of a member state; requiring notification of member states when the agreement takes effect in a nonmember state or when a member state withdraws from the agreement; providing severability; providing definitions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SJR 586—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 22 of Article III and an amendment to Section 10 of Article IV of the State Constitution to authorize the proposal and enactment of legislation by initiative and to provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions proposing legislation.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Torres—

SM 588—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to propose to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would increase the number of United States Senators to three in any state that has a population of more than 6 million as determined by the federal census.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 590—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; creating s. 491.018, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Health or the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling pursuant to the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; authorizing the disclosure of such information under certain circumstances; providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for certain meetings or portions of certain meetings of the Counseling Compact Commission or committees of the commission; providing an exemption from public records requirements for recordings, minutes, and records generated during the closed portions of such meetings; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Wright—

SB 592—A bill to be entitled An act relating to face covering mandates; amending s. 381.0016, F.S.; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring that a citizen of the United States wear a face covering; defining the term "face covering"; providing that any such requirement is void; creating s. 1001.4201, F.S.; prohibiting district school boards from adopting, implementing, or enforcing a policy, a rule, a code of conduct, or an order requiring the wearing of a face covering; defining the term "face covering"; providing that any such policy, rule, code of conduct, or order is void; creating s. 1001.5101, F.S.; prohibiting a district school superintendent from implementing or enforcing a policy, a rule, a code of conduct, or an order requiring the wearing of a face covering; defining the term "face covering"; providing that any such policy, rule, code of conduct, or order is void; creating s. 1001.55, F.S.; prohibiting a school principal from implementing or enforcing a policy, a rule, a code of conduct, or an order requiring the wearing of a face covering; defining the term "face covering"; providing that any such policy, rule, code of conduct, or order is void; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Education; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Wright—

SB 594—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discrimination on the basis of COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery status; amending s. 381.00316, F.S.; prohibiting governmental entities from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery status as a condition of licensure or certification in this state; providing a right of action for certain aggrieved persons; providing for equitable relief, damages, and attorney fees; creating s. 381.00317, F.S.; defining the terms "COVID-19 vaccine" and "employer"; prohibiting employers from requiring COVID-19 vaccination or proof of COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery as a condition of employment, promotion, or continued employment or from discriminating against employees on the basis of such status unless certain conditions are met; providing an exception; providing a right of action for aggrieved persons; providing for equitable relief, damages, and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 596—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal conflict and civil regional counsels; amending s. 27.0065, F.S.; specifying the responsibilities of regional counsels regarding witness coordination;

amending s. 27.341, F.S.; revising legislative intent regarding electronic filing and receipt of court documents; amending s. 27.51, F.S.; prohibiting the court from appointing a regional counsel to represent certain defendants; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional counsel employees be governed by Justice Administrative Commission classification and salary and benefits plans; modifying procedures for the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission to nominate candidates to the Governor for regional counsel positions; specifying that the nomination and appointment process applies retroactively; specifying requirements for the manner of access to court facilities for regional counsels; amending s. 27.53, F.S.; revising requirements for the classification and pay plan jointly developed by the regional counsels; amending s. 39.0132, F.S.; providing that regional counsels can access certain confidential information relating to proceedings involving children under specified circumstances; authorizing the release to regional counsels of certain confidential information relating to proceedings involving children under specified circumstances; amending s. 92.153, F.S.; providing a limit on costs for documents produced in response to a subpoena or records request by a regional counsel; reenacting s. 110.123(4)(e), F.S., relating to the payment of health insurance premiums by state agencies for certain employees and surviving spouses, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 112.19, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer" to include regional counsel investigators for purposes of eligibility for certain death benefits; reenacting s. 112.1912(1), F.S., relating to death benefits for educational expenses for survivors of first responders, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 112.19, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s. 320.025, F.S.; authorizing regional counsel offices to obtain fictitious names for motor vehicle and vessel plates or decals; amending s. 393.12, F.S.; waiving an education requirement for the appointment of attorneys from regional counsel offices to represent a person with a developmental disability; amending s. 394.916, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint a regional counsel or other counsel to represent an alleged sexually violent predator in the event of a conflict; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; waiving a certain training requirement for the appointment of attorneys from regional counsel offices to represent an alleged incapacitated person; amending s. 943.053, F.S.; specifying that a regional counsel office may not be charged a fee for accessing certain criminal justice information; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide regional counsels online access to certain information; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; authorizing the release of certain records and information to regional counsels; amending s. 945.48, F.S.; authorizing the appointment of a regional counsel to represent an inmate subject to involuntary mental health treatment if certain conditions exist; amending s. 985.045, F.S.; requiring that regional counsel offices have access to official records of juveniles whom they represent; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 598—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 320.025, F.S.; expanding a public records exemption to include all records pertaining to a registration application submitted by any criminal conflict and civil regional counsel office; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Berman, Cruz, and Jones—

SB 600—A bill to be entitled An act relating to upgrades to education facilities as emergency shelters; amending s. 1013.372, F.S.; exempting costs of less than $2 million associated with certain upgrades to education facilities from being included in certain cost per student station calculations; specifying eligible updates that may be made; prohibiting renewable energy source devices located on the property of an education facility from generating more than a specified amount of energy; requiring costs associated with certain upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in the area where the education facility is located; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 602—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; amending s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring an annual appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection to implement the Florida Keys Stewardship Act or to acquire land within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern for specified purposes; prohibiting the department from using the appropriated funds to implement wastewater management projects or programs; requiring the distribution to be reduced by a specified amount; deleting obsolete language; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 604—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Safe Waterways Act; amending s. 514.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "public bathing place"; amending s. 514.023, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "beach waters"; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Health to adopt and enforce certain rules; requiring, rather than authorizing, the department to issue health advisories under certain circumstances; requiring the department to notify a municipality or county if the department issues a health advisory against swimming on the basis of elevated bacteria levels in a public bathing place within the municipality's or county's jurisdiction; requiring the municipality or county to post certain signage around public bathing places that have elevated levels of specified bacteria; specifying requirements for the signage; requiring municipalities and counties to maintain the signage until subsequent testing shows the water's bacteria levels meet the department's standards again; requiring the department to monitor the affected public bathing places to ensure the appropriate signage is displayed; requiring the department to post and maintain the appropriate signage under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to coordinate with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to implement such signage requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 606—A bill to be entitled An act relating to boating safety; providing a short title; amending s. 327.30, F.S.; authorizing a court to impose a specified fine for certain boating collisions and accidents; requiring such fines to be deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund for specified purposes; defining the terms "convicted" and "conviction"; amending s. 327.54, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting liveries, beginning on a specified date, from offering a vessel for lease or rent without a livery permit; specifying requirements and qualifications for the permit; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to adopt rules; providing penalties for permit violations; revising the conditions under which a livery may not knowingly lease or rent a vessel; requiring specified boating safety education courses for certain instructors; requiring a person receiving safety instruction to provide the livery with a specified signed attestation; requiring liveries to report certain issues and accidents; requiring liveries to make facilities and records available to law enforcement upon notice; providing penalties for violations and additional penalties for subsequent violations; prohibiting violators from operating a vessel or acting as a livery for a specified timeframe after such a violation; authorizing the commission, beginning on a specified date, to revoke or refuse to issue permits for repeated violations; amending s. 327.73, F.S.; increasing fines for violations of certain boating regulations; providing fines for improper transfers of title and failures to update vessel registration information; authorizing certain fees and penalties deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to be used for law enforcement purposes; amending s. 327.731, F.S.; imposing a fine for

persons convicted of certain criminal or noncriminal infractions; providing for the deposit of such fines into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; requiring the commission to maintain a program to ensure compliance with certain boating safety education requirements; specifying requirements for the program; amending s. 328.03, F.S.; providing that an improper transfer of vessel title is subject to a civil penalty; amending s. 328.48, F.S.; requiring that the address provided in a vessel registration application and a certificate of registration be a physical residential or business address; authorizing the commission to accept post office box addresses in lieu of the physical residential or business address under certain circumstances; providing that a person who fails to update his or her vessel registration information within a specified timeframe is subject to a civil penalty; providing an appropriation to, and authorizing positions for, the commission to create an Illegal Boating Strike Team; providing the duties of the strike team; providing additional appropriations to the commission and authorizing a position for a specified purpose; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 608—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sanitary sewer lateral inspection programs; amending ss. 125.569 and 166.0481, F.S.; defining the term "continuous monolithic pipe system"; authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to access sanitary sewer laterals within their jurisdiction for specified purposes; requiring counties and municipalities to notify private property owners within a specified timeframe if the county or municipality intends to access the owner's sanitary sewer lateral; providing that counties and municipalities that establish programs are legally and financially responsible for all work done; requiring counties and municipalities that establish programs to consider economical methods for the counties and municipalities, rather than the property owners, to complete such work; authorizing a program established by a county or a municipality to evaluate and rehabilitate sanitary sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties to use state or local funds allocated for environmental preservation or the protection of water quality; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 610—A bill to be entitled An act relating to COVID-19-related claims; amending s. 768.381, F.S.; extending the timeframe for which COVID-19-related claims may be brought against health care providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 612—A bill to be entitled An act relating to apprenticeship contracts; creating s. 446.093, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing an apprentice to enter into a contract with a business organization for a specified duration; requiring such contracts to be signed by specified individuals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 614—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the authorization of restrictions concerning dangerous dogs; amending s. 767.14, F.S.; authorizing certain housing authorities to adopt certain ordinances, rules, or policies relating to dangerous dogs; removing an exemption for local ordinances adopted before a specified date which pertain to dogs that have bitten or attacked persons or domestic animals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 616—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compulsory school attendance; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; revising the required age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age; deleting a requirement that a student's parent sign a declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment; deleting a requirement that the school district notify a student's parent upon receipt of such declaration; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1003.51, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 618—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program; creating s. 1012.988, F.S.; establishing the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; requiring the department to provide funds to school districts to place teachers who meet specified qualifications as mentors for certain other teachers, subject to appropriation; providing for the provision of stipends for classroom teacher mentorship; providing for the proration of the stipends under certain circumstances; providing department and school district responsibilities for developing policies, curriculum, and best practices relating to classroom instruction; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government; creating s. 70.91, F.S.; defining the term "business records"; authorizing certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if the county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; providing exceptions; requiring businesses and counties or municipalities to follow certain presuit procedures before businesses file an action for business damages; authorizing businesses to recover costs and fees in a specified manner and if certain requirements are met; specifying that certain evidence relating to mediations and negotiations is inadmissible as evidence in certain proceedings; requiring courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance when assessing costs; defining the term "benefits"; specifying requirements for the courts in determining and awarding attorney fees; requiring attorneys and businesses to submit certain documentation relating to attorney fees; requiring businesses claiming the right to recover business damages to state the nature and extent of the damages; requiring a jury to determine whether a business is entitled to business damages and the amount of such damages unless the business elects to have the business damages determined by the court; providing applicability and construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Rules; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 622—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to collaborate with the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation in developing a sponsor evaluation framework for charter schools; creating s. 1004.88, F.S.; establishing the institute at Miami Dade College; providing the purpose of the institute; specifying the duties of the institute; authorizing the institute to apply for and receive certain grants; requiring the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College to establish policies regarding the institute; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wright—

SB 624—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reemployment after retirement; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; authorizing a retiree of the Florida Retirement System to be reemployed under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Wright—

SB 626—A bill to be entitled An act relating to standards for buildings and firesafety; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Building Code; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; providing for a contingent effective date of updates to the Florida Fire Prevention Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Book—

SB 628—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abortion clinic regulations; amending s. 390.0111, F.S.; deleting a specified timeframe in which certain information must be provided to a pregnant woman before a termination of pregnancy may be performed; conforming a provision; deleting provisions prohibiting state agencies, local governmental entities, and Medicaid managed care plans from expending funds for the benefit of, paying funds to, or initiating or renewing contracts with certain organizations that perform abortions; amending s. 390.012, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the Agency for Health Care Administration inspect a specified percentage of abortion clinic patient records as a component of license inspections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 630—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pregnant women in custody; providing a short title; creating s. 907.033, F.S.; requiring that every female who is arrested and not released on bond within 72 hours after arrest be administered a pregnancy test within a specified timeframe, upon her request; requiring that each municipal or county detention facility notify each arrested female upon booking at the facility of her right to request a pregnancy test; providing for the types of pregnancy tests that may be given; defining the term "female"; creating s. 925.13, F.S.; defining the term "pregnant woman"; requiring that, if a pregnant woman is convicted of a crime and sentenced to incarceration of any length, the sentencing judge provide the pregnant woman the opportunity to defer the imposed sentence until a specified time after delivery; authorizing a sentencing judge to order a pregnant woman to comply with certain terms and conditions during the deferral; requiring that, within 10 days after the deferral period ends and the woman is incarcerated, she be offered and receive, upon her request, specified services; authorizing sanctions for a new criminal conviction or violation of the terms and conditions ordered by the judge; requiring municipal and county detention facilities to collect and report to the Department of Corrections, and the department to collect from its own institutions, specified information; requiring the department to quarterly compile and publish the information on its public website; providing requirements for publishing such information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to occupational therapy; amending s. 468.203, F.S.; defining and revising terms; amending s. 468.209, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for the occupational therapist licensure examination; amending s. 468.215, F.S.; authorizing licensed occupational therapists to use a specified title and the associated initials; amending s. 468.223, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from using a specified title and the associated initials; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 468.225, F.S.; providing construction; reenacting ss. 1002.394(4)(b) and 1002.66(2)(c), F.S., relating to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program and specialized instructional services for children with disabilities, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made by the act to s. 468.203, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 634—A bill to be entitled An act relating to judicial notice; creating s. 90.2035, F.S.; authorizing courts to take judicial notice of certain information taken from web mapping services, global satellite imaging sites, or Internet mapping tools upon request of a party; requiring parties who intend to offer such information into evidence to file a notice of intent containing specified information; authorizing parties to object to the admissibility of such information; requiring courts to overrule such objection unless certain findings are made; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Brandes—

SB 636—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; increasing the maximum amount of funds that may be deposited into the trust fund in a fiscal year; adding environmental health upgrades to Department of Corrections facilities as a permissible use for funds in the trust fund; reenacting ss. 944.516(5), 944.73(2), and 946.002(4)(b), F.S., relating to the disposition of unclaimed funds, the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, and forfeiture of a prisoner's earned funds, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 638—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; amending s. 1003.481, F.S.; extending the expiration date of the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 640—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida Kidcare program income eligibility; creating s. 409.8141, F.S.; establishing a tiered system of family premiums for Title XXI coverage under the Florida Kidcare program beginning with a specified fiscal year; limiting the total aggregate premium; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal waiver approval or submit any state plan amendments as necessary; providing for future expiration; amending ss. 409.8132, 409.814, and 624.91, F.S.; increasing the income eligibility threshold for coverage under the program to conform to changes made by the act; providing applicability; providing for reversion of certain provisions; requiring the agency to notify the Division of Law Revision within a specified timeframe after receiving federal approval through a waiver or state plan amendment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 642—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community associations; creating s. 718.13, F.S.; requiring the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to establish a searchable database by a specified date which contains specified information regarding each condominium association in this state; requiring a condominium association to notify the division of any changes to information relating to the association and listed in the database; requiring that the creation and administration of the database be funded in part by specified proceeds; creating s. 720.319, F.S.; requiring the division to establish a searchable database by a specified date which contains specified information regarding each homeowners' association in this state; requiring a homeowners' association to notify the division of any changes to information relating to the association and listed in the database; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 644—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building inspection services; amending s. 468.603, F.S.; defining the term "private entity"; amending s. 468.609, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for a person applying to become certified as a building code inspector or plans examiner; revising the special conditions or requirements that the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board may impose on provisional certificates; revising qualifications of a building code administrator who may directly supervise certain persons performing duties of a plans examiner or building code inspector under certain circumstances; requiring the board to authorize, by rule, the transfer of a partial completion of an internship program between private entities; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; specifying a requirement for the basis of the administrative fee that a local jurisdiction may charge when an owner or a contractor hires a private provider for inspection services; requiring the local jurisdiction to provide access to certain documents to a private provider, contractor, and owner; providing that a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion is automatically granted and issued, and the permit application closed, under certain circumstances; requiring the local building official to provide a written certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion within a specified time; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 646—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund; amending ss. 400.0238, 400.0239, and 429.298, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring that a portion of the punitive damages awarded for claims brought under part II of ch. 400, F.S., relating to nursing homes, and part I of ch. 429, F.S., relating to assisted living facilities, be deposited into the Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 648—A bill to be entitled An act relating to COVID-19 eviction information; creating s. 83.691, F.S.; prohibiting consumer reporting agencies or companies that provide tenant screening services from including certain evictions and information relating to such evictions in specified reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 650—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 652—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking public awareness signs; amending s. 787.29, F.S.; requiring the employer of each athletic venue, entertainment venue, and convention center with a certain capacity to display a human trafficking public awareness sign in a conspicuous location that is clearly visible to the public and employees; providing a noncriminal violation; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cruz and Gibson—

SB 654—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protective injunctions; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; deleting an obsolete date; specifying a timeframe in which the clerk of the court must transmit specified documents relating to an injunction for protection against domestic violence to the appropriate local sheriff or law enforcement agency; providing for the electronic transmission of certain documents rather than by facsimile; providing that electronically submitted copies of injunctions must be served in the same manner as certified copies; making conforming and technical changes; amending ss. 784.046 and 784.0485, F.S.; specifying a timeframe in which the clerk of the court must transmit specified documents relating to injunctions for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence and against stalking, respectively, to the appropriate local sheriff or law enforcement agency; providing for the electronic transmission of certain documents rather than by facsimile; providing that electronically submitted copies of injunctions must be served in the same manner as certified copies; making conforming and technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 656—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Benefits Fund; creating s. 444.015, F.S.; creating the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Benefits Fund under the Department of Financial Services; providing the purpose of the trust fund; providing for future review and termination of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 658—A bill to be entitled An act relating to persons authorized to visit charter schools; creating s. 1002.341, F.S.; authorizing the Governor, all Cabinet members, and all members of the Legislature to visit any charter school in this state; authorizing such visitors to visit a charter school on any day at any time; providing that no prior notice is required for the visit; prohibiting any person from limiting the scope or duration of the visit; authorizing a charter school to require a visitor to

sign in and out at the charter school's main office and to wear an identification badge at all times while on the premises; authorizing a charter school to offer, but not require, an escort to accompany the visitor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 660—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offense victim rights; amending s. 943.326, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to create statewide policies and procedures regarding contact with alleged victims, or their representatives, concerning sexual offense evidence kits; requiring the department to ensure that law enforcement agencies adopt the statewide policies and procedures; specifying requirements for the policies and procedures; requiring that each alleged victim of a sexual offense be notified of specified rights; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 662—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lewd adult battery; amending s. 784.041, F.S.; creating the offense of lewd adult battery, which prohibits a person from knowingly and intentionally, without the consent of the victim, touching the breasts, genitals, genital area, or buttocks, or the clothing covering them, of a person 18 years of age or older; defining the terms "consent" and "coercion"; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Bradley and Berman—

SB 664—A bill to be entitled An act relating to posttraumatic stress disorder workers' compensation for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; defining the term "first responder" for the purposes of including part-time and auxiliary law enforcement officers for workers' compensation benefits for posttraumatic stress disorder and for educational training related to mental health; creating ss. 112.18155 and 112.18156, F.S.; defining terms; providing that, under certain circumstances, posttraumatic stress disorder suffered by correctional officers and part-time correctional officers and by correctional probation officers and part-time correctional probation officers, respectively, is an occupational disease compensable by workers' compensation benefits; specifying the evidentiary standard for demonstrating such disorder; specifying that benefits do not require a physical injury and are not subject to certain apportionment or limitations; providing a time for notice of injury or death; requiring the Department of Financial Services to adopt certain rules; requiring an employing agency to provide specified mental health training; amending ss. 111.09, 119.071, and 627.659, F.S.; revising cross-references; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cruz and Gibson—

SB 666—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state university student fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring state universities to waive specified fees for graduate students who meet a specified full-time equivalent appointment requirement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 668—A bill to be entitled An act relating to custodial interrogations of minors; creating s. 900.06, F.S.; defining terms; providing a presumption of inadmissibility for confessions of certain minors which are made as a result of a custodial interrogation at a place of detention if deceptive tactics are used; specifying circumstances under which the presumption may be rebutted; providing that the state attorney has the burden of proving that such confessions were voluntary; requiring that certain objections be made in the trial court; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 670—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency drills in public schools; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising district school board duties relating to fire drills and emergency drills; expanding requirements for district school board procedures relating to drills for active assailant and hostage situations; requiring district school boards to establish procedures to provide advance notification of drills for active assailant and hostage situations to parents and to provide parents with an option to excuse their students from drills requiring evacuation from a building; requiring such procedures to allow certain students to elect to remain on school premises during drills requiring evacuation from a building and remain excused from the drills; requiring such procedures to address the needs of exceptional education students; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 672—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school safety funding; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising certain allocations to school districts; specifying uses and distribution requirements for certain safe schools allocation funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; requiring each district school superintendent to remit specified unused funds from the 2021-2022 fiscal year to the Department of Education by a specified date; authorizing the department, upon request, to redistribute such funds to certain school districts for a specified purpose; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 674—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public meetings during declared states of emergency; creating s. 252.386, F.S.; defining terms; providing for the suspension of certain statutory provisions during declared states of emergency for a specified timeframe; providing an exception; authorizing governing bodies to use communications media technology to conduct meetings during declared states of emergency; providing that certain remote participation by a governing body member in a meeting constitutes that individual's presence at such meeting and counts toward a quorum during a declared state of emergency; requiring meetings conducted through communications media technology during a declared state of emergency to function as if they are being conducted in person; authorizing members of a governing body to attend certain meetings in person or through communications media technology; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 676—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drinking water in public schools; creating s. 1013.29, F.S.; providing legislative findings; defining terms; subject to legislative appropriation, requiring district boards to coordinate with district school boards to identify certain

schools and to provide funding to those schools by a specified date; requiring school districts, as applicable, to install filters that meet certain specifications on drinking water sources; requiring school districts, as applicable, to post signage on certain water sources and requiring school districts to publish specified information on school district websites; authorizing district boards to request additional funding to compensate school district staff for the installation or replacement of filters; limiting the additional funding to not more than the amount appropriated; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prescription insulin drugs; creating ss. 627.64085 and 627.65746, F.S.; defining the term "prescription insulin drug"; requiring individual and group health insurance policies, respectively, to cap an insured's monthly cost-sharing obligation for covered prescription insulin drugs at a specified amount; providing that coverage for prescription insulin drugs may not be subject to a deductible; providing construction; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring health benefit plans that cover small employers to comply with prescription insulin drug cost-sharing requirements; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; defining the term "prescription insulin drug"; requiring health maintenance contracts to cap a subscriber's monthly cost-sharing obligation for covered prescription insulin drugs at a specified amount; providing that coverage for prescription insulin drugs may not be subject to a deductible; providing construction; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 680—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school transportation; amending s. 1006.21, F.S.; revising the requirement that district school boards provide transportation for certain students; amending s. 1006.23, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "student"; requiring a district school superintendent to request a review of a hazardous walking condition upon receipt of a written request from a parent of a student; requiring, rather than authorizing, a district school board to initiate a specified proceeding relating to hazardous walking conditions; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1011.68, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System; amending s. 443.1113, F.S.; requiring, by a specified date, that the system allow claimants to use a mobile device to take certain actions and obtain specified information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 684—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Legislature; providing a short title; amending s. 11.143, F.S.; deleting provisions regarding the administration of oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before legislative committees, and associated penalties, to conform to changes made by the act; creating s. 11.1435, F.S.; requiring that persons addressing a legislative committee take an oath or affirmation of truthfulness; providing exceptions; requiring that the committee chair or other member of the committee administer the oath or affirmation; providing criminal penalties for certain false statements before a legislative committee; authorizing the use of a signed appearance form in lieu of an oral oath or affirmation; prescribing conditions related to the use of such form; providing penalties for making a false statement after signing such form; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 686—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the energy security and disaster resilience pilot program; creating s. 377.817, F.S.; creating the pilot program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing the purpose of the pilot program; defining terms; providing for the issuance of grants to offset costs relating to onsite solar energy storage systems for certain facilities; providing requirements for the application process; directing the department to conduct or contract to conduct a specified study, publish the study on its website, and provide copies of the study to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for expiration of the pilot program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 688—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment practices for family and medical leave; creating ch. 444, F.S., entitled the "Florida Family and Medical Leave Act"; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; requiring an employer to allow certain employees to take family and medical leave to bond with a minor child upon the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement; requiring an employee to take certain actions in order to receive family and medical leave; prohibiting an employer from taking adverse action against an employee who requests or obtains family and medical leave; specifying limitations and duties related to an employer's administration of family and medical leave; requiring that family and medical leave be taken concurrently with any leave taken under federal family and medical leave law; requiring an employer to provide notice to employees of certain rights relating to family and medical leave; prescribing notice requirements; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to create a model notice that specifies an employee's rights related to family and medical leave and family and medical leave insurance benefits; specifying circumstances under which an employer is deemed in compliance with notice requirements; providing a civil penalty for an employer's failure to comply with the notice requirements; requiring the Secretary of Economic Opportunity to conduct an investigation upon receiving a written complaint from an employee; establishing a rebuttable presumption that an employer has violated certain provisions of ch. 444, F.S., under specified circumstances; authorizing the secretary to take certain actions in the event of specified violations; authorizing an employee to file a civil action against an employer for a violation; providing a timeframe for filing such action; authorizing the award of specified compensation, damages, and fees; providing a civil penalty; prohibiting an employee from taking certain actions in bad faith; providing a criminal penalty; entitling an employee to an intermittent or reduced leave schedule if certain conditions are met; requiring the department to establish a family and medical leave insurance benefits program by a specified date; specifying duties of the department related to the program; providing that certain information is confidential; providing exceptions; providing for the amount and duration of family and medical leave insurance benefits that are payable under the program; requiring the department to establish a system for appealing a denial of family and medical leave insurance benefits; requiring the department to take action to ensure the confidentiality of certain information on appeal; authorizing an aggrieved party to file a civil action for a denial of family and medical leave insurance benefits; specifying when a covered individual is disqualified from family and medical leave insurance benefits; providing liability for the payment of benefits to the department under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Financial Services to collect payroll contributions beginning on a specified date; providing requirements relating to such contributions; authorizing a self-employed person to elect coverage for

family and medical leave insurance benefits; specifying when a self-employed person may withdraw from coverage; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to provide certain notice if the Internal Revenue Service determines family and medical leave insurance benefits are subject to federal income tax; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Legislature containing specified information; requiring the department to conduct a public education campaign relating to family and medical leave and insurance benefits; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing construction; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; revising the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to prohibit additional employment practices on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth; providing construction; amending s. 760.11, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 690—A bill to be entitled An act relating to resilience-related advisory committees; amending s. 286.011, F.S.; authorizing specified resilience-related advisory committees to conduct public meetings and workshops by means of communications media technology; providing that use of such technology by a committee member constitutes that member's presence at such meeting or workshop; requiring that such technology allow the public to audibly communicate; providing notice requirements for public meetings or workshops conducted by means of communications media technology; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; and Rules.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 692—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses definitions; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; creating and revising a definition relating to sexual abuse of a child; amending ss. 365.161 and 775.0847, F.S.; creating and revising definitions relating to obscene telephone communications and possession or promotion of certain images of child pornography, respectively; amending s. 794.011, F.S.; creating and revising definitions relating to sexual battery; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 827.071 and 847.001, F.S.; creating and revising definitions relating to sexual performance by a child and obscenity definitions, respectively; amending s. 872.06, F.S.; creating and revising definitions relating to abuse of a dead human body; amending ss. 288.1254, 395.0197, 415.102, and 847.0141, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 694—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vote-by-mail ballots; amending ss. 101.64, 101.65, 101.6921, and 101.6923, F.S.; requiring the supervisor of elections to enclose a postage paid mailing envelope with each vote-by-mail ballot; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 696—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation network companies; amending s. 627.748, F.S.; providing a limitation on certain fees charged by airports or seaports; prohibiting certain airports and seaports from removing, degrading, or impeding access to certain services, benefits, or infrastructure; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 698—A bill to be entitled An act relating to standard high school diploma award requirements; amending s. 1002.3105, F.S.; adding a new requirement for the award of a standard high school diploma to Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning students; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring students, beginning with those entering grade 9 in a specified school year, to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to be awarded a standard high school diploma; providing an exemption; amending s. 1003.5716, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 1003.03(3)(c), F.S., relating to maximum class size, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 1002.3105, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 1002.20(8), 1003.4281(1), 1003.4285(1), 1003.5716(1), and 1011.62(1)(n), F.S., relating to K-12 student and parent rights, early high school graduation, standard high school diploma designations, transition to postsecondary education and career opportunities, and funds for operation of schools, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 1003.4282, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 409.1451(2)(a), 1002.33(7)(a), 1002.34(4)(g), 1002.45(4)(b), 1003.49(1), 1004.935(1), 1006.15(3)(a), 1009.531(1)(b), and 1009.893(4), F.S., relating to the Road-to-Independence Program, charter schools, charter technical career centers, virtual instruction programs, graduation and promotion requirements for publicly operated schools, the Adults with Disabilities Workforce Education Program, standards for participation in extracurricular student activities, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, and the Benacquisto Scholarship Program, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 1002.3105 and 1003.4282, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 700—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the delegation of medication administration; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; requiring licensed nurse registries to ensure specified requirements are met if they allow registered nurses to delegate certain tasks to certified nursing assistants or home health aides; amending s. 464.0156, F.S.; authorizing registered nurses to delegate to certified nursing assistants and home health aides the administration of certain medications to nurse registry patients under certain circumstances; amending s. 464.2035, F.S.; authorizing certified nursing assistants to administer certain medication to nurse registry patients under certain circumstances; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senators Burgess and Taddeo—

SB 702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to photographic enforcement of school bus safety; creating s. 316.616, F.S.; defining the terms "school bus" and "side stop signal arm enforcement system"; authorizing school districts to install and operate side stop signal arm enforcement systems on school buses; requiring school districts to post certain warning signs or stickers on such buses; authorizing school districts to contract with a private vendor or manufacturer to provide side stop signal arm enforcement systems and certain services; requiring manufacturers and vendors to submit specified information to law enforcement agencies within a specified timeframe; requiring law enforcement agencies to review such information to determine whether a violation occurred and electronically certify the notice of violation under certain circumstances; providing that certain certificates sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement officer are prima facie evidence; providing that recorded images evidencing a violation of this act are admissible in any judicial or administrative proceeding for a certain purpose; providing a rebuttable presumption; providing notice requirements and procedures; authorizing motor vehicle owners served a notice of violation to take certain actions as a final disposition of such

notice; providing that payment of the fine operates as a final disposition of the civil penalty; providing notice requirements and procedures for unpaid civil penalties; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew the registration of motor vehicles and prohibit the transfer of title under specified circumstances; requiring the department to remove penalties imposed on a motor vehicle owner upon presentation of adequate proof; requiring that side stop signal arm enforcement system equipment be incapable of automated or user-controlled remote surveillance; specifying requirements of and prohibitions on the use of recorded video and still images captured by the side stop signal arm enforcement system; providing that a motor vehicle owner is not responsible for a violation of this act if the vehicle was reported stolen at the time the violation occurred; providing civil penalties; providing for distribution of such penalties; providing construction; requiring school districts operating a side stop signal arm enforcement system to provide a summary report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the department annually by a specified date; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules for a specified purpose and authorizing it to adopt other rules; amending s. 1006.21, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 704—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse service providers; amending s. 397.403, F.S.; requiring service provider applicants to include the names and locations of certain recovery residences in their license application; creating s. 397.4104, F.S.; requiring service providers to record specified information in the Department of Children and Families' Provider Licensure and Designations System after a specified date; requiring service providers to update the record with any changes within a specified timeframe; providing civil penalties; amending s. 397.4871, F.S.; requiring certified recovery residence administrators to demonstrate the ability to meet specified requirements; prohibiting certified recovery residence administrators from actively managing more than a specified number of residents; providing an exception; deleting a provision prohibiting certified recovery residence administrators from actively managing more than three recovery residences; amending s. 397.501, F.S.; requiring service providers to return an individual's personal effects upon the individual's discharge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 706—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school concurrency; amending s. 163.3180, F.S.; requiring, instead of encouraging, local governments that adopt school concurrency to apply such concurrency to development on a districtwide basis; removing provisions addressing school concurrency on a less than districtwide basis; revising provisions specifying when school concurrency is satisfied; specifying that proportionate-share mitigation must be set aside and not spent if an improvement has not been identified; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 708—A bill to be entitled An act relating to native language assessments in public schools; amending s. 1003.435, F.S.; requiring that a high school equivalency examination administered in any language other than English be given the same weight as a high school equivalency examination administered in English; amending s. 1008.2125, F.S.; requiring written portions of the coordinated screening and progress monitoring program for students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program through grade 3 to be in specified native languages; requiring school districts to administer the screening and monitoring in a native language to certain students; providing for the determination of when it is appropriate to administer native language versions of the screening and monitoring; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising requirements of the statewide, standardized assessment program to include native language versions of related assessments; requiring school districts to administer native language versions of such assessments to certain English language learners and other students for whom it is appropriate; providing for the determination of when it is appropriate to administer native language versions of such assessments; requiring the Department of Education to create a timetable and action plan for the development and adoption of native language versions of the assessments; requiring the state to accept results on the high school equivalency examination from any language version of the examination; providing for the administration of standardized assessments; requiring the department to develop or identify content assessments in target languages; providing for the administration of content assessments in target languages in certain education programs; requiring the department to create a timetable and an action plan for the development and adoption of native language examinations; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify alternative assessments and passing scores for a specified purpose; requiring the State Board of Education to approve by rule passing scores on alternative assessments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 710—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Early Learning Scholarship program; providing a short title; creating s. 1002.56, F.S.; establishing the Early Learning Scholarship program, administered by the Division of Early Learning; providing the purpose of the program; defining terms; specifying eligibility criteria; providing that a student who receives a scholarship remains eligible to participate until the student is admitted to kindergarten or attains the age of 6 years by a specified date; requiring program funds to be used for a specified purpose; providing for the administration of the program; requiring the division to contract with an independent contractor to evaluate the program; requiring that the evaluation include specified recommendations; requiring the division to submit a written copy of the evaluation to the Legislature and certain state agencies by a specified date; specifying provider eligibility criteria; exempting the state from liability; providing that the program does not expand the regulatory authority of the state; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 712—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a Small Business Saturday sales tax holiday; defining the term "small business"; providing that small businesses are not required to collect the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain items of tangible personal property during a specified timeframe; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 714—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 468.8414, F.S.; requiring the department to certify for licensure qualified individuals who practice mold assessment or mold remediation and hold certain licenses issued by other states or territories; requiring applications to be filed within a specified timeframe after such licensure; amending s. 469.004, F.S.; requiring the department to certify asbestos consultants and asbestos contractors for licensure who meet certain exam and other state licensure requirements; requiring applications to be filed within a specified timeframe after such licensure; requiring asbestos consultants and asbestos contractors to complete certain courses; amending s.

469.006, F.S.; revising the financial responsibility criteria the department must use when issuing consulting or contracting licenses; amending s. 489.514, F.S.; removing a time limitation for applying for certain contracting licenses under certain provisions; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the department to adopt rules for certain electronic submissions and exemptions; amending s. 509.091, F.S.; requiring licensees and licensed agents to provide the division with e-mail addresses for contact with the division; authorizing the division to deliver notices and inspection reports by e-mail; amending s. 509.101, F.S.; revising the maintenance requirements an operator must meet for a transient establishment's guest register; amending s. 509.241, F.S.; providing for the expiration of public lodging establishment and public food service establishment licenses; authorizing the licenses to be renewed for specified timeframes; requiring the division to provide forms for license renewals and license applications; amending s. 509.251, F.S.; revising the public lodging establishment and public food service establishment license fees to include an option for 2-year renewals; limiting the fees the division may charge for a 2-year license renewal; requiring license fees to be paid in full at the time of application; amending s. 548.043, F.S.; deleting a requirement limiting the types of boxing exhibitions which require a specified maximum difference in participant weights; reenacting s. 509.102(2), F.S., relating to mobile food dispensing vehicles, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 509.251, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 716—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for records containing certain information pertaining to persons who have adopted an animal from an animal shelter or animal control agency operated by a local government; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 718—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient care in health care facilities; amending s. 400.488, F.S.; revising provisions relating to medications and devices with which unlicensed individuals may assist patients in self-administration under certain circumstances; amending s. 401.252, F.S.; specifying staffing requirements for advanced life support ambulances during interfacility transfers; providing that the person occupying the ambulance who has the highest medical certification in this state is in charge of patient care during the transfer; amending s. 464.0156, F.S.; revising the list of medications that a registered nurse may delegate the administration of to a certified nursing assistant or home health aide; amending ss. 401.25, 401.27, and 429.256, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 720—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "continuous service" for purposes of the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; revising an exception to the employment after retirement limitations for retired law enforcement officers who are reemployed with a covered employer; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 722—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education for student inmates; amending ss. 944.801 and 951.176, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections and each county, respectively, to contract with Florida College System institutions to provide education services for student inmates; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; authorizing the expenditure of state funds for the education of state and federal inmates who have a specified amount of time remaining to serve on their sentences; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 724—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Live the Dream license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising distribution of the annual use fee proceeds from the sale of the Live the Dream license plate; providing for the award of scholarships to certain students through a competitive application process; establishing a scholarship program committee; providing for fiscal oversight by a certified public accounting firm; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 726—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telehealth; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; prohibiting Medicaid managed care plans from using providers who exclusively provide services through telehealth to achieve network adequacy; amending s. 627.42396, F.S.; prohibiting certain health insurance policies from denying coverage for covered services provided through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting health insurers from excluding covered services provided through telehealth from coverage; providing reimbursement requirements and cost-sharing limitations for health insurers relating to telehealth services; prohibiting health insurers from requiring an insured person to receive services through telehealth; authorizing health insurers to conduct utilization reviews under certain circumstances; authorizing health insurers to limit telehealth services to certain providers; deleting requirements for contracts between certain health insurers and telehealth providers; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring certain small employer benefit plans to comply with certain requirements for reimbursement of telehealth services; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from requiring a subscriber to receive certain services through telehealth; deleting requirements for contracts between certain health insurers and telehealth providers; creating s. 641.31093, F.S.; prohibiting certain health maintenance organizations from denying coverage for covered services provided through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting health maintenance organizations from excluding covered services provided through telehealth from coverage; providing reimbursement requirements and cost-sharing limitations for health maintenance organizations relating to telehealth services; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from requiring a subscriber to receive services through telehealth; authorizing health maintenance organizations to conduct utilization reviews under certain circumstances; authorizing health maintenance organizations to limit telehealth services to certain providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 728—A bill to be entitled An act relating to advanced air mobility; creating the Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force adjunct to the

Department of Transportation; specifying the composition of the task force; providing that task force members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority; providing that task force members shall serve without compensation but are entitled to certain reimbursement; specifying duties of the task force; defining the term "VTOL aircraft"; requiring the task force to submit a certain report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for abolishment of the task force; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Harrell and Polsky—

SB 730—A bill to be entitled An act relating to step-therapy protocols; amending s. 627.42393, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which step-therapy protocols may not be required; defining terms; requiring health insurers to publish on their websites and provide to their insureds specified information; providing requirements for procedures for requests and appeals of denials of protocol exemptions; providing requirements for authorizations and denials of protocol exemption requests; authorizing health insurers to request specified documentation under certain circumstances; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which step-therapy protocols may not be required; defining terms; requiring health maintenance organizations to publish on their websites and provide to their subscribers specified information; providing requirements for procedures for requests and appeals of denials of protocol exemptions; providing requirements for authorizations and denials of protocol exemption requests; authorizing health maintenance organizations to request specified documentation under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senators Rodriguez, Torres, and Taddeo—

SB 732—A bill to be entitled An act relating to heat illness prevention; creating s. 448.111, F.S.; providing applicability; defining terms; providing responsibilities for certain employers and employees; providing an exception; requiring employers to provide annual training for employees and supervisors; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to adopt specified rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 734—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vaccinations during public health emergencies; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; removing the authority of the State Health Officer to order the vaccination of individuals upon declaration of a public health emergency; revising a requirement that the Department of Health adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction defect claims; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; revising the limitations period for certain actions founded on the design, planning, or construction of an improvement on real property; amending s. 558.004, F.S.; requiring a claimant to include the reasons for rejecting an offer in a notice rejecting a settlement offer to remedy a construction defect; authorizing the person served with a notice rejecting a settlement offer to make a supplemental offer within a specified timeframe; providing notice requirements for a claimant who rejects a supplemental offer; requiring the court to stay an action if a claimant initiates an action without first accepting or rejecting a supplemental offer; limiting entitlement to attorney fees if a claimant rejects certain settlement offers to fully repair an alleged construction defect; requiring a claimant who accepts a certain offer to enter into a contract to complete repairs to remedy an alleged construction defect; requiring the offeror or insurer to pay the contractor or contractors directly for the repairs; prohibiting an offeror or insurer from requiring a claimant to advance payment for repairs; requiring that the repairs be completed within a specified timeframe; creating s. 558.0045, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint an expert to examine certain alleged construction defects and to prepare an examination report, under certain circumstances; requiring that the report contain specified information; requiring the parties to compensate the expert; prohibiting the expert from being employed to make repairs or from recommending contractors to make repairs; creating s. 558.0046, F.S.; requiring a claimant to repair a construction defect if the claimant receives compensation for an alleged construction defect from specified persons; providing that a claimant is liable for damages resulting from failure to disclose a construction defect to a purchaser of a property; creating s. 558.006, F.S.; requiring a claimant to serve certain notices relating to construction defects on the mortgagee or assignee of the relevant real property within a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 738—A bill to be entitled An act relating to athletic associations; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to approve nonprofit athletic associations that meet certain requirements; defining the term "approved athletic association" and including the Florida High School Athletic Association within the meaning of that term; specifying that both private high schools and traditional public high schools are authorized to become members of an approved athletic association; providing that approved athletic associations are subject to certain requirements; requiring approved athletic associations to adopt certain bylaws; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 768.135, 1002.20, 1002.42, 1006.15, 1006.165, 1006.18, 1006.195, 1012.468, 1012.795, and 1012.796, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 740—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical marijuana patient protection; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; providing that a qualified patient's medical use of marijuana does not constitute the use of an illicit substance or otherwise disqualify such patient from medical treatment or other medically approved therapies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 742—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacies and pharmacy benefit managers; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; requiring that certain pharmacies be included in managed care plan pharmacy networks; requiring managed care plans to publish the Agency for Health Care Administration's preferred drug list, rather than any prescribed drug formulary; requiring plans to update the list within a certain timeframe after the agency makes a change; amending s. 409.973, F.S.; providing requirements for managed care plans using pharmacy benefit managers; requiring the agency to seek a plan amendment or federal waiver by a specified date; amending s. 409.975, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.3161, F.S.; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to examine pharmacy benefit managers under certain circumstances; specifying that certain examination costs are payable by persons examined; amending 624.490, F.S.; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to suspend or revoke a pharmacy benefit manager's registration or impose a fine for specified violations; defining the terms "spread pricing" and "affiliate";

transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 465.1885, F.S.; revising the entities conducting pharmacy audits to which certain requirements and restrictions apply; authorizing audited pharmacies to appeal certain findings; providing that health insurers and health maintenance organizations that transfer a certain payment obligation to pharmacy benefit managers remain responsible for specified violations; amending s. 627.6131, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "claim" and defining the term "pharmacy claim"; providing an exception to applicability; making technical changes; prohibiting pharmacy benefit managers from charging pharmacists and pharmacies certain fees and from retroactively denying, holding back, or reducing payments for covered claims; requiring that the Department of Financial Services have access to certain records, data, and information; providing applicability; amending ss. 627.64741, 627.6572, and 641.314, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "maximum allowable cost"; requiring that the department have access to certain records, data, and information; providing that pharmacy benefit managers that violate certain provisions are subject to administrative penalties; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; revising applicability; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring certain health benefit plans covering small employers to comply with specified provisions; amending s. 641.3155, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "claim" and providing a definition for the term "pharmacy claim"; making technical changes; prohibiting pharmacy benefit managers from charging pharmacists and pharmacies certain fees and from retroactively denying, holding back, or reducing payments for covered claims; requiring that the department have access to certain records, data, and information; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 744—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the medical use of marijuana by out-of-state visitors; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; defining the term "short-term visitor"; requiring the Department of Health to create a separate section in the medical marijuana use registry for short-term visitors; establishing criteria for short-term visitors from states that have legalized medical marijuana to receive authorization to possess medical marijuana and marijuana delivery devices in this state; requiring short-term visitors to pay a reciprocity fee to the department; authorizing short-term visitors registered in the medical marijuana use registry to purchase and receive a specified supply of marijuana for medical use from a medical marijuana treatment center in this state; requiring the department to immediately make available in the medical marijuana use registry the registration certificate of a short-term visitor; requiring the department to immediately issue to a short-term visitor an electronic copy of his or her registration certificate; providing that a short-term visitor's registration certificate serves as verification that he or she is authorized to possess, purchase, and use marijuana for medical use and possess and use marijuana delivery devices in this state; requiring medical marijuana treatment centers to verify the validity of a short-term visitor's registration certificate before dispensing marijuana to such visitor; requiring short-term visitors to be in immediate possession of the electronic copy of their registration certificate at specified times; specifying content requirements for electronic copies of registration certificates; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; requiring the department to adopt rules governing the electronic collection of certain fees; revising criminal penalties to conform to changes made by the act; requiring the department to deposit reciprocity fees in the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 746—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; revising the required sentencing structure for prison releasee reoffenders upon proof from a state attorney which establishes that a defendant is a prison releasee reoffender; deleting a provision that prohibits a prison releasee reoffender from eligibility for any form of early release and that requires a prison releasee reoffender to serve 100 percent of the court-imposed sentence; providing legislative intent; defining a term for the purpose of establishing applicability of a specified provision; applying the revised sentencing structure to certain persons under specified circumstances; providing resentencing requirements; deleting a provision relating to legislative intent; deleting a provision that requires a state attorney to explain a sentencing deviation in writing under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 748—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clinician-administered drugs; creating s. 627.42398, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting specified insurer practices related to reimbursements, payment, access, dispensing, or coverage of clinician-administered drugs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 750—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.031, F.S.; requiring employers to facilitate service of process by making employees available to accept service; providing criminal penalties for employers who fail to facilitate such service; requiring persons in charge of private mailboxes, virtual offices, and executive offices or mini suites to confirm whether a person to be served maintains a private mailbox, a virtual office, or an executive office or mini suite at that location; providing criminal penalties for such persons in charge who refuse to make such confirmation; amending ss. 48.062 and 48.081, F.S.; authorizing service on the registered agents of limited liability companies and corporations, respectively, and other specified persons at any hour at a residence or private mailbox; specifying that service is not required to be first attempted during the hours a corporation's registered office is required to be open; amending s. 48.27, F.S.; authorizing certified process servers to serve any nonenforceable civil process; amending ss. 48.111 and 1001.40, F.S.; authorizing public agencies, boards, commissions, departments, or subdivisions and school districts, respectively, to designate one or more employees to accept service in lieu of specified officers and members; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Gainer—

SB 752—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probationary or supervision services for misdemeanor offenders; amending s. 948.01, F.S.; deleting a prohibition on private entities providing probationary or supervision services to certain misdemeanor offenders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gainer—

SB 754—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home registration periods; amending s. 320.055, F.S.; revising the registration and registration renewal periods for a mobile home owned by a natural person; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 756—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; providing that the personal identifying in-

formation of a victim of human trafficking in a petition for human trafficking victim expunction and in all pleadings and documents related to the petition is confidential and exempt from public records requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 1002.3301, F.S.; establishing the Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the commission; specifying membership of the commission and the duration of members' terms; requiring the Commissioner of Education to appoint members; providing that a majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum; providing that the commission has the same powers and duties as sponsors do in reviewing and approving charter schools; designating the district school board where a proposed charter school will be located as the school's sponsor and supervisor; requiring a district school board to take specified actions within a certain timeframe regarding the commission's granting of a charter school application; providing for the appeal of commission decisions; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing legislative intent; authorizing the commission to solicit and review charter school applications; requiring that the district school board that oversees the school district where a charter school approved by the commission will be located shall serve as the charter school's sponsor; prohibiting sponsors from imposing additional reporting requirements on a charter school so long as the charter school meets specified requirements; revising the terms and conditions for charter renewal; revising the procedure and causes for nonrenewal or termination of a charter; providing that any facility may provide space to charter schools under its existing zoning and land use designations without obtaining a special exception, rezoning, or a land use change; requiring that educational impact fees required to be paid in connection with new residential dwelling units be designated instead for the construction of charter school facilities; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; providing that certain additional tax millage is part of school districts' operating discretionary millage levy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 760—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking; amending s. 787.06, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "coercion"; providing criminal penalties for engaging in human trafficking or benefiting financially by receiving value from human trafficking using the labor or services or commercial sexual activity of an adult; amending s. 796.07, F.S.; prohibiting facilitating or enabling the receiving of persons in any place, structure, building, or conveyance for the purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation, or facilitating or enabling any person to remain there for such purposes; providing increased criminal penalties for specified prohibited acts relating to prostitution, lewdness, or assignation; amending ss. 456.074, 480.041, and 943.0433, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rodriguez and Taddeo—

SB 762—A bill to be entitled An act relating to eligibility for assistance programs; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; removing provisions authorizing certain benefits to be denied to individuals based solely on certain felony drug trafficking convictions; removing a limitation on the state's opting out of certain federal provisions relating to such benefit eligibility; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 764—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Step Into Success internship program; creating s. 409.1455, F.S.; providing a short title; establishing the Step Into Success internship program within the Department of Children and Families for eligible foster youth; requiring the program to include qualified designated personnel who are responsible for specified services; requiring that eligible foster youth receive priority consideration for certain internship positions; defining terms; requiring the department to establish an internship program by a specified date; requiring the department to designate and ensure sufficient qualified staff to implement and maintain the program; requiring the department to prepare written educational and training materials by a specified date and update the materials at least annually; requiring the department to provide training and written materials to designated personnel; requiring the department to provide certain written materials to foster youth; requiring lead agencies to ensure such materials are provided to subcontracted providers; requiring the department to advertise and promote the program; requiring the department to provide specified training to foster youth; requiring such training to be provided in addition to other specified training; authorizing the development of such training by or in collaboration with specified entities; providing construction; requiring the department to develop and provide trauma-informed training to mentors; requiring the department to provide assistance with the program's administrative and procedural requirements to interested foster youth; requiring the department to publicize internship opportunities and inform foster youth of where to locate the information; requiring the department to assess the career interests of foster youth; requiring the department to ensure internships comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act; requiring the department to collaborate with specified entities to establish a system by a specified date for secondary institutions to award college credits; requiring the department to conduct follow-up interviews with participating foster youth within a specified timeframe and for a specified purpose; requiring the department to submit data from such interviews by a specified date annually for inclusion in a specified report; requiring the department to gather and compile feedback from mentors assigned to participating foster youth or personnel from participating agencies for a specified purpose; requiring the department to submit compiled mentor feedback by a specified date annually for inclusion in a specified report; requiring the department to collaborate with the Florida Institute of Child Welfare in preparation of an annual report; requiring approved agencies to provide and monthly update a list of open employment opportunities for which eligible foster youth may apply; requiring approved agencies to offer foster youth priority consideration under certain circumstances; requiring approved agencies to recruit mentors to work with participating foster youth employed through the program; providing requirements for such mentors; specifying payment procedures and requirements for mentors; requiring approved agencies to implement certain procedures before discharging foster youth; requiring approved agencies to provide feedback and collaborate in preparation of a specified report; limiting the timeframe for foster youth participation in the internship program; authorizing the continued employment of foster youth under certain conditions; specifying conditions of employment for foster youth as interns; requiring a foster youth to meet eligibility requirements at the time of applying for an internship position; requiring foster youth to complete specified training within certain timeframes; authorizing the department or designated lead agencies or subcontracted providers to determine if an interested foster youth needs to complete training before applying; requiring that foster youth be classified as other-personal-services employees; specifying prerequisite conditions for discharging a foster youth intern; limiting the number of hours per week a foster youth may work; requiring foster youth to spend certain stipend funds for specific purposes and comply with certain dress code requirements; applying employment protections to foster youth employed through the internship program; excluding compensation earned under the internship program from the definition of earned income for calculating economic self-sufficiency benefits; specifying requirements and conditions for foster youth to earn college credit for work performed in the internship program; granting postsecondary educational institutions with discretion to determine administrative compliance require-

ments; requiring approved agencies to cooperate with postsecondary educational institutions to provide specified information; requiring the Florida Institute for Child Welfare to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature within a certain timeframe; providing requirements for the report; requiring the department and approved agencies to adopt rules; amending s. 414.56, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Continuing Care to include establishing and operating an internship program; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Brodeur and Jones—

SB 766—A bill to be entitled An act relating to schools of innovation; creating s. 1003.65, F.S.; establishing the Schools of Innovation Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; defining terms; authorizing the State Board of Education to authorize the Commissioner of Education to waive certain rules; authorizing public school districts to apply for identified schools to receive the designation of school of innovation; requiring school districts participating in the Competency-Based Education Pilot Program to transition to the School of Innovation Program before a specified school year; authorizing school districts to submit innovation plans to the department; requiring the department to approve or reject innovation plans submitted by school districts within a specified timeframe; requiring that a school maintains its designation as a school of innovation for a 5-year period upon approval of an innovation plan; authorizing the department to revoke the designation if specified metrics are not met; specifying requirements for innovation plans; authorizing innovation plans to include a request for waivers from certain rules; specifying duties of the department; prohibiting a student attending a school of innovation who transfers to another school from being subject to specified penalties; providing for funding; requiring the state board to adopt rules; amending s. 1003.436, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "credit"; amending s. 1003.437, F.S.; authorizing schools designated as schools of innovation to use an alternative definition of letter grades; requiring such schools to calculate grade point averages according to a certain scale; amending s. 1007.23, F.S.; requiring the statewide articulation agreement to ensure fair and equitable access for high school graduates with mastery-based, nontraditional diplomas and transcripts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 768—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 381.0045, F.S.; revising the purpose of the department's targeted outreach program for certain pregnant women; requiring the department to encourage high-risk pregnant women of unknown status to be tested for sexually transmissible diseases; requiring the department to provide specified information to pregnant women who have human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); requiring the department to link women with mental health services when available; requiring the department to educate pregnant women who have HIV on certain information; requiring the department to provide, for a specified purpose, continued oversight of newborns exposed to HIV; amending s. 381.0303, F.S.; removing the Children's Medical Services office from parties required to coordinate in the development of local emergency management plans for special needs shelters; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; authorizing the department to select samples of marijuana from medical marijuana treatment center facilities for certain testing; authorizing the department to select samples of marijuana delivery devices from medical marijuana treatment centers to determine whether the device is safe for use; requiring medical marijuana treatment centers to recall marijuana and marijuana delivery devices, instead of just edibles, under certain circumstances; exempting the department and its employees from criminal provisions if they acquire, possess, test, transport, or lawfully dispose of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices under certain circumstances; amending s. 401.23, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 401.25, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 401.27, F.S.; revising certification and recertification requirements for emergency medical technicians and paramedics; amending s. 401.2701, F.S.; revising requirements for emergency medical services training programs; authorizing certain site visits to be conducted either in person or through electronic means; authorizing programs to substitute certain simulated, remote videoconferencing options for in-person training and related requirements; specifying requirements for requests for department approval of such options; providing for the renewal of program certification; providing for initial and ongoing department site visits of programs; revising program application procedures; amending s. 401.272, F.S.; revising functions paramedics and emergency medical technicians may perform in nonemergency environments; authorizing paramedics to administer public health countermeasures in nonemergency environments under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 401.30, F.S.; revising recordkeeping requirements for emergency medical services providers; authorizing records to be in either written or electronic formats; revising the list of individuals and entities that may receive limited disclosure of certain otherwise confidential and exempt records; requiring the release of such records to be in compliance with specified provisions; amending s. 401.34, F.S.; deleting provisions and fees related to an obsolete examination; amending s. 401.425, F.S.; authorizing emergency medical review committees to review the performances of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and emergency medical services providers to make recommendations for improvement; amending s. 401.435, F.S.; relabeling "first responder agencies" as "emergency medical responder agencies"; revising minimum standards for emergency medical first responder training; amending s. 460.406, F.S.; revising provisions related to chiropractic physician licensing; amending s. 464.008, F.S.; deleting a requirement that certain nursing program graduates complete a specified preparatory course; amending s. 464.018, F.S.; revising grounds for disciplinary action against licensed nurses; amending s. 467.003, F.S.; revising and defining terms; amending s. 467.009, F.S.; revising provisions related to approved midwifery programs; amending s. 467.011, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure of midwives; amending s. 467.0125, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by endorsement of midwives; revising requirements for temporary certificates to practice midwifery in this state; amending s. 467.205, F.S.; revising provisions relating to approval, continued monitoring, probationary status, provisional approval, and approval rescission of midwifery programs; amending s. 468.803, F.S.; revising provisions related to orthotist and prosthetist registration, examination, and licensing; amending s. 483.824, F.S.; revising educational requirements for clinical laboratory directors; amending s. 490.003, F.S.; defining the terms "doctoral degree from an American Psychological Association accredited program" and "doctoral degree in psychology"; amending ss. 490.005 and 490.0051, F.S.; revising education requirements for psychologist licensure and provisional licensure, respectively; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure of clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors; requiring that a licensed mental health professional be accessible through certain means when a registered intern provides clinical services through telehealth; amending s. 766.314, F.S.; deleting obsolete language and updating provisions to conform to current law; revising the frequency with which the department must submit certain reports to the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association; revising the content of such reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 770—A bill to be entitled An act relating to serious mental illness as bar to sentence of death; creating s. 921.135, F.S.; defining the term "serious mental illness"; prohibiting the imposition of a sentence of death upon a defendant convicted of a capital felony if the defendant had a serious mental illness at the time the criminal offense was committed; requiring a defendant to provide a certain notice if he or she intends to raise serious mental illness as a bar to a sentence of death; requiring the defendant to file a written motion if he or she intends to raise serious mental illness as a bar to a sentence of death; providing requirements for the motion; providing for the testing, evaluation, or examination of the defendant by experts; providing time limitations for the filing of the motion; requiring the circuit court to conduct an evidentiary hearing on the motion; providing court requirements; provid-

ing for waiver of the claim; requiring certain court orders if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant had a serious mental illness at the time of the commission of the criminal offense; authorizing the state to appeal such an order; providing appeal requirements; providing that the time of diagnosis does not preclude the defendant from presenting evidence of a serious mental illness; prohibiting certain statements of the defendant from being used against him or her; providing construction; providing for postconviction proceedings; providing requirements for postconviction proceedings; providing for stays of certain proceedings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senators Diaz and Perry—

SB 772—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vulnerable victims and witnesses; amending s. 92.55, F.S.; revising the standard for orders to protect certain testifying victims and witnesses; prohibiting depositions of certain victims and witnesses in certain proceedings without a showing of good cause; authorizing the court to allow such depositions under certain circumstances; revising factors to be considered by a court in a motion seeking to protect a victim or witness; revising provisions related to available relief; requiring the court to appoint a guardian ad litem or other advocate for the deponent under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to request the aid of an interpreter; requiring the court to make specific findings of fact on the record for certain orders and rulings; making technical changes; amending s. 943.0583, F.S.; revising the applicability of provisions relating to human trafficking victims seeking expunction of certain records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 774—A bill to be entitled An act relating to communicable and infectious diseases; providing a short title; amending s. 112.181, F.S.; revising and defining terms; providing a presumption to specified workers that an impairment of health caused by COVID-19 or an infectious disease happened in the line of duty; requiring certain actions in order to be entitled to the presumption; requiring emergency rescue or public safety workers to file an incident or accident report under certain conditions; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 776—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the availability of marijuana for adult use; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; revising the sales tax exemption for the sale of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices to apply only to purchases by qualified patients and caregivers; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; revising definitions; revising background screening requirements for caregivers; revising provisions related to the licensure and functions of medical marijuana treatment centers (MMTCs); requiring the Department of Health to adopt by rule certain standards and procedures; requiring the department to adopt by rule a certain MMTC registration form; specifying registration requirements; providing that a registration expires after a specified time; requiring an MMTC to obtain separate operating licenses to perform certain operations; specifying application requirements for MMTCs to obtain cultivation licenses and processing licenses; providing for the expiration of and renewal of such licenses; requiring an MMTC to obtain a facility permit before cultivating or processing marijuana in the facility; authorizing MMTCs licensed to cultivate or process marijuana to use contractors to assist with the cultivation and processing of marijuana under certain conditions; requiring work done by the contractors to be at permitted facilities; requiring the contractors to register principals and employees; providing for the destruction of certain marijuana byproducts within a specified timeframe after their production; authorizing MMTCs licensed to cultivate and process marijuana to sell marijuana at wholesale to other registered MMTCs under certain circumstances; prohibiting an MMTC from transporting or delivering marijuana outside of its property without a transportation license; providing requirements for the cultivation and processing of marijuana; deleting a requirement that each MMTC produce and make available for purchase at least one low-THC cannabis product; deleting certain tetrahydrocannabinol limits for edibles; requiring an MMTC that holds a license for processing to test marijuana before it is sold in addition to when it is dispensed; deleting obsolete language; revising marijuana packaging requirements; providing application requirements for an MMTC to obtain a retail license; providing for the expiration and renewal of such license; requiring an MMTC to obtain a facility permit before selling, dispensing, or storing marijuana in a facility; requiring an MMTC to cease certain operations in a facility under certain circumstances; prohibiting a dispensing facility from repackaging or modifying marijuana that has already been packaged for sale; providing exceptions; authorizing a retail licensee to contract with an MMTC that has a transportation license to transport marijuana for the retail licensee under certain circumstances; prohibiting onsite consumption or administration of marijuana at a dispensing facility; revising requirements for the dispensing of marijuana; requiring a licensed retail MMTC to include specified information on the label for marijuana or a marijuana delivery device dispensed to a qualified patient or caregiver; authorizing an MMTC to sell marijuana to an adult 21 years of age or older under certain circumstances; requiring MMTC employees to verify the age of such buyers using specified methods; prohibiting an MMTC from requesting or storing any personal information of a buyer other than that needed to verify the buyer's age; deleting a provision prohibiting an MMTC from dispensing or selling specified products; revising safety and security requirements for MMTCs; providing application requirements for an MMTC to obtain a transportation license; providing marijuana transportation requirements; prohibiting the transportation of marijuana on certain properties; prohibiting the transportation of marijuana in a vehicle that is not owned or leased by a licensee or the licensee's contractor and not appropriately permitted by the department; providing a process for the issuance and cancellation of vehicle permits; requiring MMTCs to designate a registered employee or contract employee as the driver for each permitted vehicle; requiring the designation to be displayed in the vehicle at all times; requiring that each permitted vehicle be GPS-monitored; specifying that a permitted vehicle transporting marijuana is subject to inspection and search without a search warrant by specified persons; authorizing an MMTC licensed to transport marijuana and marijuana delivery devices to deliver or contract for the delivery of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices to other MMTCs within this state, to qualified patients and caregivers within this state, and to adults 21 years of age or older within this state; establishing that a county or municipality may not prohibit deliveries of marijuana or marijuana delivery devices to qualified patients and caregivers within the county or municipality; requiring an MMTC delivering marijuana or a marijuana delivery device to a qualified patient or his or her caregiver to verify the identity of the qualified patient; requiring an MMTC delivering marijuana to an adult 21 years of age or older to verify his or her age; requiring the department to adopt certain rules for the delivery of marijuana; authorizing MMTCs to use contractors to assist with the transportation of marijuana; specifying that an MMTC is responsible for a contractor's actions and operations related to the transportation of marijuana; requiring an MMTC to know the location of all of its marijuana products at all times; requiring principals and employees of a contractor to register with the department and receive an MMTC employee identification card before participating in the operations of an MMTC; providing for the permitting of cultivation, processing, dispensing, and storage facilities; requiring the department to adopt by rule a facility permit application form; requiring the department to inspect a facility before issuing a permit; requiring the department to issue or deny a facility permit within a specified timeframe; providing for the expiration of facility permits; requiring the department to inspect a facility for compliance before the renewal of a facility permit; requiring an MMTC to cease applicable operations if a facility's permit expires or is suspended or revoked; requiring cultivation facilities and processing facilities to be insured with specified hazard and liability insurance; providing cultivation facility and processing facility requirements; preempting to the state all matters regarding the permitting and regulation of cultivation facilities and processing facilities; requiring dispensing facilities and storage facilities to be insured with specified hazard and liability insurance; providing dispensing facility and storage facility requirements; clarifying that the governing body of a county or a municipality may prohibit or limit the

number of dispensing facilities located within its jurisdiction but may not prohibit a licensed retail MMTC or its permitted storage facility from being located in such county's or municipality's jurisdiction if the MMTC is delivering marijuana to qualified patients in that jurisdiction; prohibiting the department from issuing a facility permit for a dispensing facility in a county or municipality that adopts a specified ordinance; authorizing a county or municipality to levy a local tax on a dispensing facility; providing that local ordinances may not result in or provide for certain outcomes; authorizing the department to adopt specified requirements by rule; requiring the department to adopt rules to administer the registration of certain MMTC principals, employees, and contractors; requiring an MMTC to apply to the department for the registration of certain persons before hiring or contracting with any such persons; requiring the department to adopt by rule a registration form that includes specified information; requiring the department to register persons who satisfy specified conditions and issue them MMTC employee identification cards; requiring a registered person and the MMTC to update the department within a specified timeframe if certain information or the person's employment status changes; authorizing the department to contract with vendors to issue MMTC employee identification cards; requiring the department to inspect an MMTC and its facilities upon receipt of a complaint and to inspect each permitted facility at least biennially; authorizing the department to conduct additional inspections of a facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an MMTC's registration, operating licenses, vehicle permits, or facility permits for violating certain provisions; requiring the department to refuse to renew an MMTC's cultivation, processing, retail, or transportation license under certain circumstances; revising provisions related to penalties and fees to conform to changes made by the act; providing applicability; deleting obsolete language; creating s. 381.990, F.S.; authorizing a person 21 years of age or older to purchase marijuana products, marijuana in a form for smoking, and marijuana delivery devices under certain circumstances; providing that such products be purchased from an MMTC licensed by the department for the retail sale of marijuana and registered with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for sale of marijuana for adult use; providing penalties; authorizing a person 21 years of age or older to possess, use, transport, or transfer to another person 21 years of age or older marijuana products, marijuana in a form for smoking, and marijuana delivery devices under certain circumstances; providing limitations and penalties; clarifying that a private property owner may restrict the smoking or vaping of marijuana on his or her property but a landlord may not prevent his or her tenants from possessing or using marijuana by other means; providing that certain provisions do not exempt a person from prosecution for a criminal offense related to impairment or intoxication resulting from the use of marijuana and do not relieve a person from any legal requirement to submit to certain tests to detect the presence of a controlled substance; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct a study on the harms and benefits of allowing the cultivation of marijuana by members of the public for private use, including use of a specified model; requiring the department to report the results of the study to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; authorizing a person 21 years of age or older to deliver marijuana products to another person 21 years of age or older and to possess marijuana products in a specified amount under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties for the delivery or possession of marijuana products by a person younger than 21 years of age under certain circumstances; creating s. 893.1352, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing for the retroactive applicability of s. 893.13, F.S.; requiring certain sentences for specified offenses; requiring sentence review hearings for individuals serving certain sentences for specified crimes, if requested; providing requirements for sentence review and resentencing; requiring the waiver of certain conviction-related fines, fees, and costs under certain circumstances; amending s. 893.147, F.S.; authorizing a person 21 years of age or older to possess, use, transport, or deliver, without consideration, a marijuana delivery device to a person 21 years of age or older; providing criminal penalties for the possession, use, transport, or delivery, without consideration, of a marijuana delivery device by a person younger than 21 years of age under certain circumstances; creating s. 943.0586, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing an individual convicted of certain crimes to petition the court for expunction of his or her criminal history record under specified circumstances; requiring such individual to first obtain a certificate of eligibility for expunction from the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the department to adopt rules establishing the procedures for applying for and issuing such certificates; requiring the department to issue a certificate of eligibility for expunction under specified circumstances; providing for the expiration of and reapplication for such certificate; providing requirements for the petition for expunction; providing criminal penalties; providing for the court's authority over its own procedures, with an exception; requiring the court to order the expunction of a criminal history record under certain circumstances; clarifying that expunction of certain criminal history records does not affect eligibility for expunction of other criminal history records; providing requirements for processing expunction petitions and orders; providing that a person granted an expunction may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the underlying arrest or conviction, with exceptions; providing that a person may not be deemed to have committed perjury or otherwise held liable for giving a false statement if he or she fails to recite or acknowledge an expunged criminal history record; amending s. 893.15, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 778—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 943.0586, F.S.; requiring applicants for a certificate of eligibility for expunction of certain criminal history records to pay a specified fee to the Department of Law Enforcement for placement in a specified trust fund; providing an exception; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 780—A bill to be entitled An act relating to airports; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; revising the types of airports eligible for specified funding of master planning and eligible aviation development projects by the Florida Department of Transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 782—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public meetings and records; amending s. 945.0911, F.S.; exempting from public meetings requirements that portion of a panel review hearing at which the exempt or confidential information of specified inmates being considered for the conditional medical release program is discussed; specifying requirements for the review panel when exempt or confidential information must be discussed during its meeting; exempting from public records requirements certain records used by the review panel to make a determination of the appropriateness of conditional medical release and the recordings and transcripts of closed panel review hearings; providing for legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Perry and Brandes—

SB 784—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inmate conditional medical release; creating s. 945.0911, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing the conditional medical release program within the Department of Corrections for specified purposes; establishing a panel to consider specified matters; defining terms; providing for program eligibility; authorizing certain inmates be released on conditional medical release before serving 85 percent of their term of imprisonment; requiring that inmates who meet certain criteria be considered for conditional medical release; providing that the authority to grant conditional medical releases rests solely with the department; specifying that inmates do not have a right to conditional medical release or to a

certain medical evaluation; requiring the department to identify eligible inmates; requiring the department to refer such inmates to the panel for consideration; providing for victim notification under specified circumstances; requiring the panel to conduct a hearing within specified timeframes; specifying requirements for the hearing; requiring that inmates approved for conditional medical release be released from the department within a reasonable amount of time; providing a review process for inmates denied conditional medical release; providing that inmates are considered medical releasees upon release from the department into the community; requiring medical releasees to comply with specified minimum conditions; specifying that medical releasees are considered to be in the custody, supervision, and control of the department; specifying that the department does not have a duty to provide medical care to a medical releasee; providing that a medical releasee is eligible to earn or lose gain-time; prohibiting a medical releasee or his or her community-based housing from being counted in the prison system population and the prison capacity figures; authorizing the department to terminate a medical releasee's conditional medical release under specified circumstances; authorizing the revocation of a medical releasee's conditional medical release if certain conditions are not met; authorizing the department to order a medical releasee to be returned to the department's custody for a revocation hearing or to remain in the community pending such hearing; authorizing a warrant to be issued for the arrest of a medical releasee under certain circumstances; authorizing a medical releasee to admit to the allegation that his or her medical or physical condition improved or to proceed to a revocation hearing; requiring such hearing to be conducted by the panel; requiring the director of inmate health services to review certain evidence and make a recommendation to the panel before such hearing; requiring a majority of the panel members to agree that revocation of medical release is appropriate; requiring a medical releasee to be recommitted to the department to serve the balance of his or her sentence if a conditional medical release is revoked; providing that gain-time is not forfeited for revocation based on improvement in a medical releasee's condition; providing a review process for a medical releasee who has his or her release revoked; authorizing a conditional medical release to be revoked if the medical releasee violates any release conditions; authorizing a warrant to be issued for the arrest of a medical releasee if certain conditions are met; authorizing a law enforcement or probation officer to arrest a medical releasee without a warrant under certain circumstances; requiring that a medical releasee be detained without bond if a violation of release is based on a new violation of law; requiring the department to order that a medical releasee be returned to its custody under certain circumstances; authorizing a medical releasee to admit to the alleged violation or to proceed to a revocation hearing; requiring a majority of the panel members to agree that revocation of medical release is appropriate; requiring specified medical releasees to be recommitted to the department upon the revocation of the conditional medical release; authorizing the forfeiture of gain-time; providing a review process for a medical releasee who has his or her release revoked; requiring that a medical releasee be given specified information under certain circumstances; requiring the panel to provide a written statement specifying the evidence relied on and reasons for revocation under certain circumstances; requiring a medical releasee whose conditional medical release is revoked and who is recommitted to the department to comply with the 85 percent requirement upon recommitment; requiring the department to perform specified actions upon an inmate's diagnosis of a terminal medical condition while in the custody of the department; requiring an inmate to consent to release of confidential information under certain circumstances; providing that members of the panel have sovereign immunity related to specified decisions; requiring the department to adopt rules; repealing s. 947.149, F.S., relating to conditional medical release; amending ss. 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605, 944.70, 947.13, and 947.141, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 786—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aircraft sales and lease tax; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; exempting all aircraft sales and leases, rather than the sales and leases of certain aircraft, from the sales and use tax; deleting the definition of the term "common carrier" to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 788—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Hometown Hero Housing Program; creating s. 420.5096, F.S.; creating the Florida Hometown Hero Housing Program; providing the purpose of the program; specifying requirements for loans under the program; authorizing the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to underwrite and make such loans to specified borrowers; specifying ineligible employees; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 790—A bill to be entitled An act relating to computer science and technology instruction; amending s. 1003.01, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 1003.4202, F.S.; defining the term "instructional personnel"; requiring public schools to provide computer science instruction conforming to specified requirements; requiring computer science courses and technology-related industry certifications to be identified in the Course Code Directory and published on the Department of Education's website; authorizing additional computer science courses to be subsequently identified and posted on the department's website; requiring the Florida Virtual School to offer computer science courses identified in the Course Code Directory; requiring school districts that do not offer an identified course to provide students access to the course through the Florida Virtual School or other means approved by the department; authorizing school districts or consortiums of school districts to apply to the department for funding to deliver or facilitate certain training, subject to appropriation; requiring the funding to be used only for specified purposes; requiring the department to establish an application deadline; requiring the department to award funding in an equitable manner that accounts for the unique needs of small or rural school districts; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; specifying the contents of the report; authorizing public elementary and middle schools to establish digital classrooms that provide specified opportunities; requiring instructional personnel who meet specified criteria to receive a bonus; specifying amounts for such bonuses; requiring school districts to identify and report to the department qualifying instructional personnel; providing that qualifying instructional personnel receive the bonus upon completion of the school year; prohibiting such instructional personnel from receiving more than one of certain bonuses per year; authorizing certain funds that are not disbursed by a specified date to be carried forward for a specified timeframe; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; repealing s. 1007.2616, F.S., relating to computer science and technology instruction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Ausley and Garcia—

SB 792—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children and young adults in out-of-home care; amending s. 39.4085, F.S.; revising legislative findings and providing legislative intent; providing construction; specifying the rights of, rather than goals for, children and young adults in out-of-home care; providing the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, and other agency staff; authorizing and encouraging district school boards to establish certain educational programs; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 39.4088, F.S.; designating a children's ombudsman as an autonomous entity within the department; providing responsibilities of the ombudsman; requiring the ombudsman to collect and post on the department's website certain data; requiring the ombudsman, in consultation with the department and other speci-

fied entities and by a specified date, to develop standardized information explaining the rights of children and young adults placed in out-of-home care; requiring the department, community-based care lead agencies, and agency staff to use the information provided by the ombudsman in carrying out specified responsibilities; requiring the department to establish a statewide toll-free telephone number for the ombudsman; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

SR 794—Not introduced.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 796—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tampering with or fabricating physical evidence; amending s. 918.13, F.S.; providing enhanced criminal penalties for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence in certain criminal proceedings and investigations; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking the offense of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 798—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a bottled water excise tax; revising the title of ch. 211, F.S.; creating part III of ch. 211, F.S., entitled "Tax on Extraction of Water for Bottling"; creating s. 211.40, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 211.41, F.S.; imposing an excise tax upon bottled water operators; specifying the rate of the tax and the trust fund where tax proceeds are to be deposited; requiring that tax proceeds be separately accounted for and be used for certain purposes; creating s. 211.42, F.S.; specifying requirements for bottled water operators in filing monthly returns with the Department of Revenue; authorizing the department to prescribe certain forms by rule; authorizing the department to grant extensions for filing and payment under certain circumstances; creating s. 211.43, F.S.; specifying interest payable on unpaid taxes; specifying the delinquency penalties for failure to timely file a return; specifying the penalty for the substantial underpayment of taxes; providing construction; authorizing the department to settle or compromise taxes in accordance with certain provisions; creating s. 211.44, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring governmental entities to cooperate with the department and furnish information without cost to the department for certain purposes; specifying recordkeeping requirements for bottled water operators; specifying the department's authority to inspect, examine, and audit bottled water operator books and records, issue subpoenas, require testimony under oath or affirmation of certain persons, and apply for certain judicial orders; specifying requirements and procedures for the department in conducting audits, assessing deficiencies, and crediting or refunding overpayments; specifying procedures and requirements for claiming refunds; providing that amounts due remain a lien on certain property; specifying requirements and procedures for warrants and alias tax executions issued by the department; requiring that suits brought by the department for violations be brought in circuit court; creating s. 211.45, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for certain violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 800—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; amending s. 166.231, F.S.; authorizing municipalities to exempt by ordinance the public service tax that specified users would pay on electrical energy purchases; requiring municipalities to provide copies of such ordinances to the Department of Revenue within a certain timeframe; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; defining the term "opportunity zone"; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining terms; providing an exemption from the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions for building materials used in the rehabilitation of real property in an opportunity zone; specifying requirements, limitations, and procedures for the exemption; requiring the department to adopt rules; authorizing the department to establish guidelines; providing an exemption from the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions for electrical energy used in an opportunity zone, subject to certain ordinances adopted by municipalities; specifying requirements, limitations, and procedures for the exemption; providing a penalty; requiring the department to adopt rules; authorizing the department to establish guidelines; defining the term "qualified business"; amending s. 212.098, F.S.; revising the qualification criteria and tax credit amounts for new and existing businesses under the Rural Job Tax Credit Program; creating s. 288.066, F.S.; establishing a rural opportunity tax refund program for qualified target industry businesses in rural areas; defining terms; specifying the criteria the Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc., must consider in identifying target industries; authorizing the grant of certain tax refunds under certain circumstances; specifying limitations on refunds; providing administrative and criminal penalties; specifying requirements and procedures for applications; specifying requirements and limitations for the review of applications by the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing construction; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to issue certain opinion letters; providing requirements, procedures, and limitations for annual refund claims; providing requirements for the Chief Financial Officer for the issuance of warrants for refunds; providing for administration by the Department of Economic Opportunity; amending s. 288.095, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.101, F.S.; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to allocate a specified amount of funds in the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund during a certain timeframe each year for projects within rural areas of opportunity; defining the term "rural area of opportunity"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Gruters and Perry—

SB 802—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school safety; amending s. 943.082, F.S.; requiring the FortifyFL reporting tool to notify reporting parties that submitting false information may subject them to criminal penalties; providing that certain reports will remain anonymous; amending s. 1001.11, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to oversee and enforce compliance with requirements relating to school safety and security; requiring the commissioner to take specified actions under certain circumstances relating to noncompliance; amending s. 1001.20, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education's Office of Inspector General to investigate certain allegations if the commissioner determines that a district school board is unwilling or unable to address the allegations; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; revising the duties of the Office of Safe Schools; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring certain law enforcement officers to be physically present and directly involved in active assailant emergency drills; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; specifying the requirements for the rules; requiring district school boards and charter school governing boards to adopt family reunification plans; providing for the update and review of such plan; requiring all members of threat assessment teams to be involved in certain processes and decisions; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; making technical changes; authorizing school safety officers to make arrests on property owned or leased by a charter school under a charter contract; requiring district school superintendents or charter school administrators, instead of school districts, to notify county sheriffs and the Office of Safe Schools of certain safe-school officer-related incidents; specifying training requirements for certain safe-school officers; amending s. 1006.1493, F.S.; requiring the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool to address policies and procedures to prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters; amending s. 1008.32, F.S.; authorizing the State Board of Education to direct a school district to suspend the salaries of certain officials if the state board determines the district school board is unwilling or unable to comply with law or state board rule; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 804—A bill to be entitled An act relating to modernization of nursing home facility staffing; amending s. 400.23, F.S.; defining terms; specifying functions that do not constitute direct care staffing hours for purposes of required nursing home staffing ratios; revising nursing home staffing requirements; requiring nursing home facilities to maintain and report staffing information consistent with federal law; amending s. 400.141, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Perry and Stewart—

SB 806—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders awareness; creating s. 381.825, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Department of Elderly Affairs and the Alzheimer's Association, to develop and disseminate information relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders to certain health care practitioners for a specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements for such information; requiring the department to encourage health care providers to display the information in their facilities and discuss specified information with patients 60 years of age or older; requiring the department to post specified information on its website; authorizing the department to fund certain mobile and virtual outreach programs under certain circumstances; requiring the department to collaborate with other agencies and organizations to create a systematic approach to increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia-related disorders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Gruters and Perry—

SB 808—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a sales tax holiday for disaster preparedness supplies; providing exemptions from the sales and use tax for specified disaster preparedness supplies during specified timeframes; providing applicability for certain exemptions; defining the term "impact-resistant"; requiring purchasers of certain items to furnish a specified affidavit and information to the selling dealer; providing a criminal penalty for furnishing a false affidavit with certain intent; specifying locations where the exemptions do not apply; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Polsky and Book—

SB 810—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending ss. 1001.03 and 1001.706, F.S.; deleting definitions; repealing a requirement that the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors, respectively, require each Florida College System (FCS) institution and state university to conduct an annual assessment of intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity; repealing a prohibition on the state board and Board of Governors shielding students, faculty, or staff at FCS institutions and state universities from free speech; amending s. 1004.097, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "shield"; repealing a prohibition on FCS institutions and state universities shielding students, faculty, or staff from expressive activities; repealing provisions authorizing a student to record certain video or audio; repealing authorization for a person injured by certain violations to bring an action against a person who has published certain video or audio; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 812—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a digital license plate pilot program; providing a short title; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to conduct a certain pilot program; requiring the department to investigate the feasibility and use of certain license plate technologies; defining the term "digital license plate"; creating the Digital License Plate Pilot Program within the department; providing the purpose of the program; requiring the department to allow government-owned motor vehicles to be equipped with a digital license plate in lieu of a metal or paper license plate; requiring the department to contract with two or more digital license plate providers; providing requirements for implementing the program; requiring the department to make certain recommendations to the Legislature by specified dates; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 814—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Learn to Fly license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wright—

SM 816—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to adopt legislation lowering the allowable ratio of sodium to potassium in processed and restaurant foods sold and consumed in the United States.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 818—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; exempting the personal identifying and location information of the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the Public Employees Relations Commission and the personal identifying and location information of spouses and children of such personnel from public records requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 820—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Yacht and Ship Brokers' Act; amending s. 326.002, F.S.; redefining the term "yacht" to include vessels longer than a specified length which are manufactured or operated primarily for pleasure or are leased, rented, or chartered for pleasure; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; exempting a person who conducts business as a broker or salesperson in another state from licensure for specified transactions; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to deny licenses for applicants who fail to meet certain requirements; revising requirements for licensure as a broker; requiring the division to adopt a complaint form for alleged violations of the act; providing requirements for the form; requiring the division to commence an investigation within a

specified timeframe after receiving a complaint form; requiring the division to take certain actions if the division determines that a broker or salesperson violated the act; deleting a provision requiring the division to adopt rules relating to temporary licenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 822—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bail bond agents; amending s. 648.285, F.S.; providing that persons who manage bail bond agencies are subject to certain requirements; revising requirements for persons who own, control, manage, or have pecuniary interests in bail bond agencies; amending s. 648.355, F.S.; providing for licensure, rather than temporary licensure, of limited surety agents and professional bail bond agents; revising the timeframe for an applicant's completion of specified coursework before applying for licensure; amending s. 648.386, F.S.; revising criteria for approval and certification as an approved limited surety agent and professional bail bond agent continuing education school to require continuing education classes to be classroom instruction; creating s. 648.3875, F.S.; specifying requirements for applications for designation as a primary bail bond agent; specifying qualifications for primary bail bond agents; repealing s. 648.41, F.S., relating to termination of appointment of temporary bail bond agents; amending s. 648.42, F.S.; revising the entities from whom a bail bond agent must receive licensure and appointment before registering as a bail bond agent; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 648.25, 648.27, 648.30, 648.31, 648.34, 648.382, 648.39, 648.44, 648.441, and 648.50, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; defining the term "bail bond agent"; providing penalties for the assault or battery upon a bail bond agent; amending s. 843.021, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; revising a defense to the charge of unlawful possession of a concealed handcuff key; amending s. 903.28, F.S.; specifying procedures for remission of forfeitures of deceased defendants; revising the amounts of forfeitures that must be remitted; specifying procedures for remission of forfeitures of defendants for whom the state is unwilling to seek extradition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 824—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private vendor license plate sales; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 320.08049, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to contract with a private vendor through competitive solicitation by a certain date for a specified purpose; specifying license plates that must and may be marketed and sold through the private vendor; specifying requirements for, and authorized and prohibited provisions in, the contract; prohibiting the private vendor from marketing and selling certain specialty license plates; authorizing the department to temporarily operate the program under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.0805, F.S.; specifying personalized prestige license plate application requirements for multiyear plates; requiring a vendor processing fee for certain personalized prestige license plate applications; requiring the department to authorize persons issued certain multiyear plates to transfer their license to display alphanumeric patterns; authorizing the department to provide by rule for a private vendor to take specified actions relating to auctioning a license to display an alphanumeric pattern; providing that certain licenses to display alphanumeric patterns may be transferred; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 320.08053, F.S.; authorizing the department and the Legislative Budget Commission to jointly approve certain new specialty license plates; requiring the department and the commission to jointly develop a certain review process within a certain timeframe; authorizing the department to approve certain new specialty license plates at its sole discretion; providing that the method for specialty license plate presales must authorize the private vendor to conduct presales; specifying the minimum specialty license plate presale voucher requirement for plates marketed and sold by a private vendor; providing applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; authorizing the department to approve new designs and color combinations for certain specialty license plates; providing that certain design and color combinations remain the property of the department; authorizing the department to publicly publish certain proposed designs or color combinations in a certain manner; prohibiting the department from restricting certain background colors, color combinations, or color plate numbers; providing construction; requiring the department to approve certain plates for issuance for a term within a specified range; authorizing the department to cancel a specialty license plate or require its discontinuation under certain circumstances; authorizing certain specialty license plate organizations to have their plates marketed and sold by the private vendor; requiring that certain paid deposits and fees be credited toward the private vendor; providing that certain dealer and fleet specialty license plates may be ordered directly from the private vendor; specifying requirements for requests for multiyear plates; requiring a vendor processing fee for certain requests; specifying minimum specialty plate registrations for plates marketed and sold by the private vendor; providing applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting s. 320.08068(7), F.S., relating to motorcycle specialty license plates, to incorporate the amendment to s. 320.0805, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wright and Harrell—

SM 826—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to impel the United States National Guard Bureau to examine the resource allocations of the Florida National Guard and allow an increase in its force structure.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 828—A bill to be entitled An act relating to critical infrastructure; providing a short title; creating s. 943.6873, F.S.; providing legislative findings; defining terms; requiring that, beginning on a specified date, asset owners ensure that the operation and maintenance of operational technology comply with specified standards and practices; requiring, beginning on a specified date, asset owners to require that certain components, services, and solutions conform to such standards and practices; requiring that certain contracts for critical infrastructure meet specified minimum standards; providing requirements and procedures relating to civil actions based on cybersecurity-breach-related claims; authorizing a court to take specified action upon a showing that a business, a service provider, or another person or entity violates the act; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to institute appropriate legal proceedings against a business, a service provider, or another person or entity that violates the act; providing procedures for such legal proceedings; providing for departmental actions; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 830—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales tax; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; specifying the sales tax rate on mobile homes subject to sales tax as tangible personal property; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 832—A bill to be entitled An act relating to implementation of the recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force; amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; requiring owners of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to have the systems periodically inspected, beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to administer the inspection program; requiring the department to implement program standards, procedures, and requirements; providing for rulemaking; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; requiring new or revised basin management action plans to include a list that identifies and prioritizes certain spatially focused projects; requiring the department to assess certain projects; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 834—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the long-term cleanup of harmful algal blooms; providing a short title; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to take certain actions to physically remove, reduce, clean up, and respond to harmful algal blooms; requiring the department to give preference to innovative technologies that meet certain standards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 836—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medication technicians; amending s. 429.02, F.S.; defining the term "medication technician"; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; providing minimum requirements and specifications for training of medication technicians; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wright and Polsky—

SB 838—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire investigators; amending s. 112.1816, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "firefighter" to include full-time, Florida-certified fire investigators for the purpose of expanding eligibility for certain cancer treatment benefits to include such investigators; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 840—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residential property riparian rights; amending s. 253.141, F.S.; requiring land surveyors to give preference to using the prolongation-of-property-line method to establish a property owner's riparian rights along a channel under certain circumstances; defining terms; providing applicability; requiring courts to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to a prevailing party in a civil action under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 403.813(1)(s) and 403.9323(3), F.S., relating to permits issued at district centers and legislative intent in recognizing rights of riparian property ownership, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 253.141, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 842—A bill to be entitled An act relating to invalid restrictive covenants in health care; amending s. 542.336, F.S.; defining the terms "hospital" and "physician"; specifying that certain restrictive covenants in employment agreements between physicians and hospitals do not support a legitimate business interest; authorizing a party to an employment agreement to elect to have a mutually agreed upon arbitrator make a specified binding determination; providing a legislative finding; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 844—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Passidomo—

SB 846—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2022 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2022 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the May 17-21, 2021, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2022 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the November 15-19, 2021, special session and the 2022 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

SB 848—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 28.2221, 39.00146, 50.0211, 95.361, 97.0575, 102.072, 110.117, 110.12303, 171.203, 189.0695, 193.4517, 265.2865, 282.318, 282.319, 288.106, 288.8014, 290.0475, 316.5501, 319.141, 319.1414, 319.25, 322.032, 322.18, 337.11, 337.401, 350.0605, 366.02, 366.032, 366.04, 366.96, 373.016, 373.0465, 373.701, 373.707, 379.2311, 380.0933, 390.011, 395.002, 395.701, 397.410, 402.62, 403.064, 403.086, 409.905, 413.271, 420.602, 445.007, 468.505, 480.033, 553.791, 604.73, 624.105, 624.51057, 626.9541, 633.202, 660.46, 736.1008, 736.1411, 738.602, 765.101, 768.1382, 768.381, 812.014, 812.015, 823.14, 849.086, 870.01, 948.16, 1001.03, 1001.10, 1001.42, 1002.33, 1002.37, 1002.421, 1002.82, 1003.4203, 1003.4282, 1003.5716, 1004.015, 1004.097, 1006.60, 1008.25, 1008.30, 1008.31, 1008.365, 1011.62, 1011.802, and 1012.976, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; and improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

SB 850—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 27.401, 112.24(6), 197.318, 216.181(11)(d), 255.065(15), 288.1226(9), 316.066(2)(f), 331.326, 339.63(6), 381.0068, 381.83, 393.0661, 395.1055(1)(f), 403.7046(2), 403.73, 409.968(6), 420.0005(2), 420.9079(3), 499.0121(7)(b), 499.051(7)(b), 499.931, 502.222, 570.48(3), 573.123(2), 601.10(8)(b), 601.76, 815.04(3), 893.055(17), 1004.33, 1004.335, and 1004.34, F.S., and amending ss.

125.0104(9)(d), 216.292(2)(a), 403.7046(3)(b), 601.15(7)(d), and 601.152(8)(c), F. S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2022 Florida Statutes only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 194.032, 395.1065, 603.011, 601.80, 721.071, 815.045, and 921.0022, F.S., and repealing s. 218.131, F.S., to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

SB 852—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 267.1736, 341.822, 341.840, 475.631, 482.0815, 497.150, and 497.160, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser's bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Passidomo—

SB 854—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 16.71, 16.712, 16.713, 16.715, 20.165, 550.002, 550.0115, 550.01215, 550.0235, 550.0251, 550.0351, 550.054, 550.0555, 550.0651, 550.0951, 550.09511, 550.09512, 550.09514, 550.09515, 550.105, 550.1155, 550.125, 550.155, 550.175, 550.1815, 550.24055, 550.2415, 550.2614, 550.26165, 550.2625, 550.26352, 550.2704, 550.334, 550.3345, 550.3355, 550.3551, 550.3615, 550.375, 550.495, 550.505, 550.5251, 550.625, 550.6305, 550.6308, 550.70, 550.902, 551.102, 551.103, 551.104, 551.1045, 551.105, 551.106, 551.107, 551.108, 551.109, 551.112, 551.114, 551.117, 551.118, 551.121, 551.122, 551.123, 565.02, 817.37, and 849.086, F.S., to conform to the directive of the Legislature to the Division of Law Revision in s. 13, ch. 2021-269, Laws of Florida, to replace references to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and references to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation relating to gaming with references to the Florida Gaming Control Commission to conform the Florida Statutes to the transfer of duties in s. 11, ch. 2021-269; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 856—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private provider inspections of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; authorizing private provider inspections of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems under certain conditions; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from charging certain inspection and permit fees; specifying requirements for private providers and onsite sewage treatment and disposal system owners and authorized contractors; authorizing the department to audit the performance of such inspections; providing audit conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 858—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fee exemptions for reunited students; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; creating a tuition and fee exemption for students who enter the custody of the Department of Children and Families after a specified age and who are reunited with their biological or legal custodians before reaching a specified age after spending at least 18 months in department custody; requiring the student to meet certain federal financial aid eligibility requirements; providing that the exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult education instruction; providing that the exemption remains valid until the student reaches a specified age; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 860—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firearms without a unique serial number or identifying mark; creating s. 790.261, F.S.; defining terms; specifying requirements for persons manufacturing or assembling a firearm in this state, beginning on a specified date; requiring a person who owns a firearm without an assigned serial number or other identifying mark to comply with certain requirements on or after a specified date; prohibiting the sale or transfer of certain firearms; providing an exception; requiring the destruction of certain firearms; providing requirements for new Florida residents who wish to possess or who own certain firearms; providing criminal penalties; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to accept applications from persons and grant unique serial numbers or identifying marks if certain conditions are met; requiring the department to approve or deny all applications within a certain timeframe; requiring the department to inform applicants of denials in writing; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing applicability; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 862—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 790.261, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to charge a fee for each serial number or identifying mark it issues to reimburse itself for certain actual costs; requiring all moneys collected to be deposited into the Division of Licensing Trust Fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 864—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a cost-share program for agriculture, shellfish aquaculture, and timber operations; providing a short title; creating s. 570.891, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing a cost-share program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; requiring the program, subject to legislative appropriation, to provide funds equal to a specified percentage of the value of environmental services that the agriculture, shellfish aquaculture, and timber industries provide; requiring the department to conduct a study to determine the value of such environmental services, in consultation with certain entities; requiring the department to cooperate with certain entities to promote the cost-share program and prioritize distributions to certain communities; requiring the department to update certain materials with information on participation in the cost-share program; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 866—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pay-for-success contracts; creating s. 287.05715, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a state agency to enter into a pay-for-success contract with a private entity under certain conditions, subject to an appropriation and specified language in the General Appropriations Act; authorizing the carryforward of certain unexpended appropriations; specifying contract requirements; authorizing cancellation of the contract under specified circumstances; specifying services and programs eligible for funding

under the contract; prohibiting a private entity from viewing or receiving personal client information that is otherwise confidential and exempt from public records requirements; requiring an agency to provide an annual report containing certain data to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees by a specified date; requiring the Department of Management Services to prescribe certain procedures by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 868—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual battery on a mentally incapacitated person; amending s. 794.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "mentally incapacitated"; revising provisions concerning sexual battery upon a person who is mentally incapacitated; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 870—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver license suspensions; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring driver license suspensions for specified reasons; deleting a requirement for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to maintain records of such suspensions for a specified timeframe; revising requirements and procedures for reinstating driver licenses of certain persons; amending s. 322.245, F.S.; deleting a requirement for a clerk of court to send a specified notice to certain persons; deleting the authority for a clerk of court to collect certain delinquency fees; revising requirements and procedures for the reinstatement of driver licenses suspended for specified reasons; deleting requirements and procedures for the department relating to certain driver license suspensions; amending ss. 316.192, 318.14, 320.03, 320.571, 322.29, 322.34, and 322.391, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 872—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unfinished firearms; creating s. 790.223, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting specified acts involving unfinished firearm frames or receivers; providing exceptions; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; defining the term "licensed dealer"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 874—A bill to be entitled An act relating to arrests; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; authorizing warrantless arrests when a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a person younger than 18 years of age has violated a specified provision related to possession of a firearm by a minor younger than 18 years of age; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 876—A bill to be entitled An act relating to stunt driving on highways; amending s. 316.191, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting specified acts relating to street takeovers or stunt driving on highways, roadways, or parking lots; prohibiting a person from being a spectator at a street takeover; providing applicability of specified criminal penalties; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; providing applicability of a certain civil penalty; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 322.0261(4)(a) and (b), F.S., relating to driver improvement courses, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 316.191, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 878—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses; amending s. 90.404, F.S.; providing that substantial similarity is not required for the admissibility of certain evidence in a criminal case in which the defendant is charged with a sexual offense; amending s. 365.161, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "sexual battery" and "sexual bestiality"; amending s. 491.0112, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual misconduct"; amending s. 775.0847, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "sexual battery" and "sexual bestiality"; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing a time limitation for the prosecution of specified sexual battery offenses; providing applicability; amending s. 794.011, F.S.; defining the term "female genitals"; revising the definition of the term "sexual battery"; providing that a person who threatens to use actual physical force likely to cause serious bodily injury or death while committing specified sexual battery offenses commits a life felony; amending ss. 794.05, 796.07, and 800.04, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual activity"; creating s. 800.06, F.S.; creating the offense of lewd or lascivious molestation of a person 16 years of age or older; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 825.1025, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual activity"; amending s. 872.06, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual abuse"; amending ss. 827.071 and 847.001, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "sexual battery" and "sexual bestiality"; amending s. 944.35, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual misconduct"; amending s. 951.27, F.S.; requiring that HIV test results performed on inmates arrested for sexual offenses involving female genital penetration be disclosed under certain circumstances; amending ss. 395.0197 and 415.102, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 880—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominium associations; amending s. 194.181, F.S.; revising the parties considered to be the defendants in a tax suit; requiring condominium and cooperative associations to provide unit owners with certain notice and information under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such notice; amending s. 718.111, F.S.; revising criminal penalties relating to the acceptance of things or services of value or kickbacks; revising the documents required to be included with accounting records; requiring an association to maintain official records in a specified manner; revising requirements for the creation of a rebuttable presumption relating to the provision of records; authorizing an association to direct certain persons to the association's website to fulfill certain obligations relating to the inspection of records; requiring an association to provide an itemized list and a sworn affidavit to persons requesting to inspect records; requiring the association to maintain the itemized list for a specified period of time; creating a rebuttable presumption for an association that provides such itemized list and sworn affidavit; providing criminal penalties for certain violations relating to official association records; defining the term "repeatedly"; requiring certain associations to post copies of certain documents on their websites by a specified date; revising criminal penalties relating to the use of association debit cards; defining the term "lawful obligation of the association"; creating s. 718.1285, F.S.; specifying acts that comprise fraudulent voting activities relating to association elections; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 718.501, F.S.; revising the jurisdiction of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation with regard to investigating complaints; defining the term "financial issue"; authorizing the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 882—A bill to be entitled An act relating to inventories of critical wetlands; amending s. 373.036, F.S.; requiring each water management district governing board, in cooperation with local governments, to develop a list of critical wetlands for acquisition using funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; requiring the boards to consider certain criteria when including wetlands on the list; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Boyd—

SB 884—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees in lieu of security deposits; creating s. 83.491, F.S.; authorizing a landlord to offer a tenant the option to pay a fee in lieu of a security deposit; requiring the landlord to provide certain written notice to the tenant; requiring a written agreement signed by the landlord, or the landlord's agent, and the tenant if the tenant decides to pay a fee in lieu of the security deposit; requiring a specified disclosure in the written agreement; providing options for paying the fee; specifying that the fee is not a security deposit; requiring a landlord to offer the option to pay a fee in lieu of a security deposit to all new tenants under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 886—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal water and sewer utility rates; amending s. 180.191, F.S.; requiring a municipality to charge customers receiving its utility services in another municipality the same rates, fees, and charges as it charges consumers within its municipal boundaries under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 888—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use or threatened use of force; providing a short title; amending ss. 776.012 and 776.031, F.S.; deleting provisions stating that persons who use or threaten to use force, other than deadly force, do not have a duty to retreat before using or threatening to use such force in defense of persons or property; prohibiting the use of deadly force by a person who knows that he or she can avoid the necessity of using deadly force with complete safety by retreating; deleting provisions stating that a person using or threatening to use deadly force does not have a duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground under certain circumstances; repealing s. 776.032, F.S., relating to immunity from criminal prosecution and civil action for justifiable use or threatened use of force; reenacting s. 790.25(5), F.S., relating to lawful ownership, possession, and use of firearms and other weapons, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 776.012, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 890—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; defining the term "telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training"; requiring certain 911 public safety telecommunicators to receive ongoing telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training; authorizing public safety agencies and certain other agencies to enter into reciprocal agreements to provide telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances; providing requirements for certain employees who answer emergency medical service calls; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 892—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter school charters; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring a request for a consolidation of multiple charters to be approved or denied within a specified timeframe; requiring a charter school sponsor to provide to the charter school specified information relating to a denial of a request for a consolidation within a certain timeframe; revising the time period for notification of specified actions relating to a charter school charter; providing for the automatic renewal of a charter under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 894—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a strategic fuel reserve plan; creating the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force adjunct to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor to develop a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan for a disaster or an emergency; requiring the division to provide administrative and support services to the task force; specifying the membership of the task force; requiring the task force to elect a chair and a vice chair; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 896—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educator certification pathways for veterans; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; expanding eligibility to seek educator certification to specified military servicemembers who have completed a specified education requirement; authorizing the Department of Education to issue a temporary certificate to specified military servicemembers who have completed a specified education requirement; specifying the duration of a temporary certificate for specified military servicemembers; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Education; and Rules.

By Senators Stewart, Perry, Taddeo, Book, Berman, and Bracy—

SB 898—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tenant safety; providing a short title; creating s. 83.515, F.S.; requiring landlords of nontransient or transient apartments to require employees to undergo background screenings as a condition of employment; specifying requirements for the employee background screenings; authorizing landlords to disqualify persons from employment under certain circumstances relating to criminal offenses; amending s. 83.53, F.S.; revising what constitutes reasonable notice for repairs of dwelling units; amending s. 509.211, F.S.; requiring public lodging establishments licensed as nontransient or transient apartments to take certain actions relating to employee background screenings and keys for dwelling units; requiring such establishments to provide proof of compliance to the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation upon request; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 900—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unidentified persons in hospitals; creating s. 395.1013, F.S.; requiring hospitals to maintain a directory of unidentified persons containing specified information; requiring hospitals to make the directory available to the public upon request; requiring hospitals, before including an unidentified person in the directory, to inform the unidentified person of the directory and provide him or her with an opportunity to restrict or prohibit inclusion in the directory or disclosure of his or her personal identifying information; providing an exception for a specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

SR 902—Not introduced.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 904—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agricultural practices; providing legislative findings and intent; amending s. 373.4595, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "best management practice"; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop and adopt rules for interim measures, best management practices, or other measures to achieve certain levels of pollution reduction statewide; requiring the department to develop and adopt rules for guidelines for providing financial assistance to parties implementing such measures and practices; providing that such financial assistance is exempt from certain provisions; requiring the department to update the rules within a specified timeframe; requiring department rules to provide specified administrative fines for failing to implement or comply with the measures or practices; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 906—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fleet management; requiring the Department of Management Services to prepare an inventory of state-owned motor vehicles, maintenance facilities, and fuel depots; requiring the department to submit the inventory to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the inventory; requiring state agencies and state universities to provide certain information requested by the department; requiring the department to create, administer, and maintain a centralized management system for the motor vehicle fleet, maintenance facilities, and fuel depots; requiring the department to consolidate the management of existing state-owned motor vehicles, maintenance facilities, fuel depots, and certain full-time equivalent and other-personal-services positions; requiring state agencies and state universities to provide certain information requested by the department; requiring the department to contract with a vendor or contractor for a specified purpose; requiring data relating to such contract to be stored in at least one common format approved by the department; providing that such data remains the property of the department; specifying requirements for motor vehicle-monitoring hardware installed in a state-owned motor vehicle; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 908—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 320.08001, F.S.; imposing specified additional annual flat fees on electric vehicles; imposing a license tax and an additional annual flat fee on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; authorizing persons and entities to biennially renew vehicle registrations for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles; providing for the distribution of proceeds from the additional fees; specifying requirements for the use of the proceeds by local governments; providing that certain vehicles are exempt from specified fees; providing for the future expiration and reversion of specified statutory text; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

SB 910—A bill to be entitled An act relating to applications for driver licenses and identification cards; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring application forms for original, renewal, and replacement driver licenses and identification cards to include language allowing a voluntary contribution to the Armory Board for a specified purpose; exempting such contributions from the General Revenue Fund service charge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 912—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community-based care lead agency expenditures; amending s. 409.992, F.S.; defining terms; specifying a total compensation limit from state-appropriated funds for certain employees of community-based care lead agencies; revising persons to whom the limit applies; requiring the Department of Children and Families to include a certain provision in contracts with a community-based care lead agency; amending s. 409.996, F.S.; revising persons of whom the department must publish certain compensation information; defining the term "total compensation"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 914—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies to annually report race and ethnicity data of certain violators to the department; revising the date by which the department must begin annually reporting such data to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 316.646, F.S.; deleting a precondition to a requirement that the operator of a motor vehicle display proof of maintenance of security to a law enforcement officer or certain other persons; amending s. 319.141, F.S.; extending the date by which the department must implement a rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; adding counties where the program must be implemented; deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 319.32, F.S.; prohibiting the department and a tax collector from charging fees or service charges, except a certain fee, under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "apportionable vehicle"; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 320.77, F.S.; requiring licensed mobile home dealers to deliver certain documents to the department within a certain timeframe; amending s. 320.771, F.S.; specifying the required term of a certain garage liability insurance policy; requiring licensed recreational vehicle dealers to deliver certain documents to the department within a certain timeframe; amending s. 320.8225, F.S.; requiring licensed mobile home manufacturers and recreational vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and importers to submit certain documents to the department within a certain timeframe; amending s. 627.7415, F.S.; requiring that certain commercial motor vehicles meet certain federal financial responsibility requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 916—A bill to be entitled An act relating to searches of cellular phones and other electronic devices; amending s. 933.02, F.S.; expanding the grounds for issuance of a search warrant to include content held within a cellular phone, portable electronic communication device, or microphone-enabled household device when such content constitutes evidence relevant to proving that a felony has been committed; amending s. 933.04, F.S.; adopting the constitutional protection against unreasonable interception of private communications by any means for purposes of obtaining a search warrant; amending s. 934.01, F.S.; revising and providing legislative findings; amending s. 934.02, F.S.; redefining the terms "oral communication" and "electronic communication"; defining the terms "microphone-enabled household device" and "portable electronic communication device"; amending s. 934.03, F.S.; authorizing specified persons to provide information, facilities, or technical assistance to a person authorized by law to intercept wire, oral, or electronic communications if such person has been provided with a search warrant issued by a judge of competent jurisdiction; prohibiting specified persons from disclosing the existence of any interception of a wire, oral, or electronic communication with respect to which the person has been served with a search warrant, rather than a court order; amending s. 934.06, F.S.; prohibiting the use of certain communication content obtained without a search warrant supported by probable cause in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding; providing an exception; amending s. 934.07, F.S.; authorizing a judge to issue a search warrant, rather than grant a court order, in conformity with specified provisions; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to request a law enforcement agency that provided certain information to join the department in seeking a new search warrant; amending s. 934.09, F.S.; requiring that each application for a search warrant, rather than an order, authorizing or approving the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications be made in writing and state the applicant's authority; revising the required information that each application for a search warrant must include; authorizing a judge, under certain circumstances, to authorize a search warrant ex parte, rather than an ex parte order, based on the application; specifying requirements for such search warrants; authorizing an aggrieved person to move to suppress the contents of certain wire, oral, or electronic communications before, as well as during, a trial, hearing, or proceeding; providing for inadmissibility of certain evidence if a certain motion is granted; authorizing a judge of competent jurisdiction to authorize interception within this state under specified circumstances; amending s. 934.10, F.S.; providing that a good faith reliance on a search warrant, rather than a court order, subpoena, or legislative authorization, issued under certain provisions constitutes a complete defense against specified actions; making technical changes; amending s. 934.21, F.S.; revising the exceptions to conduct that constitutes unlawful access to stored communications; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 934.42, F.S.; defining the terms "historical location data," "mobile tracking device," and "real-time location tracking"; authorizing an investigative or law enforcement officer to apply to a judge of competent jurisdiction for a search warrant, rather than an order, authorizing real-time location tracking or acquisition of historical location data; requiring an application for a search warrant to include a statement setting forth a reasonable period of time during which the mobile tracking device may be used or the location data may be obtained in real time, not to exceed a specified limit; authorizing a court to grant, for good cause, extensions that do not individually exceed a specified limit; requiring an applicant seeking historical location data to specify a date range for the data sought; deleting a provision requiring a certification to be included in the application; requiring the court, if it finds probable cause and that the application contains the required statements, to grant a search warrant ex parte rather than entering an ex parte order; specifying that the search warrant may authorize real-time location tracking or acquisition of historical location data; providing that the search warrant may authorize specified location tracking; requiring the search warrant to command the investigative or law enforcement officer to complete any initiation of the location tracking or execution of the search warrant for historical location data authorized by the search warrant within a certain timeframe; providing requirements for the return of the search warrant to the judge and for service of a copy of the search warrant on the person who was tracked or whose property was tracked; providing requirements for returning and serving a search warrant authorizing the acquisition of historical location data; authorizing a court, for good cause, to postpone the notice requirement for a specified period of time; requiring that the standards established by Florida courts for the installation, use, or monitoring of mobile tracking devices and the acquisition of location data apply to the installation, use, or monitoring of any device and the acquisition of location data as authorized by certain provisions; deleting the definition of the term "tracking device"; authorizing any investigative or law enforcement officer who is specially designated by certain persons and who makes specified determinations to engage in real-time location tracking if a search warrant is obtained, as specified, after the tracking has occurred or begins to occur; specifying when real-time location tracking must terminate; reenacting s. 934.22(2)(b), F.S., relating to voluntary disclosure of customer communications or records, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 934.03 and 934.07, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 934.27(1) and (4), F.S., relating to relief, damages, and defenses for certain civil actions, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 934.09 and 934.21, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 934.23(6), 934.24(6) and (7), 934.25(5), and 934.28, F.S., relating to required disclosures of customer communications or records, a subscriber or customer filing a motion for certain relief and customer notification, delayed notice, and the exclusivity of remedies and sanctions for certain violations, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 934.21, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 918—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electric vehicle charging infrastructure; amending s. 334.046, F.S.; revising a requirement for the Department of Transportation's goals relating to mobility; creating s. 339.0802, F.S.; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in a specified fiscal year; providing for future expiration; creating s. 339.286, F.S.; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing the purpose of the program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements; providing requirements for equipment installed using grant funds; requiring the department to develop and publish criteria for the prioritization of grant applications and to maintain a prioritized list of approved applications; requiring the department to continually review emerging research, policies, and standards; requiring the department to publish certain information; authorizing the department to develop a model plan for specified entities; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; prohibiting certain rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from requiring specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used and services provided in this state; revising persons who may charge a certain civil penalty; requiring the Department of Transportation to seek programmatic federal approval for the issuance of permits and for the accommodation as a utility of the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in highway rights-of-way; requiring the department to conduct a certain review and, if it makes a certain determination, to provide legislative recommendations to the Legislature; requiring the department to immediately begin necessary revisions to its rules and policies in accordance with enacted legislation; requiring the department to submit a certain program for federal approval by a specified date; specifying a requirement for the request relating to electric vehicle charging station fees; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 920—A bill to be entitled An act relating to an electric vehicle transportation electrification plan; creating s. 366.945, F.S.; requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt rules for an electric vehicle

transportation electrification plan that meet certain requirements; providing timeframes for the commission to propose the plan's rules and for final rule adoption; authorizing entities that provide electric vehicle charging stations to the public to intervene and participate in certain commission proceedings involving rates, terms, or conditions for offering electric vehicle charging to the public; providing construction; requiring investor-owned electric utilities in violation of certain provisions to take certain actions to come into compliance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 922—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Young Farmer and Rancher Matching Grant Program; creating s. 288.06572, F.S.; creating the program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; specifying the purpose of grants administered through the program; requiring the department to select grant recipients based on specified criteria; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring that applicants meet specified eligibility requirements; specifying a range for grant amounts; providing that a recipient may not receive more than one award per year under the program; specifying that grant funding is contingent upon specific annual appropriation by the Legislature; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 924—A bill to be entitled An act relating to seating requirements for special food service establishment licenses; amending s. 561.20, F.S.; revising the requirements for receiving a special food service establishment license; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 926—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensure examinations for dental practitioners; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; revising licensure examination requirements for dentists to require applicants to demonstrate certain clinical skills on a manikin rather than a live patient; amending s. 466.0065, F.S.; revising requirements for regional licensure examinations offered by dental schools to dental students; amending s. 466.007, F.S.; revising licensure examination requirements for dental hygienists to require applicants to demonstrate certain clinical skills on a manikin rather than a live patient; repealing s. 466.0075, F.S.; deleting a requirement that applicants for dental practitioner licensure examinations maintain medical malpractice insurance to cover any incident of harm to a patient during the clinical examination; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

SR 928—Not introduced.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 930—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales tax exemptions for public works; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing instances when sales of certain tangible personal property to contractors are not exempt from sales and use tax; prohibiting certain nonprofit entities that used a sales tax exemption illegally from transferring liability for the tax, penalty, or interest to another party; requiring the Department of Revenue to adopt rules for determining the propriety of exempt sales to eligible nonprofit entities; requiring the department to adopt rules prohibiting certain entities that receive a sales tax exemption from assigning responsibility related to tangible personal property to other entities; requiring the department to establish by rule a process to suspend a public entity's ability to use a tax exemption if certain conditions are met; amending s. 212.15, F.S.; providing an exception for when certain taxes are considered state funds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rodriguez and Taddeo—

SB 932—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Everglades Protection Area; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; requiring comprehensive plans and plan amendments that apply to certain lands within or near the Everglades Protection Area to follow the state coordinated review process; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with specified entities, to make certain determinations for such plans and amendments, to provide written determinations to the local government and specified entities within a specified timeframe, and to coordinate with the local government and specified entities on certain planning strategies and mitigation measures; providing a condition for the adoption of such plans and plan amendments upon certain determinations by the department; specifying a requirement for the transmittal of certain comprehensive plan amendments to the department; revising the scope of the state land planning agency's compliance determination relating to plans and plan amendments; amending s. 163.3187, F.S.; authorizing site-specific text changes for small scale future land use map amendments; prohibiting the adoption of small scale development amendments for properties located within or near the Everglades Protection Area; requiring local governments whose boundaries include any portion of the Everglades Protection Area to transmit adopted small scale development amendments to the state land planning agency within a specified timeframe; amending s. 420.615, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 934—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 420.6231, F.S.; defining terms; providing an exemption from public records requirements for individual identifying information contained in certain homelessness counts and information systems; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; providing construction; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 936—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compulsive and addictive gambling prevention; creating s. 16.7121, F.S.; providing legislative intent and purpose; defining terms; establishing the Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Program within the Florida Gaming Control Commission; requiring the commission to contract for services relating to the program; providing the duties of the program; requiring the commission to ensure gaming facilities participate in the program by taking certain actions; authorizing the commission to allocate funding for the program from a specified source; providing a cap on the amount that the commission can allocate to the trust fund; providing for rulemaking; amending s. 24.120, F.S.; requiring the Department of the Lottery to deposit a certain percentage of specified funds into a certain trust fund for the purpose of participation in the program; repealing s. 551.118, F.S., relating to the compulsive or addictive gambling prevention program; amending ss. 550.135 and 551.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 938—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 16.7121, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for records containing personal identifying information of a person who is seeking assistance through the Compulsive and Addictive Gambling Prevention Program; providing for a future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 940—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional structural engineers; amending s. 471.003, F.S.; prohibiting a person who is not licensed as an engineer from using a specified name or title; prohibiting, after a date certain, specified persons from using specified names and titles or practicing professional structural engineering; exempting certain persons from licensing requirements; amending s. 471.005, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 471.013, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to refuse to certify an applicant for a professional structural engineer license for certain reasons; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; providing licensure and application requirements for a professional structural engineer license; exempting certain applicants who apply for licensure before a date certain from having to pass a certain national examination, under certain conditions; requiring the board to certify certain applicants for licensure by endorsement; amending ss. 471.019 and 471.025, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 471.031, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from practicing professional structural engineering after a date certain; prohibiting specified persons from using specified names and titles; amending s. 471.033, F.S.; specifying acts that constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including civil penalties, against a professional structural engineer; amending ss. 471.037 and 471.0385, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 942—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 471.011, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Professional Engineers to establish fees relating to professional structural engineer licensing; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; requiring applicants to pay a specified fee to be eligible to receive a professional structural engineer license; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 944—A bill to be entitled An act relating to online marketplace transparency; creating s. 559.953, F.S.; defining terms; requiring online marketplaces to require high-volume third-party sellers using their service to provide certain information to the online marketplace within a specified timeframe; requiring the online marketplace to verify such information, or changes to such information, within a specified timeframe; providing that information on valid government-issued tax documents is presumed verified as of the issuance date; requiring an online marketplace to update and require certification of the updated information at least annually; requiring the online marketplace to suspend certain sellers who do not provide such a certification or updated information; requiring online marketplaces to disclose certain information in a specified manner; requiring disclosure of suppliers; providing for enforcement; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to adopt rules; preempting the regulation of the verification and disclosure of such information to the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senators Gruters, Wright, Hooper, Stewart, Berman, Jones, Harrell, Taddeo, Gibson, Torres, Polsky, Ausley, and Rouson—

SB 946—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the entertainment industry; creating the Targeted High Wage Production Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity under the supervision of the Commissioner of Film and Entertainment; providing a purpose for the program; defining terms; requiring that film, television, and digital media projects being produced in this state meet specified criteria to be eligible for tax credit awards; authorizing applicants to receive awards up to a specified amount, including bonuses; requiring a certified project to make a good faith effort to use existing providers of infrastructure or equipment in this state and to employ residents of this state; requiring the commissioner to set application windows; providing requirements for the department relating to earmarking and setting aside tax credit awards; requiring applicants to either accept a partial tax credit award or reject the partial award and drop out of the program under certain circumstances; providing procedures and requirements for applicants; requiring the commissioner to take specified actions within a reasonable period of time; requiring the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council to determine a score for each qualified project using specified criteria; requiring the commissioner to determine the priority order and scoring system of the specified criteria with assistance from the council and certain other persons; requiring the council to use specified criteria; requiring the commissioner to take specified actions in a timely manner relating to the certification or rejection of qualified projects; requiring the department to certify projects and maximum tax credit awards to qualified applicants and the executive director of the Department of Revenue; requiring the commissioner to develop a process to verify the actual qualified expenditures and bonus eligibility of a certified project after the project's work in this state is complete; providing requirements for the verification process; requiring that the award be issued within a reasonable period of time upon approval of the final award amount; requiring that certain marketing be included with a project; requiring certified projects to allow certain persons to visit the production site upon request of the commissioner and after providing the commissioner with reasonable notice; specifying that the commissioner or his or her affiliate is not required to visit the production site; requiring the department to disqualify a project under certain circumstances; providing for liability and imposing civil and criminal penalties for an applicant that submits fraudulent information; requiring certified production companies to make elections relating to tax credit awards; providing requirements and prohibitions relating to tax credits; authorizing certain entities to transfer tax credits under certain circumstances; providing requirements and prohibitions relating to transferring tax credits; authorizing certain entities to relinquish tax credits for payments; providing requirements and prohibitions relating to relinquishing tax credits; providing for the annual allocation of tax credits for the program; authorizing the department to adopt rules; authorizing the Department of Revenue to conduct certain examinations and audits and pursue recovery of tax credits; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; authorizing the Department of Economic Opportunity to revoke or modify certain decisions relating to tax credit eligibility under certain circumstances; requiring the department to notify the Department of Revenue of any such revocation or modification; requiring applicants to notify the Department of Revenue of any change in tax credit claimed; providing for forfeiture of tax credits; requiring the commissioner to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on a specified date; providing that certain appropriated funds are not subject to reversion; providing for the expiration of the program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 948—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; defining the term "attorney for the child"; amending ss. 39.013 and 39.01305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; renaming part XI of ch. 39, F.S., as "Guardians Ad Litem, Guardian Advocates, and Attorney for the Child"; amending s. 39.822, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; specifying circumstances under which a court is required or authorized, on or after a specified date, to appoint a guardian ad litem in certain proceedings; authorizing the court, under certain circumstances, to maintain a guardian ad litem's appointment notwithstanding the appointment of an attorney for the child; authorizing the court to order that a new guardian ad litem be assigned for a child or to discharge a guardian ad litem and appoint an attorney for the child under specified circumstances; amending s. 39.8296, F.S.; renaming the Guardian Ad Litem Qualifications Committee as the Child Well-Being Qualifications Committee; specifying a procedure and a requirement for subsequent terms served by the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office's executive director; requiring the office to develop guidelines to identify conflicts of interest of guardians ad litem; prohibiting the office from assigning such guardians; defining the term "conflict of interest"; requiring the office to identify any guardian ad litem who is experiencing health issues and who appears to present a danger to the child to whom the guardian ad litem is assigned; requiring the office to remove such guardians from assigned cases, terminate their direct child contact volunteer services, and disclose such actions to the circuit court; authorizing the office to permit such guardians ad litem to perform certain work if certain conditions are met; creating s. 39.83, F.S.; creating the Statewide Office of Child Representation within the Justice Administrative Commission; requiring the commission to provide administrative support and services to the statewide office; providing that the statewide office is not subject to control, supervision, or direction by the commission; providing that employees of the statewide office are governed by the classification plan and salary and benefits plan approved by the commission; providing that the head of the statewide office is the executive director; providing the process for appointment; requiring that the initial executive director be appointed by a specified date; providing responsibilities of the office; providing a requirement for the Department of Children and Families or community-based care lead agency; authorizing the office to contract with local nonprofit agencies under certain conditions; specifying requirements for the local nonprofit agencies and for contracts between the office and such agencies; creating a regional office of child representation within the boundaries of each of the five district courts of appeal; requiring the regional offices to commence fulfilling their purpose and duties on a specified date; prescribing qualifications for child representation counsel; creating s. 39.831, F.S.; specifying when the court is required or authorized to appoint an attorney for the child; requiring the court to appoint the Statewide Office of Child Representation unless the child is otherwise represented by counsel; specifying requirements for the scope of representation of an attorney for the child; authorizing certain staff to attend certain hearings rather than the attorney; requiring that court orders appointing an attorney for the child be in writing; providing for the appointment of private counsel when the office has a conflict of interest; requiring an attorney for the child to be compensated and have access to funding for expenses with specified conditions; providing conditions under which a parent is required to reimburse the court for the cost of the attorney; requiring agencies, persons, and organizations to allow an attorney for the child to inspect and copy certain records; defining the term "records"; providing requirements for an attorney for the child relating to hearings; requiring the department to develop procedures to request that a court appoint an attorney for the child; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending ss. 28.345, 29.007, 39.001, 39.00145, 39.0132, 39.0139, 39.202, 39.302, 39.402, 39.407, 39.4085, 39.502, 39.521, 39.6011, 39.6012, 39.6251, 39.701, 39.702, 39.801, 39.802, 39.808, 39.810, 39.811, 39.812, 43.16, 63.085, 322.09, 394.495, 627.746, 768.28, 934.255, and 960.065, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SJR 950—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to increase the percentage of elector votes required to approve an amendment to or a revision of the State Constitution from 60 percent to 66.67 percent, except that the repeal of an amendment or revision need only be approved by the same percentage of elector votes as was required at the time of passage of such amendment or revision.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 952—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; exempting federal loans related to a state of emergency from the excise tax imposed on documents; amending s. 220.196, F.S.; increasing the combined total amount of credits which may be granted to business enterprises during any calendar year; deleting obsolete language; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 954—A bill to be entitled An act relating to energy; amending s. 286.29, F.S.; revising the selection criteria for purchasing or leasing vehicles for state agency, college, or university or certain local government fleets; removing a provision requiring the use and procurement of ethanol and biodiesel fuels; requiring the Department of Management Services, before a specified date, to make recommendations to state agencies and local governments relating to the procurement and integration of electric vehicles; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "single-trade inspection"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 956—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public schools; creating s. 1002.44, F.S.; authorizing public schools in this state to enroll a student who meets certain attendance criteria on a part-time basis, subject to space and availability; providing for full-time equivalent student membership; providing construction; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; authorizing funds awarded under the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to be used for contracted services provided by a public school or school district; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 958—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a state nutrition assistance reimbursement program; creating s. 402.88, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to develop and implement a state nutrition assistance reimbursement program for a specified purpose; requiring the department to determine eligibility criteria and application procedures for the program; providing application requirements; requiring the department to establish a funding mechanism to support reimbursements under the program; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 960—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving in the furthermost left-hand lane of a roadway; amending s. 316.081, F.S.; prohibiting a driver from continuously operating a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane of certain roadways, except under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 962—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mixed-use residential development projects for affordable housing; amending ss. 125.01055 and 166.04151, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to approve certain mixed-use residential development projects subject to certain conditions; providing that approval for an affordable housing development or a mixed-use residential development project is self-executing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 964—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; amending s. 561.14, F.S.; providing exemptions relating to the purchase of alcoholic beverages from manufacturers by vendors; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; authorizing certain manufacturers who possess a vendor's license to sell, transport, or deliver alcoholic beverages to specified vendors under certain circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; authorizing craft distilleries to sell, transport, or deliver branded products to specified vendors under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 966—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale, transport, and delivery of malt beverages; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; exempting certain vendors from specified delivery restrictions under certain circumstances; providing applicability; authorizing vendors licensed as manufacturers under ch. 561, F.S., to transfer malt beverages to certain restaurants with common ownership affiliations; amending s. 561.5101, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 561.57, F.S.; providing that certain manufacturers may transport malt beverages in vehicles owned or leased by the manufacturers or certain persons other than the manufacturers; amending s. 563.022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 968—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individual retirement accounts; amending s. 222.21, F.S.; specifying that certain interests received by a transferee after a divorce are exempt from claims of creditors upon being awarded to or received by the transferee; specifying that such interests remain exempt; providing retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

SR 970—Not introduced.

SB 972—Withdrawn prior to introduction.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 974—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sovereign immunity; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; revising the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions; revising requirements for the state or an agency or a subdivision of the state to agree to settle a claim or judgment; prohibiting an insurance policy from conditioning the payment of benefits on the enactment of a claim bill; specifying that the limitations in effect on the date a final judgment is entered apply to that claim; requiring the Department of Financial Services to adjust the limitations on tort liability every year after a specified date; revising exceptions relating to instituting actions on claims against the state or one of its agencies and to the statute of limitations for such claims; reenacting ss. 45.061, 110.504, 111.071, 163.01, 190.043, 213.015, 252.51, 252.89, 252.944, 260.0125, 284.31, 284.38, 322.13, 337.19, 341.302, 373.1395, 375.251, 381.0056, 393.075, 395.1055, 403.706, 409.993, 455.221, 455.32, 456.009, 456.076, 471.038, 472.006, 497.167, 513.118, 548.046, 556.106, 589.19, 723.0611, 760.11, 766.1115, 766.112, 768.1355, 768.295, 944.713, 946.5026, 946.514, 961.06, 1002.33, 1002.333, 1002.34, 1002.55, 1002.83, 1002.88, 1006.24, and 1006.261, F.S., to incorporate the amendments made to s. 768.28, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Perry—

SB 976—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction; amending s. 255.0525, F.S.; prohibiting specified governmental entities from requiring participation in a paid subscription service to access solicitations of competitive bids or proposals which must be publicly advertised; requiring that such solicitations be available on the publicly accessible website of the applicable governmental entity after the solicitation has been advertised; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; prohibiting the local enforcing agency from requiring a substantive change to plans and specifications once they have been found to be in compliance and a permit is issued, if such change would result in more than a de minimis increase in the overall cost of the project; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 978—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information in applications submitted to the Department of State by persons seeking certification as victims of Florida reform school abuse; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 980—A bill to be entitled An act relating to virtual instruction programs; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; removing a requirement that a virtual instruction program provider document that it locates an administrative office or offices in this state, requires its administrative staff to be state residents, and requires all instructional staff to be Florida-certified teachers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SM 982—A memorial to the Congress of the United States urging Congress to protect consumers from harmful and intrusive Internal Revenue Service regulations.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 984—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction materials mining activities; amending s. 552.30, F.S.; specifying a ground vibration limit for construction materials mining activities within 1 mile of certain areas; authorizing the State Fire Marshal to modify the standards, limits, and regulations for the use of explosives in connection with such construction materials mining activities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 986—A bill to be entitled An act relating to collaborative practice in health care; amending s. 395.0191, F.S.; specifying that certified registered nurse anesthetists administering anesthesia in hospital settings must be working in collaboration with, rather than under the direction of, certain health care practitioners; defining the term "collaboration"; amending s. 464.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "advanced or specialized nursing practice"; defining the term "collaboration"; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; exempting certified registered nurse anesthetists from specified protocol requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing certified registered nurse anesthetists to perform specified functions in collaboration with, rather than pursuant to an established protocol under, certain health care practitioners; amending s. 960.28, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senators Garcia, Berman, Rodriguez, and Perry—

SB 988—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient visitation rights; providing a short title; creating s. 408.823, F.S.; requiring providers to allow clients to receive visitors during their admission; requiring providers to develop certain alternative visitation protocols if providers have to restrict public access to their facilities for health or safety concerns; requiring providers to allow in-person visits in specified circumstances; authorizing providers to require visitors to adhere to specified infection control protocols; authorizing providers to refuse visitation to a visitor who does not pass a health screening or refuses to comply with the provider's infection control protocols; requiring providers to submit their visitation policies to the Agency for Health Care Administration by a specified date for approval; requiring providers to submit updated policies within a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring providers to notify clients and, if possible, their family members or caregivers of their visitation rights and provide them with specified information; requiring the agency to dedicate a webpage on its website containing specified information; requiring the agency to investigate a report of a violation within a specified timeframe; providing administrative penalties; requiring the agency to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 990—A bill to be entitled An act relating to towing vehicles; amending s. 323.001, F.S.; providing construction; prohibiting investigating agencies from releasing motor vehicles towed to an agency's storage facility until certain proof of payment is presented to the agency; specifying that investigating agencies that do not obtain proof of payment must pay certain charges within a specified timeframe; requiring investigating agencies to pay wrecker operators charges relating to towing and storage within a specified timeframe if certain judicial findings are made; amending ss. 713.78 and 715.07, F.S.; prohibiting towing companies from releasing vehicles owned by rental car companies which are towed under certain circumstances, to the person who rented the vehicle unless the rental car company appoints the person as its agent; providing requirements for such appointment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Book—

SB 992—A bill to be entitled An act relating to death benefits; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; requiring the employer of a full-time law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer to extend paid health insurance benefits to the officer's surviving spouse and each of the officer's dependent children if the officer dies in the line of duty as a result of exposure to a pandemic disease that is the subject of a public health emergency; providing applicability; providing retroactive application; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Banking and Insurance; and Appropriations.

By Senators Diaz, Powell, and Jones—

SB 994—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pet protection; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating s. 468.901, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 468.903, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 468.905, F.S.; requiring the licensure of retail pet stores; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt standards and procedures for such licensure; prohibiting unlicensed retail pet stores from taking certain actions regarding certain household pets; creating s. 468.907, F.S.; defining the term "qualified breeder"; limiting the sources from which retail pet stores may acquire household pets for specified purposes; prohibiting certain household pets from being used by retail pet stores for specified purposes; requiring certain documentation of the sources from which retail pet stores acquire household pets for sale; providing requirements for the living conditions for household pets at retail pet stores; providing retail pet store veterinarian, exercise, and socialization requirements; creating s. 468.909, F.S.; requiring the department to conduct periodic inspections of retail pet stores and to audit sales records; requiring the department to establish procedures for the inspections and records of the inspections; authorizing contracts with certain veterinarians to conduct inspections; creating s. 468.911, F.S.; requiring the department to deny a retail pet store license under certain circumstances; authorizing disciplinary action under certain circumstances; specifying administrative procedures; providing civil penalties; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 468.913, F.S.; authorizing civil actions for purposes of enforcement; creating s. 468.915, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for specified violations; creating s. 468.917, F.S.; requiring certain moneys to be deposited into the department's Professional Regulation Trust Fund; creating s. 468.919, F.S.; providing construction; creating s. 468.921, F.S.; prohibiting county and municipal ordinances and regulations from prohibiting or regulating the breeding, purchase, or sale of certain working dogs; providing applicability with regard to new and existing county and municipal ordinances and regulations; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; requiring certain public or private animal agencies to report on a monthly basis certain animal records to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; requiring public animal rescues to make records available to the public; requiring the department to make the data reported by the agencies available on its website in a specified manner; requiring public and private animal rescues and humane organizations to provide for the sterilization of adopted dogs and cats according to certain requirements; authorizing public or private animal rescues to implant dogs and cats with radio frequency identification microchips and to contact the owners of such devices to verify pet ownership; requiring certain public or private animal agencies to disclose a dog's bite history before adoption; prohibiting certain public or private animal agencies from intentionally breeding dogs or cats for sale to the public and from exchanging payment or

compensation to obtain dogs or cats from certain persons; providing applicability; amending s. 474.203, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 996—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 468.905, F.S.; requiring an initial or renewal pet store license application to be accompanied by a specified nonrefundable license fee per licensed location; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senators Rodriguez and Garcia—

SB 998—A bill to be entitled An act relating to enhancing patient care continuums; amending s. 381.026, F.S.; defining the term "patient care continuum"; revising the purpose of the patient's bill of rights; providing that patients have a right to expect their health care records to be shared between their health care providers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 381.0405, F.S.; revising the purpose and functions of the Office of Rural Health; amending s. 381.0406, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising the definition of the term "health care provider"; defining the term "patient care continuum"; requiring rural health networks to use health information exchange systems for specified purposes; amending s. 381.04065, F.S.; revising criteria for Department of Health approval of certain cooperative agreements in certified rural health networks; amending s. 395.1052, F.S.; requiring hospitals to use health information exchange systems to provide certain notification to a patient's primary care provider, if any; requiring hospitals to inform each patient of the right to request the hospital's treating physician consult with any provider within the patient's care continuum, rather than only the primary care provider or a specialist provider, when developing the patient's plan of care; requiring the treating physician to make a reasonable effort to consult with such provider, if requested; amending s. 395.3015, F.S.; requiring certain hospitals to require use of an electronic system for patient medical records; amending s. 408.05, F.S.; revising membership requirements for the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council; amending s. 408.051, F.S.; defining and revising terms; requiring health care facilities to use health information exchange systems to exchange electronic health records; providing requirements for the exchange of electronic health records and minimum requirements for such records; prohibiting vendors of certified electronic health record technologies from charging health care facilities and health care practitioners more than a specified amount for building an interface with a health information exchange system; requiring such vendors to provide system upgrades and software updates free of charge to health care facilities and health care practitioners who purchase the technology; amending s. 408.0611, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide health information exchange systems with access to the electronic prescribing clearinghouse for a specified purpose; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; requiring certain records owners to use a health information exchange system to provide patient records to health care practitioners and providers; amending ss. 381.4018 and 456.42, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 1000—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nutrient application rates; amending s. 576.011, F.S.; defining the terms "certified professional" and "rate tailoring"; amending s. 576.045, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing the use of rate tailoring in specified circumstances; authorizing producers to use written recommendations from certified professionals to tailor their recommended nutrient application rates under certain circumstances; requiring producers to keep records regarding the determination that the published nutrient application rates are not appropriate and any recommendations for rate tailoring for a specified period of time; requiring producers using rate tailoring to enroll in and implement certain applicable best management practices; requiring revisions to recommended application rates by certain state universities and Florida College System institutions to authorize rate tailoring; providing a presumption of compliance with certain requirements for producers using rate tailoring; extending the expiration of a certain provision; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1002—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida citrus; providing a short title; amending s. 601.04, F.S.; revising the membership of the Florida Citrus Commission; requiring members to meet certain requirements; revising commission appointments to achieve staggered terms for the newly appointed members; revising the requirements for a quorum; amending s. 601.09, F.S.; increasing the number of citrus districts in this state and revising the counties that comprise each district; amending s. 601.13, F.S.; requiring certain entities to provide reports on citrus production research to the commission at specified intervals and upon request of the commission; specifying requirements for the reports; requiring that new varieties of citrus fruit produced from research or studies funded by state funds be made exclusively available for licensing and purchase to certain Florida producers for a specified timeframe; requiring producers who receive such exclusivity to retain the exclusivity for a specified timeframe; providing pricing requirements for such arrangements; reenacting s. 600.051(1), F.S., relating to marketing agreements and the powers of the Department of Citrus, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 601.09, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 601.10(8)(c) and 601.15(7)(b), F.S., relating to powers of the department and the use of moneys in the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 601.13, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SJR 1004—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law for the recall of county officers and commissioners.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1006—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state symbols; creating s. 15.0522, F.S.; designating strawberry shortcake as the official state dessert; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1008—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gibson—

SB 1010—A bill to be entitled An act relating to uterine fibroid research and education; creating s. 381.9312, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Health to develop and maintain an electronic database of information related to uterine fibroids; providing a specified purpose for such database; requiring that the database include specified information; requiring health care providers to submit certain information to the department for inclusion in the database; prohibiting the database from including any personal identifying information; providing that such information is confidential; authorizing certain persons to use such information for a specified purpose; requiring the department, in consultation with the Florida Medical Association, to develop and disseminate certain information to educate health care providers and conduct a public awareness campaign; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Burgess, Book, and Perry—

SB 1012—A bill to be entitled An act relating to victims of crimes; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; requiring law enforcement personnel to ensure that victims are given information about their right to employ private counsel; encouraging The Florida Bar to develop a registry of attorneys willing to serve as crime victim advocates on a pro bono basis; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1014—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disability claims coordinators; creating s. 381.029, F.S.; defining the terms "department" and "disability claims coordinator"; authorizing counties to request the Department of Health to assign disability claims coordinators to their respective county health departments; providing that the counties are responsible for such coordinators' employment terms, duty assignments, and salaries and benefits; requiring the department to certify disability claims coordinators if they meet certain qualifications; requiring disability claims coordinators to complete certain initial and annual training; providing requirements for such training; providing duties for disability claims coordinators; requiring the department to designate at least five employees to provide administrative support to, and facilitate the exchange of information between, counties, county health departments, and disability claims coordinators; requiring the department to maintain specified information on its website; requiring the information to be made available on a dedicated webpage and in a specified manner; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1016—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mortgage payoff letters; amending s. 701.04, F.S.; revising the timeframe in which mortgagees must send an estoppel letter after receiving a written request; revising requirements for written requests for estoppel letters; revising requirements for estoppel letters; prohibiting mortgagees or servicers of mortgages from taking certain actions relating to reliance on information in estoppel letters; authorizing mortgagees or servicers of mortgages to send corrected estoppel letters that supersede earlier estoppel letters under certain circumstances; prohibiting mortgagees or servicers of mortgages from denying the accuracy of information in estoppel letters if a person reasonably and detrimentally relied upon such information; providing prohibitions and requirements for mortgagees and servicers of mortgages relating to funds received in response to an estoppel letter; requiring mortgagees and servicers of mortgages to execute and record a specified instrument after certain payments are received; specifying that recording a satisfaction of the mortgage does not relieve mortgagors or successors or assigns of mortgagors from personal liability on the loan or obligations secured by the mortgage; entitling prevailing parties to attorney fees and costs; amending s. 701.041, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "estoppel letter"; making a technical change; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1018—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private investigative and security services; amending s. 493.6115, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for certain licensees to carry firearms; amending s. 493.6305, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building plans; amending s. 553.79, F.S.; specifying that local building code administrators and certain marshals and inspectors do not have discretionary authority to change certain building plans under specified circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Ausley—

SB 1022—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preemption of the regulation of tobacco and nicotine products; repealing ss. 569.0025 and 569.315, F.S., relating to preemption of the regulation of tobacco and nicotine products, respectively; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1024—A bill to be entitled An act relating to net metering; amending s. 366.91, F.S.; revising and providing legislative findings relating to the redesign of net metering to avoid cross-subsidization of electric service costs between classes of ratepayers; requiring the Public Service Commission to propose new net metering rules that comply with specified criteria by a certain date; authorizing certain customers who own or lease renewable generation before a specified date to remain under the existing net metering rules for a specified time; providing applicability; requiring certain public utilities to provide a specified report to the commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 1026—A bill to be entitled An act relating to living organ donors in insurance policies; creating s. 626.97075, F.S.; defining the term "policy"; prohibiting insurers, health maintenance organizations, and prepaid health clinics under specified policies from declining or limiting coverages and discriminating against persons based solely on their status as living organ donors, and from precluding insureds or subscribers from donating organs; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules and take actions to enforce specified laws; creating ss. 627.4795, 627.5215, 627.5585, 627.6443, 627.65624, 627.6813, and 627.94065, F.S.; prohibiting insurers under life insurance policies, industrial life insurance policies, group life insurance policies, individual health insurance policies, group, blanket, and franchise health insurance policies, credit life and disability insurance policies, and long-term care insurance policies, respectively, from declining or

limiting coverages and discriminating against persons based solely on their status as living organ donors, and from precluding insureds from donating organs; authorizing the commission to adopt rules and take actions to enforce specified laws; creating ss. 641.31065 and 641.4275, F.S.; prohibiting health maintenance organizations under health maintenance contracts and prepaid health clinics under prepaid health clinic contracts, respectively, from declining or limiting coverages and discriminating against persons based on their status as living organ donors, and from precluding subscribers from donating organs; authorizing the commission to adopt rules and take actions to enforce specified laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 1028—A bill to be entitled An act relating to end-stage renal disease facility emergency planning; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; requiring end-stage renal disease facilities to annually provide information to certain persons regarding special needs shelter registration procedures; requiring such facilities to assist emergency management agencies by performing specified duties; creating s. 252.3571, F.S.; requiring local emergency management agencies to identify and include in their county emergency management plans the health care facilities for which electric and water utilities must prioritize the emergency restoration of services; creating s. 381.0305, F.S.; defining terms; requiring end-stage renal disease facilities to adopt written emergency preparedness and contingency operations plans; providing requirements for such plans; requiring such facilities to provide the plans to certain entities upon request; requiring each end-stage renal disease facility to develop and approve a continuity of care plan for dialysis treatment during emergencies or disasters; requiring such facilities to provide the plan to patients within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for the plan; providing an exception from certain contract requirements; requiring end-stage renal disease facility staff to undergo specified annual training; requiring specified coordination between end-stage renal disease facilities and certain entities; requiring such facilities to adopt emergency contingency plans for the continuity of essential building systems during emergencies or disasters; providing requirements for such plan; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to adopt rules; providing requirements for such rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 1030—A bill to be entitled An act relating to impact fee credits; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; revising the area within which impact fee credits are assignable or transferable; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1032—A bill to be entitled An act relating to guardianships; creating part IX of ch. 744, Florida Statutes, entitled the "Florida Guardianship Jurisdiction Act"; creating s. 744.74, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 744.75, F.S.; providing legislative purpose and construction; creating s. 744.76, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 744.77, F.S.; providing construction relating to international application; creating s. 744.78, F.S.; authorizing courts of this state to communicate with courts of another state relating to certain proceedings; requiring courts of this state to make a record of such communication; specifying communications that interested persons must be able to participate in; creating s. 744.79, F.S.; specifying actions that a court of this state may request from, and perform for, a court of another state in certain guardianship proceedings; creating s. 744.80, F.S.; authorizing courts of this state to permit witness testimony by certain means; providing that certain evidence may be excluded after a judicial determination of admissibility; creating s. 744.81, F.S.; specifying factors a court must consider in determining whether a respondent has a significant connection with a particular state; creating s. 744.82, F.S.; providing construction relating to the basis for jurisdiction; creating s. 744.83, F.S.; specifying circumstances when a court of this state has jurisdiction in certain guardianship proceedings; creating s. 744.84, F.S.; specifying the special jurisdiction of courts of this state; providing procedures relating to the appointment of an emergency temporary guardian under certain circumstances; creating s. 744.85, F.S.; providing that a court that has appointed a guardian has exclusive and continuing jurisdiction until certain conditions are met; creating s. 744.86, F.S.; authorizing a court of this state to decline to exercise its jurisdiction under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for such court; specifying factors a court must consider in determining whether it is an appropriate forum; creating s. 744.87, F.S.; authorizing a court to decline to exercise jurisdiction or to exercise jurisdiction for a limited purpose under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to assess certain expenses against certain persons; prohibiting the court from assessing certain fees, costs, or expenses against this state; creating s. 744.88, F.S.; providing notice requirements for certain petitions to appoint a guardian; creating s. 744.89, F.S.; providing procedures when certain proceedings are pending in more than one state; creating s. 744.90, F.S.; authorizing a guardian appointed in this state to petition to transfer the guardianship to another state; providing notice requirements; providing requirements and procedures for the court; specifying conditions before a court issues a final order confirming the transfer and terminating the guardianship; providing a requirement for the guardian in filing a petition for discharge; creating s. 744.91, F.S.; specifying requirements and procedures for the transfer of a guardianship from another state; providing construction; creating s. 744.92, F.S.; providing a procedure for registering guardianship orders in this state under certain circumstances; creating s. 744.93, F.S.; providing construction relating to the effect of registering a guardianship order; creating s. 744.94, F.S.; providing construction relating to uniformity of law; creating s. 744.95, F.S.; providing construction relating to the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; creating s. 744.96, F.S.; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1034—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89, F.S.; revising the institutions a student must attend to receive a William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education grant to include certain for-profit independent colleges and universities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 1036—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reproductive health care rights; creating s. 381.00515, F.S.; providing a short title; providing a legislative finding; providing that each person has certain fundamental rights related to reproductive health care; prohibiting a person, the state, a local governmental entity, or any political subdivision of the state from discriminating against, denying, unduly burdening, or interfering with a person's exercise of such fundamental rights; providing for a civil cause of action and remedies; providing that the recovery limits of sovereign immunity apply; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1038—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; revising the membership of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council to include a representative of Putnam County; authorizing Putnam County to apply for a grant for a port feasibility study through the Florida Seaport Transportation

and Economic Development Council; providing for the evaluation of the application; requiring the Department of Transportation to include the study in its budget request under certain circumstances; terminating the membership of Putnam County on the council under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 163.3178(2)(k), (5), and (6), 189.068(6), 311.07(1) and (3)(a) and (b), 311.091, 311.10(1) and (2), 311.101(2), 311.12(2)(a), (3), and (6)(a), 311.121(2) and (3)(a), 311.14(1), 315.18, 320.20(3) and (4), 334.27(1), 337.14(7), 373.406(12), 373.4133(2) and (10), 373.4136(6)(d), and 403.061(38) and (39), F.S., relating to coastal management, the oversight of deepwater ports, Florida seaport transportation and economic development funding, entry into public-private infrastructure project agreements for port-related public infrastructure projects, the Strategic Port Investment Initiative within the department, the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program, seaport security, licensed security officers at Florida seaports, seaport planning, the confidentiality of certain records held by deepwater ports, the disposition of license tax moneys, the definition of the term "governmental transportation entity," seaport contractor services, exemptions for overwater piers, docks, or similar structures in deepwater ports, port conceptual permits, the authorized use of mitigation banks, and the duties of the Department of Environmental Protection in providing environmental resource permits, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 311.09, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1040—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the registry of persons with special needs; providing a short title; creating s. 402.88, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to develop and maintain a database, to be known as the Registry of Persons with Special Needs, for a specified purpose; providing for enrollment in the registry; specifying information the registry may include; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide relevant information from the registry to law enforcement officers upon request through a specified system; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1042—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 402.88, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for all records, data, information, correspondence, and communications relating to the enrollment of persons in the registry of persons with special needs; providing exceptions; authorizing law enforcement agencies, county emergency management agencies, and local fire departments to further disclose confidential and exempt information under certain circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing for retroactive application; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 1044—A bill to be entitled An act relating to swim-up bars; requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt requirements and procedures within the Florida Building Code for the approval of swim-up bars at commercial and public swimming pool locations; requiring the commission to work with swimming pool industry representatives when developing such requirements and procedures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Hooper—

SB 1046—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; defining the term "law enforcement geolocation information"; providing an exemption from public records requirements for law enforcement geolocation information held by a law enforcement agency; providing for retroactive application; providing applicability; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 1048—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student assessments; amending s. 1008.2125, F.S.; revising the grade levels for which the coordinated screening and monitoring program measures student progress in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; revising requirements for the coordinated screening and progress monitoring program; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising requirements for the statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments program, beginning with a specified school year; specifying the achievement level for grade-level performance on an assessment; providing that passing scores for mathematics and English Language Assessment statewide, standardized assessments represent grade-level performance; revising the date by which standardized end-of-course assessment results must be made available; deleting a requirement that certain statewide, standardized assessments be delivered in a paper-based format be administered within a specified timeframe; specifying parental rights to know student academic progress; requiring school districts to provide a student's performance results on district-required local assessments to the student's parents within 1 week after administering the assessments; authorizing school districts to report the results of statewide, standardized assessments in a personalized video format; requiring school districts to provide a written report from the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system in a printed or electronic format and to include a web-based portal for specified purposes; requiring school districts to annually provide an update to the Department of Education on strategies deployed to comply with certain parental reporting requirements; requiring the Commissioner of Education to provide recommendations on additional ways to streamline testing in a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring that progress monitoring include both a web-based and mobile device-compatible option; deleting a requirement that district school boards annually publish certain information in a local newspaper; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; requiring 2022-2023 school and school district grades to serve as an informal baseline for schools and school districts; requiring baseline grades to be set so that the percentage of schools that earn specified letter grades is statistically equivalent to the 2021-2022 school grade results; requiring the state board to review the school grading scale and determine if the scale should be adjusted after certain data becomes available; prohibiting a school from being required to select and implement a turnaround option based on the school's grades in a specified school year; providing applicability; providing that certain public schools and approved providers that receive the same or lower school grade in a specified school year are not subject to sanctions; providing that a charter school system or school district designated as high performing may not lose the designation based on the school grades received during a certain school year of any of the schools within the charter school system or school district or based on a certain school year's district grade, as applicable; authorizing students to be promoted to grade 4 if the district is able to determine the student's performance based on specified means; providing for future repeal; amending s. 1008.341, F.S.; providing that school improvement ratings will not be calculated for a certain school year; requiring the state board to set the scale for certain ratings based on state board rule; providing for future repeal; amending ss. 1008.345, 1008.365, and 1011.62, F.S.; conforming provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Book—

SB 1050—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan; amending s. 766.301, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 766.302, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "family residential or custodial care"; amending s. 766.303, F.S.; providing that the plan is not intended to serve as the payor of last resort for services under the plan; prohibiting the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association from holding itself out as such; amending s. 766.31, F.S.; revising requirements for the award of compensation for claims under the plan; requiring the plan to provide specified additional annual payments to parents or legal guardians of children covered under the plan; authorizing the plan to make such payments in a lump sum or periodically as designated by eligible parents or guardians; revising eligibility requirements for certain retroactive payments to parents or legal guardians; requiring that awards include specified payments for legal costs associated with establishing a guardianship for a child under the plan who is 18 years of age or older; providing retroactive applicability; requiring the plan to make certain retroactive payments to eligible parents or guardians; authorizing the plan to make such payments in a lump sum or periodically as designated by eligible parents or legal guardians; requiring the plan to make the payments by a specified date; amending s. 766.315, F.S.; providing that contracts entered into by the association to administer the plan are subject to ch. 287, F.S., relating to state procurement of personal property and services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Berman—

SB 1052—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance coverage for breast cancer tests and procedures; creating ss. 627.42394 and 641.3133, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting certain health insurance policies and health maintenance contracts, respectively, from applying cost-sharing requirements to certain breast cancer tests and procedures; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1054—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial literacy instruction in public schools; providing a short title; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising the requirements regarding financial literacy for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives; specifying the requirements of the one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1056—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the rental of homestead property; amending s. 196.061, F.S.; revising criteria under which the rental of homestead property is not considered abandonment for tax exemption purposes; amending s. 196.161, F.S.; subjecting property to the payment of interest under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1058—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property insurer reimbursements; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; defining the term "unsound insurer"; revising requirements for coverage under the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund of certain policies assumed by authorized insurers or the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1060—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program student service requirements; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; providing that students may satisfy eligibility requirements for a Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, or a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award, respectively, by performing a specified number of hours of paid work; authorizing, instead of requiring, such students to identify a specified interest or develop a plan for their service requirements under the program; conforming provisions to changes by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1062—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 15.16, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to electronically receive service of process under ch. 48, F.S.; amending s. 48.061, F.S.; revising procedures for service on partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited partnerships; amending s. 48.062, F.S.; defining the term "registered foreign limited liability company"; revising procedures for service on a domestic limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company; amending s. 48.071, F.S.; providing for service on nonresidents doing business in this state by use of a commercial firm regularly engaged in the business of document or package delivery; amending s. 48.081, F.S.; defining the term "registered foreign corporation"; revising requirements for service on a domestic corporation or registered foreign corporation; amending s. 48.091, F.S.; defining terms; requiring designation of registered agents and registered offices by certain partnerships, corporations, and companies; specifying duties of a registered agent; authorizing a person serving process to serve certain persons under specified conditions; amending s. 48.101, F.S.; providing for service on dissolved corporations, dissolved limited liability companies, dissolved limited partnerships, and dissolved limited liability partnerships; creating s. 48.102, F.S.; authorizing service by other means in certain circumstances; amending s. 48.151, F.S.; revising the applicability of provisions relating to service on statutory agents for certain persons; amending s. 48.161, F.S.; revising provisions relating to substituted service; providing for substituted service on individuals or corporations or other business entities; specifying actions that may be considered due diligence in effectuating service; specifying when service is considered effectuated; requiring the Department of State to maintain certain records; amending s. 48.181, F.S.; defining the term "foreign business entity"; revising provisions relating to substituted service; providing for substituted service on certain nonresidents and foreign business entities and on individuals and foreign business entities concealing their whereabouts; amending s. 48.194, F.S.; revising provisions relating to service outside this state but within the United States; deleting provisions relating to service outside the United States; creating s. 48.197, F.S.; providing for service in a foreign country; creating s. 49.072, F.S.; providing for service of process for removal of unknown parties in possession of real property; amending s. 766.106, F.S.; revising requirements for service of presuit notice before filing a medical negligence complaint; creating a rebuttable presumption that service was received by a prospective defendant in certain circumstances; providing court duties if service is challenged during subsequent litigation; revising provisions concerning tolling of the statute of limitations upon service of presuit notice by specified means; amending ss. 495.145, 605.0117, 605.09091, 605.0910, 605.1045, 607.0504, 607.1423, 607.15101, 607.1520, 617.0504, 617.1510, 617.1520, 620.1117, 620.1907, 620.2105,

620.2109, 620.8915, and 620.8919, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Garcia—

SR 1064—A resolution opposing the removal of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) from the United States Department of State's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1066—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; amending s. 112.1815, F.S.; providing that the time for specified notice in certain cases of compensable posttraumatic stress disorder is measured from the time of the qualifying event or the diagnosis of the disorder, rather than the manifestation of the disorder, whichever is later; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1068—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of completion; amending s. 1001.44, F.S.; providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; amending s. 1002.34, F.S.; providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; requiring charter technical career centers to identify such programs; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; requiring that students be advised of specified educational options before being awarded a certificate of completion; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1070—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school absence due to sickness or injury; amending s. 1003.24, F.S.; providing that a written statement attesting to the impracticability or inadvisability of attendance on account of sickness or injury may be attested to by a licensed professional other than a practicing physician, as determined by school board policy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1072—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school discipline report cards; amending s. 1001.212, F.S.; requiring the Office of Safe Schools, beginning with a certain school year, to develop and publish on its website school discipline report cards based on data collected through school environmental safety incident reports; specifying requirements for the reports; amending ss. 1001.10, 1006.1493, and 1006.07, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1074—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the HIV Prevention Justice Act; providing a short title; amending s. 381.0041, F.S.; reducing the degree of criminal penalty for certain persons who are infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and who donate blood, plasma, organs, skin, or other human tissue for use in another person; providing an exception; amending s. 384.23, F.S.; defining the terms "sexual conduct" and "substantial risk of transmission"; amending s. 384.24, F.S.; revising prohibitions relating to the intentional transmission of certain diseases through sexual conduct; providing exceptions; defining the term "behavioral recommendations"; providing that a person's failure to comply with behavioral recommendations does not de facto establish intent to transmit a disease; amending s. 384.34, F.S.; revising penalties to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 775.0877, F.S.; revising requirements for HIV testing in cases involving criminal transmission of HIV; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 960.003, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1076—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Kratom Consumer Protection Act; creating s. 501.9745, F.S.; providing a short title; defining the terms "kratom extract," "kratom product," and "processor"; prohibiting processors from selling, preparing, distributing, or exposing for sale certain kratom products; prohibiting processors from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a kratom product to an individual under 21 years of age; providing civil penalties; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1078—A bill to be entitled An act relating to soil and water conservation districts; repealing ch. 582, F.S., relating to soil and water conservation districts; abolishing all soil and water conservation districts in this state; transferring the assets and liabilities of such districts; amending ss. 120.52, 189.0695, 259.032, 259.036, 373.1391, 373.1401, 373.591, 403.067, 570.66, and 570.921, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 1080—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid managed care specialty plans; amending s. 409.977, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid managed care specialty plans to continue serving certain children whose guardians receive guardianship assistance payments under the Guardianship Assistance Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1082—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcohol purchases by veterans' service organizations; amending s. 561.14, F.S.; revising limitations on purchases of alcoholic beverages by vendors from vendors to exclude purchases by certain veterans' service organizations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Rules.

By Senator Berman—

SB 1084—A bill to be entitled An act relating to victims of crimes of sexual violence or sexual exploitation; creating s. 960.31, F.S.; defining

terms; providing that a victim of any crime of sexual violence or sexual exploitation has the right to prevent any person or entity from disclosing or disseminating information or records that might identify him or her as a victim of such crimes; prohibiting a person or an entity in possession of information or records that might identify an individual as a victim of a crime of sexual violence or sexual exploitation from disclosing or disseminating such information or records without first obtaining the express written consent of the victim; authorizing an aggrieved person to initiate a civil action for an injunction against certain persons or entities after following specified procedures; providing that an aggrieved party who prevails in seeking an injunction is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs; providing that specified rights may be waived only by express action; providing construction; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1086—A bill to be entitled An act relating to exceptional student due process hearings; amending s. 1003.57, F.S.; providing that district school boards have the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence in all exceptional student due process hearings that any challenged identification, evaluation, and eligibility determination, or lack thereof, was appropriate; amending s. 1003.5715, F.S.; providing that district school boards have the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that any challenged individual education plan is appropriate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1088—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle repair estimates; amending s. 559.903, F.S.; defining the term "tire services"; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; exempting a motor vehicle repair shop engaging in tire services from providing specified required information under certain circumstances; amending s. 559.909, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1090—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; adopting the 2022 version of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of the state corporate income tax code; providing for retroactive operation; amending s. 220.1105, F.S.; revising the timeframe during which the adjustment of the corporate tax rate based on net collections exceeding adjusted forecasted collections applies; revising the definition of the term "eligible taxpayer" for certain purposes; providing for retroactive operation; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; providing applicability for adjustments taxpayers must make to adjusted federal income with respect to bonus depreciation; providing for retroactive operation; revising the adjustments taxpayers must make to adjusted federal income with respect to business interest; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cruz—

SB 1092—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1094—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Architect Education Minority Assistance Program; creating s. 481.2095, F.S.; creating the program within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing a purpose for the program; requiring the Architect Education Minority Assistance Advisory Council to assist the Board of Architecture and Interior Design with administering the program; providing funding requirements for scholarships provided under the program; requiring that funds be deposited into a specified account in the Professional Regulation Trust Fund; capping the amount of funds that the department may spend annually on the program; requiring that funds for scholarships be disbursed twice each year; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to invest funds in the program account in a specified manner; requiring that all earned interest from such investments be credited to the program account; requiring the board to adopt rules; specifying that certain determinations made by the board are not agency actions for the purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting a person or his or her agent from knowingly filing documents with the board which contain false information or material misstatements of fact; providing criminal penalties; creating the council within the department; providing requirements for council membership; specifying that the council membership of a member with certain absences is void; requiring council members to serve without compensation; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1096—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of compounded drug products; providing legislative intent; requiring the Surgeon General, on behalf of the Department of Health, to sign and become a party to the United States Food and Drug Administration's Memorandum of Understanding Addressing Certain Distributions of Compounded Human Drug Products; requiring the Surgeon General to notify the Division of Law Revision within a specified timeframe after signing the memorandum; creating s. 465.036, F.S.; requiring certain pharmacy permittees to annually report information to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's information sharing network as required by the memorandum; requiring the department to ensure such permittees comply with the reporting requirements; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Regulated Industries; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1098—A bill to be entitled An act relating to smart region zones; creating s. 288.93, F.S.; authorizing a group of four or more contiguous counties to apply to Enterprise Florida, Inc., to receive designation as a smart region zone; providing requirements for such designation; authorizing the designated smart region zone centers of excellence and certain projects within a smart region zone to apply to Enterprise Florida, Inc., for funding; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to give consideration to specified factors when determining funding amounts; requiring smart region zone centers of excellence to submit quarterly reports containing specified information to Enterprise Florida, Inc.; requiring smart region zone centers of excellence to submit project reports containing specified information to the Governor, the Legislature, and Enterprise Florida, Inc., after the completion of each project in a smart region zone; requiring smart region zone centers of excellence to submit annual reports containing specified information to the Governor, the Legislature, and Enterprise Florida, Inc.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1100—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prescription drug coverage; creating s. 627.42394, F.S.; requiring individual and group health insurers to provide notice of prescription drug formulary changes within a certain timeframe to current and prospective insureds and the insureds' treating physicians; specifying requirements for the content of such notice and the manner in which it must be provided; specifying requirements for a notice of medical necessity submitted by the treating physician; authorizing insurers to provide certain means for submitting the notice of medical necessity; requiring the Financial Services Commission to adopt a certain form by rule by a specified date; specifying a coverage requirement and restrictions on coverage modification by insurers receiving a notice of medical necessity; providing construction and applicability; requiring insurers to maintain a record of formulary changes; requiring insurers to annually submit a specified report to the Office of Insurance Regulation by a specified date; requiring the office to annually compile certain data and prepare a report, make the report publicly accessible on its website, and submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to comply with certain requirements for prescription drug formulary changes; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; providing an exception to requirements relating to changes in a health maintenance organization's group contract; requiring health maintenance organizations to provide notice of prescription drug formulary changes within a certain timeframe to current and prospective subscribers and the subscribers' treating physicians; specifying requirements for the content of such notice and the manner in which it must be provided; specifying requirements for a notice of medical necessity submitted by the treating physician; authorizing health maintenance organizations to provide certain means for submitting the notice of medical necessity; requiring the commission to adopt a certain form by rule by a specified date; specifying a coverage requirement and restrictions on coverage modification by health maintenance organizations receiving a notice of medical necessity; providing construction and applicability; requiring health maintenance organizations to maintain a record of formulary changes; requiring health maintenance organizations to annually submit a specified report to the office by a specified date; requiring the office to annually compile certain data and prepare a report, make the report publicly accessible on its website, and submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing applicability; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; and Appropriations.

By Senator Farmer—

SB 1102—A bill to be entitled An act relating to farming operations; amending s. 823.14, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "farm operation" and "nuisance" for purposes of the Florida Right to Farm Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Agriculture; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1104—A bill to be entitled An act relating to automatic renewal subscription cancellations; creating s. 501.166, F.S.; defining terms; requiring businesses that offer automatic renewal subscriptions to provide consumers with certain methods to cancel the service; declaring that violations are unfair trade practices and subject to the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Berman—

SB 1106—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic violence and parental responsibility determinations; amending s. 61.046, F.S.; defining the term "child"; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; requiring a court to order shared parental responsibility if it is found to be in the best interests of the child based on certain factors; providing that clear and convincing evidence of certain conduct creates a rebuttable presumption that shared parental responsibility is not in the best interests of the child; authorizing a parent to rebut such presumption if specified criteria are met; requiring the court to consider specified time-sharing factors when developing the time-sharing schedule if such presumption is rebutted; authorizing the court to order sole parental responsibility to one parent with specified time-sharing arrangements under certain circumstances; deleting a requirement that the court consider certain evidence regardless of whether there is a conviction; revising factors the court must consider when determining the best interests of the child for purposes of parental responsibility, parenting plans, and time-sharing schedules; making technical and conforming changes; amending s. 414.0252, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 741.28, F.S.; defining the term "coercive control"; revising the definition of the term "domestic violence"; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; providing that the instructions for certain protective injunction petition forms must contain specified information; revising requirements for the form for a petition for injunction for protection against domestic violence; amending ss. 921.0024, 943.0584, and 943.171, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Baxley—

SM 1108—A memorial to the President and Congress of the United States, urging the President and Congress to condemn the People's Republic of China for its practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplant and to adopt certain legislation and policies that hold China accountable for such human rights violations.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Rouson—

SB 1110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to grease waste removal and disposal; creating s. 403.742, F.S.; defining terms; requiring grease waste haulers to dispose of grease waste at disposal facilities; prohibiting grease waste haulers from returning grease waste and graywater to certain grease interceptors and traps and from disposing of grease waste at locations other than disposal facilities; requiring haulers to document grease waste removal and disposal with service manifests; requiring inspecting entities to verify certain contracts and service manifests; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to periodically inspect service manifests; providing penalties; requiring that the fines from such penalties be deposited into the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mergers and acquisitions reporting; creating s. 542.275, F.S.; requiring certain entities to submit to the Office of the Attorney General written notice of a specified federal filing relating to mergers and acquisitions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1114—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency medical care and treatment of minors; amending s. 743.064, F.S.; deleting the requirement that emergency medical care or treatment by physicians and emergency medical personnel without parental consent be provided

only in specified settings; making technical and conforming changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health Policy; and Rules.

SR 1116—Not introduced.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history in professional licensing applications; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; revising the period of time when a conviction, or any other adjudication, for a crime may not be grounds for denial of licensure in specified professions; removing a provision requiring good moral character for licensure in such professions; requiring applicable boards to approve certain educational program credits offered to inmates in certain institutions or facilities for purposes of satisfying training requirements for licensure in specified professions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1120—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.407, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Families, under certain circumstances, to place children in its custody in therapeutic group homes for residential mental health treatment without prior court approval; revising definitions; defining the term "therapeutic group home"; providing that the department, rather than the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall appoint qualified evaluators to conduct suitability assessments of certain children in the department's custody; specifying qualifications for evaluators conducting suitability assessments for placement in a therapeutic group home; revising requirements for suitability assessments; specifying when the department must provide a copy of the assessment to the guardian ad litem and the court; revising the department's and the agency's rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gainer—

SB 1122—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student fees; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; authorizing a district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees, in consultation with specified entities, to implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee; providing the purpose of the plan; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; authorizing a Florida College System institution board of trustees, in consultation with specified entities, to implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee; providing the purpose of the plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1124—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preemption of local government wage mandates; amending s. 218.077, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and declarations; revising and defining terms; revising prohibitions relating to political subdivisions enacting, maintaining, or enforcing wage mandates in an amount greater than the state minimum wage rate; revising construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 1126—A bill to be entitled An act relating to exemption from taxation for educational properties; amending s. 196.198, F.S.; exempting from taxation property used by an educational institution that holds a leasehold interest in certain leases exceeding a specified number of years; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 1128—A bill to be entitled An act relating to aquatic plant management; requiring the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in consultation with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida and the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University, to implement and study certain nutrient removal technologies and mechanical aquatic plant management techniques within the Lake Okeechobee watershed; providing study requirements; authorizing the commission to consult and contract with entities for such implementation and study; directing the commission to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing report requirements; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1130—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax collector budgets; amending s. 195.087, F.S.; revising the annual deadline by which a tax collector must submit a budget to the Department of Revenue for approval; authorizing boards of county commissioners to submit feedback to the department within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to take into account such feedback; requiring the department to send copies of its certifications of tax collector budgets to boards of county commissioners; requiring the department to respond in writing to feedback from boards of county commissioners; requiring tax collectors to send copies of revised budgets to boards of county commissioners; requiring the department to send approvals of revised budgets to tax collectors and boards of county commissioners; deleting an obsolete provision; making technical changes; reenacting s. 197.332(2), relating to duties of tax collectors and branch offices, to incorporate the amendments made by this act to s. 195.087, F.S, in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1132—A bill to be entitled An act relating to valuation of timeshare real property; amending s. 192.037, F.S.; providing a condition for the adequacy of the number of resales for the purposes of certain tax appeals; providing that this condition meets the constitutional mandate for just valuation; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1134—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a landlord's obligation to maintain premises; amending s. 83.51, F.S.; requiring certain landlords to provide functioning facilities for air-conditioning; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to at-home drug deactivation and disposal systems; creating s. 381.888, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the Department of Health, in coordination with the Board of Pharmacy, to establish and administer the At-home Drug Deactivation and Disposal System Program for a specified purpose; providing requirements for the at-home drug deactivation and disposal systems; requiring the department, in coordination with the board, to develop relevant educational materials and a plan for distribution of the at-home drug deactivation and disposal systems and educational materials; requiring the department, in consultation with the board, to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Powell—

SB 1138—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal sentencing; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; prohibiting points from being assessed for violations of community sanctions which are resolved under an alternative sanctioning program for purposes of calculations under the Criminal Punishment Code; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; providing for the resolution of low-risk violations of probation through an alternative sanctioning program in certain circumstances; revising the definition of the term "technical violation"; correcting provisions concerning limiting prison sentences for first-time revocations for technical violations; providing for structured sentences when technical violations result in prison terms in certain circumstances; providing time periods for hearing and release of a probationer or offender concerning alleged violations that are criminal traffic offenses or low-risk violations; revising the definition of the term "moderate-risk violation"; providing that an alternative sanction is the required method for resolving certain low-risk violations; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1140—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.5185, F.S.; authorizing individuals with certain fire alarm certifications to complete a reduced number of training and continuing education hours for the prevention of false alarms; requiring the training and continuing education sponsors and courses to be approved by the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board; amending s. 553.793, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "low-voltage alarm system project" to include certain closed-circuit television systems; creating s. 553.7932, F.S.; requiring that electrical or fire permits for certain fire alarm system alterations be issued over the counter or online; requiring a permittee who receives a permit under the simplified process to keep shop drawings or other required documentation on site for inspection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1142—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local districting; amending s. 124.01, F.S.; prohibiting the drawing of county districts to favor or disfavor an incumbent county commissioner; prohibiting the consideration of the addresses of certain persons during the district-drawing process; providing construction; creating s. 166.0321, F.S.; requiring municipalities to fix the boundaries of their districts in a certain manner; specifying that district changes may be made only in odd-numbered years; prohibiting the drawing of municipal districts to favor or disfavor an incumbent member of the municipality's governing body; prohibiting the consideration of the addresses of certain persons during the district-drawing process; providing construction; amending s. 1001.36, F.S.; prohibiting the drawing of member residence areas of district school boards to favor or disfavor an incumbent district school board member; prohibiting the consideration of the addresses of certain persons during the residence area-drawing process; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1144—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity; amending s. 401.25, F.S.; exempting certain governmental entities from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a license to provide advanced life support services; providing requirements for, and limitations on, the provision of advanced life support services by such entities; defining the term "countywide common medical protocol"; providing applicability; prohibiting counties from limiting, prohibiting, or preventing such entities from providing advanced life support services; providing construction; amending s. 401.26, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 401.265, F.S.; providing that a medical director is liable for any act or omission of a paramedic under his or her supervision who administers medical countermeasures in a nonemergency environment; amending s. 401.272, F.S.; defining the terms "health promotion and wellness activities" and "medical countermeasures"; authorizing paramedics to administer medical countermeasures in a nonemergency environment under the direction of a medical director; providing that a paramedic's medical director may have a certain required written agreement with the Department of Health, rather than only with a county health department; requiring medical directors to verify and document that paramedics under their direction have received sufficient training and experience to administer medical countermeasures; authorizing independent special fire control districts to allow their paramedics and emergency medical technicians to perform certain activities and administer certain services in accordance with specified provisions; creating the Florida Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Task Force within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; providing duties and membership of the task force; requiring the task force to hold its first meeting within a specified timeframe; requiring the task force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to provide administrative support to the task force; providing for dissolution of the task force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1146—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation of investigative services; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining the term "small private investigative agency"; providing an exemption from the state tax on sales, use, and other transactions for investigative services provided by a small private investigative agency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

SB 1148—A bill to be entitled An act relating to early learning; requiring the Division of Early Learning of the Department of Education to conduct an analysis of solutions to help close early learning opportunity gaps for children in the child welfare system; providing requirements for the analysis; requiring the division to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1150—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a tax exemption for affordable housing; amending s. 196.196, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt ordinances to grant ad valorem tax exemptions to certain property owners whose properties are used for the governmental or public purpose of providing affordable housing to certain persons or families; providing conditions for such exemptions; defining the term "affordable housing"; providing construction; specifying procedures that apply to persons if property is transferred for other purposes; specifying that an exemption improperly granted by a property appraiser to a person will not be assessed a penalty or interest; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1152—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax discount percentage rates; amending s. 197.162, F.S.; revising the tax discount percentage rates for all taxes assessed on the county tax rolls; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 1154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop an Orlando United license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Stewart—

SB 1156—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a study to establish a statewide long-term recycling goal; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study on the establishment of a new long-term, statewide recycling goal; providing requirements for the study; requiring the department to submit a report of the results of the study and any policy recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature upon completion of the study; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1158—A bill to be entitled An act relating to home kitchen operations; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; redefining and defining terms; amending s. 500.80, F.S.; exempting home kitchen operations from food permitting requirements under certain circumstances; specifying requirements for the sale of home kitchen food products; providing construction; preempting regulation of home kitchen operations to the state; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to investigate complaints about a home kitchen operation, conduct inspections, and impose disciplinary actions; amending s. 500.121, F.S.; providing disciplinary procedures for home kitchen operations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Perry—

SB 1160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation research; creating s. 334.066, F.S.; establishing the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies Living Lab (I-STREET) within the University of Florida; specifying the duties of I-STREET; requiring I-STREET to annually provide the Governor and the Legislature with a certain report; requiring the creation of a certain advisory board; specifying the composition and duties of the board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1162—A bill to be entitled An act relating to infrastructure project funding; creating s. 216.3492, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting an administering agency from disbursing funds from any category of the General Appropriations Act for infrastructure projects under certain conditions; requiring a grantee to use the revenues for infrastructure projects for certain activities; amending s. 373.501, F.S.; prohibiting water management districts from appropriating or disbursing funds to grantees for water-related projects unless certain conditions are met; prohibiting potential grantees from seeking funds for water-related projects under certain conditions; defining the term "grantee"; amending s. 403.885, F.S.; prohibiting certain entities from applying for water project grant funding; prohibiting applicants from seeking water project grant funding under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1164—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Juneteenth Day; amending s. 110.117, F.S.; designating Juneteenth Day as a paid holiday for employees of all branches and agencies of state government; amending ss. 627.062, 627.0651, and 627.410, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; amending s. 683.01, F.S.; designating Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday; repealing s. 683.21, F.S., relating to Juneteenth Day; deleting provisions designating Juneteenth Day as a special observance, to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 1166—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale, transfer, or storage of firearms; amending s. 784.05, F.S.; revising the standard for adults and minors to be considered criminally negligent in the storage of a firearm under specified circumstances; providing criminal penalties; redefining the term "minor"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 790.115, F.S.; revising an exception to the prohibition on storing or leaving a loaded firearm within the reach or easy access of a minor who obtains it and commits a specified violation; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 790.174, F.S.; redefining the term "minor"; revising requirements for the safe storage of loaded firearms; providing criminal penalties if a person fails to properly secure or store a firearm and a minor gains access to the weapon as a result; amending s. 790.175, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the seller or transferor of a firearm to provide each purchaser or transferee with specified information; providing an exception; providing immunity for certain providers of information; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting s. 409.175(5)(g), F.S., relating to rules of the Department of Children and Families requiring the adoption of a form used by child-placing agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.174, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1168—A bill to be entitled An act relating to long-term inmates; amending s. 947.002, F.S.; revising legislative intent concerning the granting of parole; creating s. 947.136, F.S.; requiring the Commission on Offender Review and the Department of Corrections to jointly develop a voluntary long-term inmate program; requiring the program to provide evidence-based programming to specified inmates; establishing eligibility for referral for participation in the program; providing program requirements; providing that inmates may be removed from the program under certain circumstances; requiring that participating inmates receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the program; providing that successful completion of the program does not guarantee parole; requiring the commission and the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 1170—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state housing assistance programs; amending s. 381.0081, F.S.; revising the distribution of certain proceeds from the sale of certain seized migrant labor camp or residential migrant housing property; amending s. 420.507, F.S.; removing powers of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to develop and administer the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program; repealing s. 420.5087, F.S., relating to the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program; providing for continuation of existing loans under the program; repealing s. 420.5095, F.S., relating to the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program; amending s. 420.9071, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 420.9072, F.S.; renaming the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program as the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Block Grant Program; removing municipalities from eligibility under the program; providing that the corporation shall distribute moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the program, rather than distribute moneys in the Local Government Housing Trust Fund; authorizing participating counties to make subgrants to their municipalities according to interlocal agreements; revising counties' authorized uses of local housing distributions relating to rent subsidies; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.; revising eligible counties and distribution calculations under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Block Grant Program; revising the guaranteed amount for each state fiscal year; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; revising criteria for the use of funds awarded to eligible sponsors or eligible persons under the program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 193.018, 212.08, 220.03, 220.183, 420.503, 420.5061, 420.5088, 420.511, 420.517, 420.531, 420.628, 420.9076, 420.9089, and 624.5105, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Appropriations; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1172—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal justice; amending s. 166.241, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to allowing specified elected officials to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if the governing body of a municipality makes a specified reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency; deleting petition contents requirements; deleting a provision requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to conduct a budget hearing considering the matter and make findings and recommendations to the Administration Commission; deleting a provision requiring the commission to approve, amend, or modify the municipality's budget; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; deleting provisions providing that a municipality has a duty to allow the municipal law enforcement agency to respond to a riot or an unlawful assembly in a specified manner based on specified circumstances; deleting provisions providing that a municipality is civilly liable for specified damages proximately caused by the municipality's specified breach of such duty; amending s. 784.011, F.S.; deleting a criminal penalty for an assault committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; amending s. 784.021, F.S.; deleting a provision increasing the offense severity ranking of an aggravated assault for the purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code if committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; amending s. 784.03, F.S.; deleting a criminal penalty for a battery committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 784.045, F.S.; deleting a provision increasing the offense severity ranking of an aggravated battery for the purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code if committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; repealing s. 784.0495, F.S., relating to mob intimidation; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring a minimum term of imprisonment for a person convicted of battery on a law enforcement officer committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; deleting a provision increasing the offense severity ranking of an assault or battery against specified persons for the purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code if committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; deleting a criminal penalty prohibiting the defacing, injuring, or damaging of a memorial or historic property; deleting a provision requiring a court to order restitution for such a violation; repealing s. 806.135, F.S., relating to destroying or demolishing a memorial or historic property; amending s. 810.02, F.S.; deleting provisions reclassifying specified burglary offenses committed during a riot or an aggravated riot and facilitated by conditions arising from the riot; deleting the definition of the term "conditions arising from the riot"; deleting a provision requiring a person arrested for such a violation to be held in custody until first appearance; amending s. 812.014, F.S.; deleting provisions reclassifying specified theft offenses committed during a riot or an aggravated riot and facilitated by conditions arising from the riot; deleting the definition of the term "conditions arising from the riot"; deleting provisions requiring a person arrested for such a violation to be held in custody until first appearance; repealing s. 836.115, F.S., relating to cyberintimidation by publication; amending s. 870.01, F.S.; revising provisions relating to affrays and riots; deleting criminal penalties relating to aggravated rioting; deleting a provision relating to inciting a riot; deleting criminal penalties relating to aggravated inciting a riot; deleting a provision requiring certain persons arrested for specified violations to be held in custody until first appearance; amending s. 870.02, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that persons arrested for unlawful assembly be held in custody until first appearance; reviving, reenacting, and amending s. 870.03, F.S., relating to riots and routs; making a technical change; repealing s. 870.07, F.S., relating to an affirmative defense in a civil action and parties convicted of rioting; amending s. 872.02, F.S.; deleting a provision increasing the offense severity ranking of specified offenses involving graves and tombs for the purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code if committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Statewide Council on Prosecutorial Misconduct; creating s. 16.81, F.S.; defining terms; creating the Statewide Council on Prosecutorial Misconduct within the Department of Legal Affairs; stating the purpose of the council; providing for the council's membership, organization, support, and duties; requiring the council to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1176—A bill to be entitled An act relating to citizen review boards; creating s. 900.06, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies that employ law enforcement officers being investigated for use of force by a citizen review board to include a member of the citizen review board as part of the law enforcement agency's investigative team; creating s. 900.061, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; re-

quiring the board of county commissioners or other governing body of each county, by a specified date, to establish a citizen review board having the authority and ability to independently investigate law enforcement agencies within that county; specifying requirements for citizen review boards; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1178—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the corporation managing the correctional work programs of the Department of Corrections to manufacture license plates; deleting provisions relating to the authority of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to conduct a pilot program to evaluate the designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative license plates; amending s. 320.07, F.S.; exempting owners of digital license plates from certain penalties if certain conditions are met; creating s. 320.08069, F.S.; defining terms; providing applicability; authorizing motor vehicles to be equipped with digital license plates by a specified date; specifying requirements for digital license plate purchasers in obtaining and renewing physical license plates; authorizing the department to contract with digital license plate providers; providing department authority relating to the display and use of digital license plates; specifying requirements for digital license plates, digital license plate providers, and digital license plate consumers; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Bracy and Stewart—

SB 1180—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certified domestic violence service providers; amending s. 39.902, F.S.; defining the term "domestic violence service provider"; creating s. 39.9051, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to certify domestic violence service providers; providing requirements for certified domestic violence service providers; authorizing the department, under certain circumstances, to deny, suspend, or revoke certification of a service provider; providing for the expiration, renewal, and temporary extension of such certification; authorizing domestic violence service providers to be certified throughout this state if certain criteria are met; providing requirements for certified domestic violence service providers to receive state funds; authorizing certified domestic violence service providers to enter into subcontracts approved by the department; authorizing certified domestic violence service providers to carry forward certain funds; providing requirements for funds that are carried forward; amending s. 39.0121, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.903, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 39.9057, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for the unlawful disclosure of certified domestic violence service provider locations; amending ss. 39.906, 90.5036, 381.0072, 383.402, 414.065, 414.095, 415.1103, 456.031, 490.014, 491.014, 741.29, 741.30, 741.316, 784.046, 784.0485, 944.705, 960.198, 984.071, and 1002.81, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1182—A bill to be entitled An act relating to breach of bond costs; amending s. 903.21, F.S.; providing for the exoneration from liability of a surety on a bond under certain circumstances if the surety agrees in writing to pay the costs and expenses incurred in returning the defendant to the jurisdiction of the court; redefining the term "jurisdiction"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to free speech of health care practitioners; creating s. 456.61, F.S.; prohibiting certain entities from reprimanding, sanctioning, or revoking or threatening to revoke a license, certificate, or registration of a health care practitioner for specified use of his or her right of free speech without specified proof; providing for liability; requiring certain entities to provide to a health care practitioner any complaints within a specified timeframe; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 1186—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agritourism; amending s. 570.85, F.S.; revising legislative intent regarding the promotion of agritourism; amending s. 570.87, F.S.; prohibiting the denial or revocation of a property's agricultural classification under certain circumstances; requiring certain farm buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements to be assessed according to specified provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community violence intervention and prevention; amending s. 20.19, F.S.; establishing the Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program within the Department of Children and Families; providing for the awarding of grants, subject to legislative appropriation; specifying requirements for grant awards; authorizing applicants to file independently or jointly; specifying application requirements; requiring the department to prioritize certain applicants; prohibiting the department from requiring grant recipients to participate in certain activities as a condition of the grant; requiring that funds awarded be commensurate with the scope of the applicant's proposal and demonstrated need; requiring grants to be awarded for a specified duration, subject to availability; requiring grant recipients to submit specified reports to the department at specified times; requiring that grants be used for the applicant's specified purposes; prohibiting grant funds from reverting to the general budget of specified entities; authorizing the department to use up to a specified percentage of the appropriated funds for implementing and administering the grant program; requiring specified evaluations be publicly available; requiring the department to hold an annual public hearing for specified purposes; requiring the department to annually submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Boyd—

SB 1190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to two-way radio communication enhancement systems; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; authorizing the use of two-way radio communication enhancement systems to comply with certain radio signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire Prevention Code; specifying that such systems or equivalent systems are not required in certain apartment buildings; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1192—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical specialty designations; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; prohibiting health care practitioners from using certain medical specialty designations in connection with their credentials unless they are qualified or authorized to do so; requiring the Department of Health to enforce such prohibition; vesting the department with specified enforcement authority; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Boyd—

SB 1194—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local tax referenda requirements; amending ss. 125.0104, 125.0108, and 125.901, F.S.; requiring referenda elections related to tourist development taxes, tourist impact taxes, and children's services and independent special district property taxes to be held on the day of a general election; amending ss. 200.091 and 200.101, F.S.; requiring referenda elections related to increases in county and municipal ad valorem tax millages to be held on the day of a general election; amending s. 255.0992, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 336.021, F.S.; requiring referenda elections related to the ninth-cent fuel tax to be held on the day of a general election; amending s. 336.025, F.S.; requiring referenda elections related to local option fuel taxes to be held on the day of a general election; amending s. 1011.73, F.S.; requiring referenda elections related to certain school district millage elections to be held on the day of a general election; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1196—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Community Violence Task Force; creating the task force within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing for membership, duties, and meetings of the task force; requiring state agencies to provide assistance when requested; authorizing the task force to receive exempt or confidential and exempt information and specifying that the information maintains such status; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the task force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public meetings and public records; providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings of the Community Violence Task Force during which exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed; requiring the recording and transcription of exempt portions of such meetings; providing an exemption from public records requirements for such recordings and transcripts; providing an exception; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

SB 1200—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wrongful convictions; creating s. 925.13, F.S.; authorizing certain prosecuting attorneys to file a motion to vacate or set aside a judgment if he or she has evidence or information that a convicted person is innocent; requiring the court to schedule a hearing within a specified timeframe upon the filing of a motion to vacate or set aside a judgment; requiring the court to appoint counsel for such convicted person if he or she does not otherwise have legal counsel and if an evidentiary hearing is required; providing hearing and court procedures; authorizing the appeal of a denial of the prosecuting attorney's motion to vacate or set aside a judgment by any party; requiring an order denying relief to include a certain statement; authorizing any party to file a motion for rehearing within a specified timeframe; providing for tolling of a certain time period; requiring the prosecuting attorney to notify the victim or the victim's family of all court dates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Brodeur—

SB 1202—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver history records; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from releasing driver history records to third parties which include certain notations or records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1204—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information or records that identify or could reasonably lead to the identification of any person or entity that participates in an execution; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

SR 1206—Not introduced.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 1208—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reclassification of crimes evidencing prejudice; amending ss. 775.085 and 775.0863, F.S.; providing for the reclassification of felony and misdemeanor offenses for defacing, damaging, or destroying a victim's property based upon a perpetrator's prejudice; defining the term "victim"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 1210—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the development of current or former agricultural land; creating s. 376.3065, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative findings; providing that the application of pesticides as part of agricultural operations is presumed to be a lawful application under certain circumstances; authorizing pesticide mixing areas to be legally subdivided for certain purposes; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to investigate claims and provide certain remedies as applicable; providing site assessment and remedial activity requirements for current or former agricultural land; providing applicability; providing that current or former agricultural land that meets certain requirements is exempt from further regulation by the department; authorizing property owners to voluntarily apply for brownfield site rehabilitation activities; authorizing lenders to rely on certain provisions under certain circumstances; requiring property owners to provide the department with reasonable assurances that certain risk management techniques have been implemented before redeveloping their property; requiring the property owner to notify the department upon completion of the risk management techniques; prohibiting the department from requiring additional environmental management activities for certain property owners except in cases of

fraud, the discovery of new information regarding a specified contaminant, failed management efforts, or substantial changes in exposure conditions; amending s. 403.182, F.S.; providing that the Secretary of Environmental Protection has exclusive jurisdiction in evaluating environmental conditions and assessing potential liability for the presence of contaminants on certain lands; prohibiting the secretary from delegating such authority to a local governmental entity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 1212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to roadside farm stand signage; creating s. 570.851, F.S.; defining the term "roadside farm stand"; establishing the Fresh From Florida Roadside Farm Stand Signage Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide directional signage for certified roadside farm stands; providing qualification and certification requirements; providing an exception; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to designate certified roadside farm stands as state tourist attractions; requiring the department, in consultation with the Fresh From Florida Roadside Farm Stand Advisory Council, to develop uniform directional signage; requiring the Department of Transportation, upon request, to place signage at specified locations; requiring owners and operators of certified roadside farm stands to pay specified fees; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing construction; creating s. 570.8511, F.S.; establishing the Fresh From Florida Roadside Farm Stand Advisory Council within the department; providing for council membership, meetings, powers, duties, and procedures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 1214—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 570.851, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to include specified application, permit, placement, and removal fees in rules implementing the Fresh From Florida Roadside Farm Stand Signage Program; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 1216—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vacation and timeshare plans; amending s. 721.03, F.S.; exempting certain timeshare plans from specified requirements relating to the creation of a timeshare estate in a nonresidential condominium unit under certain circumstances; amending s. 721.07, F.S.; authorizing developers to provide purchasers with the option to receive the approved public offering statement and other information electronically under certain circumstances; authorizing the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to prescribe by rule a specified form; providing requirements for such form; making technical changes; amending s. 721.075, F.S.; specifying that the payment for certain incidental benefits is voluntary; removing a limitation on the aggregate represented value of all incidental benefits; removing the requirement that incidental benefits be filed with the division for review; prohibiting the transfer or assignment of an incidental benefit without the approval of the benefit's provider; revising the acknowledgment a purchaser must sign relating to incidental benefits; removing the requirement that the acknowledgment and disclosure statement be filed with the division before use; removing the requirement that a developer notify the division upon learning that an incidental benefit is unavailable; requiring a substituted incidental benefit to be made available, rather than delivered, to a purchaser within a specified time; making technical changes; amending s. 721.10, F.S.; prohibiting any attempt to obtain a waiver of the purchaser's right of cancellation; providing that a closing is voidable under certain circumstances and within specified timeframes; making technical changes; amending s. 721.11, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "advertising material"; exempting advertising material from certain disclosures under certain circumstances; conforming cross-references and making technical changes; amending s. 721.125, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing that the board of administration of the owners' association serves as the termination trustee for purposes of implementing the termination of a timeshare plan; providing an exception; requiring the termination trustee to act in a fiduciary capacity; requiring certain unpaid amounts to be set off against the net proceeds from the disposition of the timeshare property; authorizing the termination trustee to bring an interpleader action in certain circumstances and deposit any disputed funds into the court registry; authorizing attorney fees and costs; revising applicability; making technical changes; amending s. 721.13, F.S.; prohibiting a managing entity from sending certain notices to the address of an owner's timeshare unit or timeshare plan; authorizing certain meetings to be conducted electronically; creating s. 721.131, F.S.; authorizing a managing entity to exercise specified powers before, during, or after an actual or anticipated emergency in certain circumstances and for certain purposes; amending s. 721.52, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "nonspecific multisite timeshare plan"; making technical changes; amending s. 721.55, F.S.; authorizing component site information to be provided to purchasers electronically; providing that a developer is not required to file a separate public offering statement for certain component sites; making technical changes; amending s. 721.551, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference and making technical changes; amending s. 721.82, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "permitted delivery service"; amending s. 721.85, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending ss. 721.855 and 721.856, F.S.; revising an obligor's right to object to the trustee foreclosure procedure; revising available methods of delivery of certain notices and certificates of sale; revising when certain notices are considered perfected against a trustee; making technical changes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 721.86, F.S.; providing that certain efforts to resolve a foreclosure are not required under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 721.09(1)(d) and 721.111(6), F.S., relating to reservation agreements and escrows and prize and gift promotional offers, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made by this act to s. 721.11, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1218—A bill to be entitled An act relating to batterers' intervention programs; amending s. 741.325, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to certify and monitor specified batterers' intervention programs; requiring batterers' intervention programs to satisfy specified requirements for certification by the department; requiring programs to have certain safety measures in place; requiring programs to employ certain measures to hold batterers accountable for acts of domestic violence; providing requirements for program orientation and weekly group sessions; revising program content requirements; prohibiting programs from including specified elements and techniques; prohibiting programs from admitting batterers who have not paid the user fee, with an exception; requiring the department to annually review programs for compliance with certification requirements; authorizing the department to reject or suspend certification of a program for failure to comply with the requirements; requiring the department to annually provide a list of certified programs and to immediately notify the courts in this state if it suspends a program's certification; requiring the department to adopt specified rules; amending ss. 741.281, 741.2902, 741.30, 741.31, and 948.038, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bracy—

SB 1220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 741.327, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to assess and collect an annual certification fee from batterers' interven-

tion programs; requiring certain persons attending certified batterers' intervention programs to pay a fee for each program attended; requiring the batterers' intervention programs to collect and remit such fees to the department; providing an exception; requiring certification and user fees to be deposited in the Domestic Violence Trust Fund for a specified purpose; conforming provisions to changes made by SB ___; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bean—

SB 1222—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonemergent patient care; amending s. 401.23, F.S.; defining the term "community paramedicine"; amending s. 401.265, F.S.; providing that a physician who supervises the provision of certain services by a paramedic or an emergency medical technician is liable for any act or omission during the provision of such services; amending s. 401.272, F.S.; revising a legislative purpose regarding emergency medical services community health care; authorizing paramedics and emergency medical technicians to perform community paramedicine under certain circumstances; amending s. 465.019, F.S.; specifying that Class III institutional pharmacies may dispense, distribute, compound, and fill prescriptions for medicinal drugs for inpatient and outpatient treatment; authorizing hospitals to dispense medicinal drugs to patients without first securing a community pharmacy permit under certain circumstances; amending ss. 14.33, 252.515, 395.1027, and 401.245, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Wright—

SB 1224—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commercial vehicle insurance; amending s. 507.04, F.S.; revising liability insurance requirements for movers' commercial motor vehicles; amending s. 627.7415, F.S.; revising additional liability insurance requirements for commercial motor vehicles; providing an exception for wreckers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Transportation; and Rules.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 1226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to virtual learning; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Florida Virtual School to provide for the development and delivery of blended learning; requiring the Florida Virtual School to give priority to students enrolled in certain Department of Corrections education programs; conforming a reporting requirement to changes made by the act; revising the calculation of funding for the Florida Virtual School; requiring full-time equivalent students enrolled in a certain blended learning program to be reported to the Department of Education in a specified manner; specifying conditions under which the Florida Virtual School may be funded through the Florida Education Finance Program; revising the requirements of a report that the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School must annually submit to certain entities, beginning with a specified school year; requiring students enrolled in the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program to take specified examinations and assessments at institutions or facilities operated by, or under the supervision of, the Department of Corrections; providing for the determination of Florida Virtual School performance related to the Justice Education Program; creating s. 1002.371, F.S.; requiring the Florida Virtual School to establish the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program, beginning with a specified school year; providing the purpose of the program; specifying criteria for course delivery; requiring the Florida Virtual School to report program students separately from other students for funding purposes; providing for funding of students enrolled in the program; authorizing students who turn 22 years of age while enrolled in the program to remain enrolled under certain circumstances; prohibiting funding for such a student from being reported through the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring the Department of Education, with assistance from specified entities, to select a common student assessment instrument and protocol for measuring student learning gains and progression; requiring specified entities to jointly review such assessment instrument and protocol and implement changes as necessary; authorizing students to appeal removal from the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program, subject to a final determination on the appeal by the Commissioner of Education; requiring the Florida Virtual School to negotiate by a specified date and annually thereafter a cooperative agreement with the Department of Corrections to implement the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program for the delivery of educational services to students under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections; providing requirements for such agreement; providing construction; requiring the state board and the Department of Corrections to adopt rules; amending s. 1011.61, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "full-time equivalent student"; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Taddeo—

SB 1228—A bill to be entitled An act relating to online voter registration of students in public high school; creating s. 97.05832, F.S.; requiring each public high school to provide to certain students a voter registration presentation that demonstrates the steps required to register to vote online and offers an opportunity for certain students to register or preregister to vote using the online voter registration system Internet website; requiring the Division of Elections to prepare certain materials and make such materials readily available to each public high school; authorizing the Department of State to adopt rules; creating s. 1003.4661, F.S.; requiring each public high school to provide to certain students a voter registration presentation; providing requirements for the presentation; requiring each public high school, and each public high school's principal, or his or her designee, to provide certain notice of the presentation; prohibiting a teacher from requiring, pressuring, or otherwise incentivizing a student to take certain actions; requiring teachers to allow students to opt out of the presentation; requiring teachers to use certain materials; prohibiting teachers presenting the voter registration presentation from distributing, collecting, or otherwise handling physical voter registration applications; requiring certain voter registration and preregistration to occur online; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1230—A bill to be entitled An act relating to COVID-19 mandates; repealing ss. 112.0441, 381.00317, 381.00318, and 381.00319, F.S., relating to a prohibition on public employee COVID-19 vaccination mandates, a prohibition on private employer COVID-19 vaccination mandates, a public records exemption for complaints and investigations regarding private employer COVID-19 vaccination mandates, and a prohibition on COVID-19 vaccination mandates for students, respectively; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; deleting a prohibition on certain facial covering and quarantine mandates in K-12 schools; deleting a related right of action for parents and certain students; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Occupational Safety and Health State Plan; repealing ch. 2021-274, Laws of Florida, relating to the Florida Occupational Safety and Health State Plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Pizzo—

SB 1234—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vaccinations during public health emergencies; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; authorizing the State Health Officer to order the vaccination of individuals upon declaration of a public health emergency under certain circumstances; revising a requirement that the Department of Health adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Health Policy; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1236—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county and municipal detention facilities; amending s. 951.23, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "county detention facility" and "municipal detention facility"; creating the Florida Model Jail Standards Commission to supersede a working group; prescribing the commission's membership; specifying that each entity that operates a municipal or county detention facility shall adopt the Florida Model Jail Standards approved by the commission; specifying minimum commission standards; creating s. 951.2302, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the jail standards to include criteria and standards for what actions result in serious violations and notable violations; specifying that the jail standards must require that each county detention facility and municipal detention facility be inspected, at a minimum, twice annually; prohibiting any person in charge of a county detention facility or municipal detention facility from refusing to be inspected or refusing access to commission inspectors; providing annual inspection requirements; providing procedures and requirements for reinspections of detention facilities due to noncompliance; providing timeframes within which detention facilities must correct violations; providing financial penalties for persons in charge of detention facilities who refuse to allow inspections or who refuse to provide access to detention facilities, or for facilities found to be noncompliant with the jail standards during an annual inspection or any reinspection; requiring certain noncompliant detention facilities to cease operations and contract with other detention facilities for inmate housing under certain circumstances; requiring that the assessed financial penalties be deposited into the detention facility's inmate welfare fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Polsky—

SB 1238—A bill to be entitled An act relating to saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments; amending s. 380.093, F.S.; requiring coastal counties to conduct vulnerability assessments analyzing the effects of saltwater intrusion on their water supplies and their preparedness to respond to threats, by a specified date; specifying requirements for the assessments; requiring each coastal county to provide copies of its assessment to the Department of Environmental Protection and the respective water management districts; requiring the water management districts, in collaboration with the coastal counties, to submit certain projects to the department based on the assessments by a specified date; requiring the department to update the comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and make certain information received from the saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments available on its website; requiring the department to provide cost-share funding up to a specified amount for certain coastal counties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Harrell—

SB 1240—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the mental health of students; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; revising data the Department of Children and Families is required to analyze when creating its annual report on the initiation of certain involuntary examinations; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring charter schools to be in compliance with laws relating to reporting involuntary examinations; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education, by a specified date, to share with the Department of Children and Families data received from school districts relating to involuntary examinations; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising requirements for plans relating to mental health assistance allocations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Gibson—

SCR 1242—A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Ethics and Elections; and Rules.

By Senator Gibson—

SB 1244—A bill to be entitled An act relating to statutes of limitations for sexual offenses; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; eliminating statutes of limitations periods for prosecution of specified sexual offenses; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1246—A bill to be entitled An act relating to benchmark replacements for London Interbank Offered Rate; creating s. 687.15, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent and a statement of public interest; defining terms; requiring that recommended benchmark replacements selected or recommended by specified persons be benchmark replacements on the United States dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) replacement date for certain contracts, securities, and instruments; requiring that certain fallback provisions in contracts, securities, and instruments providing specified benchmark replacements be disregarded and void; authorizing specified persons to select benchmark replacements under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such selection; providing applicability; requiring that benchmark replacement conforming changes become an integral part of contracts, securities, and instruments under certain circumstances; providing requirements for selections or uses of recommended benchmark replacements as benchmark replacements; providing construction; providing that a person is not liable for damages and is not subject to claims and requests for equitable relief under certain circumstances; providing applicability; prohibiting other laws from superseding specified provisions; providing that the act is remedial in nature; providing retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government land development actions; amending ss. 125.022 and 166.033, F.S.; specifying the authority of a county or municipality, respectively, to make additional comments on an application for approval of a development permit or development order; amending s. 163.3202, F.S.; requiring local governments to adopt residential infill development standards by a specified date; requiring that such standards be considered in local decisionmaking; providing legislative intent relating to residential infill developments; defining the term "residential infill de-

velopment"; specifying guidelines local governments must use in developing residential infill development standards; requiring local governments to adopt regulations to be used by applicants seeking designations of areas as a residential infill development; prohibiting a local government from approving applications with many deficiencies; providing a burden of proof; prohibiting a local government from denying applications under certain circumstances; authorizing an applicant to appeal an application denial to a local government planning commission; providing a requirement for appeal procedures; requiring local governments to amend their development regulations and comprehensive plans to incorporate residential infill developments as a zoning classification and incorporate them as an appropriate land use classification; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; specifying a local government's authority to request additional information or make additional comments on a building permit application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Environment and Natural Resources; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales tax refunds for building mitigation retrofit improvements; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining terms; exempting materials used for building mitigation retrofit improvements from the sales and use tax; requiring the owner of a qualified building to electronically file certain documents within a certain timeframe with the Department of Revenue to receive a refund of previously paid taxes; prohibiting such an owner from applying for the refund more than one time annually; requiring the department to make a certain determination and issue the refund within certain timeframes; prohibiting an authorized mitigation inspector from committing misconduct in specified circumstances; specifying actions that constitute misconduct; authorizing the licensing board to take certain punitive actions against certain authorized mitigation inspectors; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt rules, including emergency rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Baxley—

SB 1252—A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic offenses; creating s. 318.195, F.S.; providing a short title; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring the person who commits the moving violation to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring the court to revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period; defining the term "vulnerable road user"; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cardiac screening for newborns; amending s. 383.318, F.S.; revising components that are included in the postpartum evaluation and follow-up care birth centers are required to provide to include a cardiac screening of the newborn; creating s. 383.334, F.S.; requiring attending health care providers at home births to provide or coordinate the referral for a newborn cardiovascular screening; requiring the newborn's primary care provider to provide or coordinate the referral for the screening if a health care provider does not attend the home birth; amending s. 395.1053, F.S.; requiring hospitals that provide birthing services to provide a postpartum evaluation that includes the cardiovascular screening of each newborn; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1256—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 197.102, F.S.; defining the terms "beneficial owner" and "legal entity"; creating s. 197.4315, F.S.; providing legislative intent; amending s. 197.432, F.S.; removing authorization for a tax collector to require payment of a reasonable deposit from certain persons; providing that any person may register and participate in tax certificate sales; removing an exception; removing provisions related to mailing of certain notices by tax collectors; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1258—A bill to be entitled An act relating to managed care plan performance; amending s. 409.967, F.S.; requiring managed care plans to collect and report specified measures beginning with a certain data reporting period; requiring plans to stratify reported measures by specified categories beginning with a certain data reporting period; requiring a plan's performance to be published on its website in a specified manner; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to use the measures to monitor plan performance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1260—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the conversion of a public health care system; creating s. 155.42, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing the governing body of a public health care system to evaluate the potential conversion of the public health care system to a nonprofit entity; specifying requirements for such evaluation; requiring such governing body to publish notice of its completed evaluation in a specified manner; authorizing a public health care system and local governing authority to negotiate an agreement for such conversion; specifying requirements for such agreement; authorizing the governing body of the public health care system and local governing authority to approve such conversion subject to certain requirements; requiring members of the governing body of the public health care system to disclose whether they intend to serve on the board of the successor nonprofit entity; requiring the public health care system and local governing authority to jointly submit a notice of completion of such conversion to the Legislature after certain requirements are met; providing that the public health care system is dissolved as a matter of law on the date that such notice is submitted to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health and substance abuse; amending s. 394.455, F.S.; defining the term "telehealth"; amending s. 394.459, F.S.; revising the conditions under which a patient's communication with persons outside of a receiving facility may be restricted; revising the conditions under which a patient's sealed and unopened incoming or outgoing correspondence may be restricted; revising the conditions under which a patient's visitation with persons outside of a receiving facility may be restricted; revising the frequency with which the restriction on a patient's right to receive visitors must be reviewed; amending s. 394.4599, F.S.; requiring a receiving facility to notify specified emergency contacts of individuals who are being involuntarily held for examination; amending s. 394.4615, F.S.; requiring receiving facilities to document that an option to authorize the release of specified information has been provided, within a specified timeframe, to individuals admitted on a voluntary basis; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; requiring that reports issued by law enforcement officers when delivering a person to a receiving facility contain certain information related to emergency contacts; requiring the Department of Children and Families to receive and maintain reports relating to the transportation

of patients; authorizing receiving facility discharge examinations to be conducted through telehealth; requiring a facility administrator to file a petition for involuntary placement by a specified time; authorizing a receiving facility to postpone the release of a patient if certain requirements are met; requiring that discharge and planning procedures include and document the consideration of specified factors and actions; prohibiting certain activities relating to examination and treatment; providing a criminal penalty; amending s. 397.601, F.S.; requiring service providers to document that an option to authorize the release of specified information has been provided, within a specified timeframe, to individuals admitted on a voluntary basis; amending s. 397.6772, F.S.; requiring law enforcement officers to include certain information relating to emergency contacts in reports relating to the delivery of a person to a receiving facility; amending ss. 409.972 and 744.2007, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SB 1264—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; amending s. 196.031, F.S.; providing for the periodic increase in the ad valorem taxation exemption on a homestead property's assessed value that exceeds a specified amount; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Brandes—

SJR 1266—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the periodic increase of the twenty-five thousand dollar exemption on a homestead property's assessed value that is greater than fifty thousand dollars.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1268—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cannabis regulation; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; revising the course and examination requirements for qualified physicians and medical directors; prohibiting qualified physicians from engaging in certain advertising for their practices relating to marijuana for medical use; providing exceptions; authorizing qualified physicians to use telehealth to perform patient examinations for renewals of physician certifications for the medical use of marijuana under certain circumstances; requiring qualified physicians to conduct an initial physical examination in person for certain existing qualified patients before using telehealth to conduct any examinations; revising the frequency with which qualified physicians must evaluate existing qualified patients for a physician certification for the medical use of marijuana; revising the membership of the physician certification pattern review panel; revising the data that the panel is required to track and report; revising the frequency with which medical marijuana use registry identification cards must be renewed; prohibiting the Department of Health from renewing the license of a medical marijuana treatment center under certain circumstances; prohibiting medical marijuana treatment centers and certain individuals and entities from employing qualified physicians or having direct or indirect economic interests in qualified physician practices and medical marijuana testing laboratories; authorizing the department to sample marijuana, rather than only edibles, from dispensing facilities for specified purposes; authorizing the department to sample marijuana delivery devices from dispensing facilities to determine that they are safe for patient use; requiring that a medical marijuana treatment center recall all marijuana, rather than only edibles, under certain circumstances; revising advertising requirements for medical marijuana treatment centers to prohibit radio and television advertising; creating the Medical Marijuana Testing Advisory Council adjunct to the department for a specified purpose; requiring the advisory council to operate in a specified manner; requiring the department to provide staff and administrative support for the advisory council; providing for membership and meetings of the advisory council; requiring the advisory council to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; requiring the department to post the report on its website; authorizing the department and certain employees to acquire, possess, test, transport, and lawfully dispose of marijuana and marijuana delivery devices; amending s. 381.988, F.S.; prohibiting certified medical marijuana testing laboratories and specified individuals from having economic interest in or financial relationships with medical marijuana treatment centers; providing construction; authorizing the department and certain employees to acquire, possess, test, transport, and lawfully dispose of marijuana; amending s. 456.47, F.S.; authorizing telehealth providers to use telehealth to treat and evaluate existing qualified patients for the medical use of marijuana; amending s. 581.217, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; requiring hemp extract and hemp extract products distributed in this state to be registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing requirements for registration certificates; providing that an applicant who registers a hemp extract or hemp extract product assumes full responsibility for the registration, quality, and quantity of the extract or product manufactured and distributed in this state; providing for the expiration and renewal of such certificates; providing application requirements; authorizing the department to analyze samples of hemp extracts or hemp extract products and inspect their labels to ensure compliance with specified requirements; requiring the department to deny registration certificate applications under certain circumstances; prohibiting the sale of hemp extract and hemp extract products intended for ingestion to persons younger than 21 years of age; authorizing the department to make certain determinations related to public health, safety, and welfare; requiring the department to issue immediate final orders regarding unregistered hemp extracts and hemp extract products under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to issue and enforce stop-sale orders and revoke or suspend the registration of any hemp extract or hemp extract product under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to impose a specified administrative fine under certain circumstances; reenacting ss. 893.02(3), 916.1085(1)(a), 944.47(1)(a), 951.22(1)(h), and 985.711(1)(a), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 581.217, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Albritton—

SB 1270—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recreational licenses and permits for military servicemembers and veterans; amending s. 379.353, F.S.; providing free and discounted hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits to certain military servicemembers and veterans; amending s. 379.3751, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bradley—

SB 1272—A bill to be entitled An act relating to liens and bonds; amending s. 255.05, F.S.; revising when a notice of claim against a payment bond and a notice of nonpayment must be served; requiring that a copy of a notice of nonpayment be served on the surety; revising when a notice of nonpayment must be served; revising the process for notarizing a notice of nonpayment; removing the authority for a contractor to file an alternative form of security rather than a bond; requiring service of documents to be made in a specified manner; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; revising when a notice of nonpayment must be served; providing that certain waivers apply to certain contracts; requiring service of documents to be made in a specified manner; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 713.01, F.S.; revising and defining terms; creating s. 713.011, F.S.; providing for the computation of time when certain time periods fall on specified days or during a declared state of emergency; providing that certain orders constitute a state of emergency; amending s. 713.09, F.S.;

authorizing a lienor to record one claim of lien for multiple direct contracts; amending s. 713.10, F.S.; revising the extent of certain liens; amending s. 713.13, F.S.; revising information to be included in a notice of commencement; conforming a cross-reference; revising the process for notarizing a notice of commencement; amending s. 713.132, F.S.; revising requirements for a notice of termination; amending s. 713.135, F.S.; defining the term "copy of the notice of commencement"; making technical changes; providing that an issuing authority is not liable for failing to verify that specified information has been filed; amending s. 713.18, F.S.; requiring service of documents relating to construction bonds to be made in a specified manner; making technical changes; amending s. 713.21, F.S.; authorizing the full or partial release of a lien under specified conditions; amending s. 713.22, F.S.; revising the information required in a notice of contest of lien; amending s. 713.23, F.S.; requiring that a copy of a notice of nonpayment be served on the surety; revising the process for notarizing a notice of nonpayment under a payment bond; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 713.235, F.S.; conforming cross-references; making technical changes; repealing s. 713.245, F.S., relating to conditional payment bonds; repealing s. 713.25, F.S., relating to applicability of ch. 65-456, Laws of Florida; amending s. 713.29, F.S.; authorizing attorney fees in actions to enforce a lien that has been transferred to security; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Broxson—

SB 1274—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ratification of rules of the Department of Financial Services; ratifying a specified rule relating to the Florida Workers' Compensation Health Care Provider Reimbursement Manual, for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of any rule meeting any specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 1276—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legislative review of proposed regulation of unregulated functions; amending s. 11.62, F.S.; defining terms; providing that certain requirements must be met before adopting the regulation of an unregulated profession or occupation or the substantial expansion of regulation of a regulated profession or occupation; requiring the proponents of legislation that proposes such regulation to provide certain information to the state agency that would have jurisdiction over the proposed regulation and to the Legislature by a certain date; requiring such state agency to provide certain information to the Legislature within a specified timeframe; providing an exception; revising the information a legislative committee must consider when determining whether regulation is justified; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Diaz—

SJR 1278—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Sections 4 and 6 of Article VII and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property held by a low-income senior; to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to allow counties or municipalities to grant an exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property held by a low-income senior; to provide for a homestead exemption equal to the assessed value of the property, if the just value of the property is less than a certain amount and legal or equitable title to the property is held by certain senior, low-income, long-term residents, to provide for annual adjustment of the just value threshold, and to provide an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 1280—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead taxes for persons age 65 and older; creating s. 193.626, F.S.; providing a homestead assessment limitation for certain persons who have attained age 65; specifying who may apply for and receive the limitation; specifying who may apply for and receive the limitation in circumstances in which title is held jointly with right of survivorship; providing that the limitation carries over to surviving spouses under certain circumstances; requiring a property appraiser to serve a notice of intent to record a notice of tax lien against the property upon persons granted but not entitled to the limitation; providing that property owned by such persons is subject to certain taxes, penalties, and interest; providing an exception from the assessment of such penalties and interest; requiring that a person be given a specified timeframe to pay taxes, penalties, and interest before a lien is filed; specifying requirements for such liens; amending s. 196.075, F.S.; revising the additional exemptions that may be granted by counties or municipalities to certain senior, low-income, long-term residents receiving a specified homestead exemption; revising eligibility criteria; providing applicability; providing for a homestead exemption equal to the assessed value of the property for certain property held by certain senior, low-income, long-term residents; requiring an annual adjustment of the just value limitation; authorizing counties and municipalities to grant new exemptions to certain taxpayers under specified circumstances; providing applicability; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 1282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information relating to an investigation of a murder until such records are given or required to be given to an arrested person under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing an exemption from public records requirements for statements of a witness to a murder for a specified timeframe; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; delaying an existing legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1284—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; expanding eligibility for the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program to certain students accepted at a competency-based, nonprofit virtual postsecondary institution that meets specified criteria; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Diaz—

SB 1286—A bill to be entitled An act relating to licensure requirements for land surveyors and mappers; reordering and amending s. 472.005, F.S.; defining the term "accredited college or university"; amending s. 472.0101, F.S.; authorizing an exiled professional to substitute a specified lawful practice of the profession for the education requirement of the examination; amending s. 472.013, F.S.; revising education requirements for licensure to include an applicant who has

received an associate degree under certain circumstances; requiring such education to be from an accredited college or university; providing that specified experience entitles an applicant to take the licensure examination for licensure as a land surveyor or mapper; providing that an applicant who holds a valid license from another state, jurisdiction, or territory, and has certain experience in the practice of surveying and mapping may take the licensure examination to practice as a land surveyor or mapper in this state; providing that completion of a specified apprenticeship program entitles an applicant to take the licensure examination for licensure as a land surveyor or mapper; providing construction; amending s. 472.003, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1288—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil actions by victims of human trafficking; creating s. 787.061, F.S.; providing legislative findings; defining terms; authorizing a victim of human trafficking to bring a civil action against specified persons or entities; specifying that a victim of human trafficking who prevails in such an action is entitled to recover specified damages, penalties, fees, expenses, and costs; providing for the calculation and inclusion of economic damages and noneconomic damages; specifying the required standard of proof; providing that there is no statute of limitation for such civil actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1290—A bill to be entitled An act relating to patient-specific drug coverage transparency; creating s. 456.45, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining terms; authorizing patients to request, and requiring ordering or prescribing health care providers to provide, real-time, patient-specific information regarding prescription drug benefits, coverage, and costs for a specified purpose; authorizing health care providers to provide such information to patients regardless of whether a request is made; authorizing patients to refuse such information; requiring insurers to provide specified information to health care providers; specifying requirements for the provision of such information; authorizing insurers to enter into agreements with third parties designated by health care providers to facilitate the exchange of such information; providing limitations on such agreements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1292—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraud prevention; amending s. 501.165, F.S.; requiring sellers to allow consumers to cancel in a specified manner and by specified means service contracts that have automatic renewal provisions; amending s. 626.854, F.S.; revising maximum fines for public adjusters and public adjuster apprentices for certain violations under a specified circumstance; revising maximum fines for certain violations by certain persons under a specified circumstance; amending s. 626.989, F.S.; redefining the term "active"; deleting provisions relating to circumstances under which investigations are considered active; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to impose an administrative fine on insurers under certain circumstances; authorizing the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services to adopt certain rules; amending s. 633.112, F.S.; redefining the term "active"; deleting provisions relating to circumstances under which investigations are considered active; amending s. 633.126, F.S.; authorizing the department to impose an administrative fine on insurance companies under certain circumstances; deleting criminal penalties; authorizing the division to adopt certain rules; amending s. 634.095, F.S.; revising requirements for advertisements issued or caused to be issued by service agreement companies or salespersons; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; revising felony violations for which prosecutions must be commenced within a specified timeframe; amending s. 817.234, F.S.; providing that certain insurers are entitled to recover specified expenses at the trial and appellate courts under certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to individual education plan meetings; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing a parent of a public school student to audio or video record any meeting with his or her child's individual education plan (IEP) team; requiring the parent to notify the school district in writing a specified time in advance of his or her intent to record the meeting; amending s. 1014.04, F.S.; providing that parents have the right to audio or video record meetings with their child's IEP team; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1296—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the homeowners' association ombudsman; creating s. 720.319, F.S.; creating the Office of the Homeowners' Association Ombudsman within the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing for funding of the office; directing the Governor to appoint an ombudsman; requiring the ombudsman to be an attorney admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court; prohibiting the ombudsman and officers and full-time employees of the office from holding certain positions, engaging in certain activities, or receiving certain remuneration; providing for the principal location of the ombudsman's office; authorizing the ombudsman to establish branch offices under specified circumstances; specifying the powers and duties of the ombudsman; providing for the administration of an election monitoring process; authorizing rulemaking for the division; providing that a specified rule governs the administration of election monitoring under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1298—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agreements with professional sports teams; creating s. 286.31, F.S.; defining the terms "professional sports team" and "sporting event"; prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into certain agreements with a professional sports team unless the agreement includes specified provisions; requiring a governmental entity that enters into such an agreement to strictly enforce such provisions; authorizing the Attorney General to intervene to enforce such provisions under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school board meetings; amending s. 1001.372, F.S.; requiring all meetings of district school boards which are not exempt from certain public meeting requirements to be recorded by video and streamed live on a publicly accessible website; specifying requirements for district school board rules and policies governing the public's opportunity to be heard; providing applicability; providing construction; amending s. 1014.04, F.S.; providing that parents have the right to be heard at district school board meetings, including the right to criticize individual district school board members; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Burgess—

SB 1302—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history information; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; prohibiting an applicable board from inquiring into, or considering the conviction history of, an applicant for licensure until it is determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified; revising professions for licensure eligibility; removing a provision relating to licensure of other professions offered to certain inmates under certain circumstances; prohibiting the use of a conviction, or other adjudication, for a crime before the date an application is received as being grounds for denial of a license; authorizing an applicable board to consider an applicant's criminal history that includes certain crimes only if such criminal history directly relates to the practice of the applicable profession; prohibiting the use, distribution, and dissemination of specified criminal records; removing a provision authorizing an applicable board to consider an applicant's criminal history if the history has been found to relate to good moral character; prohibiting the applicable board from denying an application for license of a person based solely or in part on a prior felony conviction; providing an exception; providing requirements for determining if such felony conviction directly relates to the practice of the applicable profession; providing requirements if the applicable board intends to deny an application for license based solely or in part on the applicant's prior felony conviction; amending s. 943.059, F.S.; providing requirements for court-ordered sealing of certain records that were automatically sealed by the Department of Law Enforcement under specified provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Rules.

By Senator Gruters—

SB 1304—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 662.1465, F.S.; making the identities of beneficiaries and specified individuals and certain documents in trust proceedings when a family trust company, licensed family trust company, or foreign licensed family trust company is a party confidential and exempt; requiring the court to seal any documents filed with the court in such proceedings; prohibiting the court from releasing to the public any of the sealed documents or information contained therein; providing exceptions; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Rules.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1306—A bill to be entitled An act relating to leave for family or household members of homicide victims; creating s. 448.046, F.S.; defining terms; requiring employers to authorize employees to request and take up to a specified number of days of leave from work under certain circumstances; providing requirements and purposes for such leave; providing applicability; requiring employees taking such leave to provide advance notice and documentation to employers; requiring employers to accept certain types of documentation; requiring employees to exhaust other leave options before taking specified leave; providing an exception; requiring private employers to keep information relating to such leave confidential; prohibiting employers from engaging in specified actions under certain circumstances; providing a remedy for violations of specified provisions; authorizing employees to claim wages and benefits as damages under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1308—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 448.046, F.S.; providing a public records exemption for certain personal identifying information, records, and timesheets submitted to an agency by an employee who is requesting specified leave relating to a homicide; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Appropriations.

By Senator Rodriguez—

SB 1310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Main Street Program and historic preservation tax credits; creating s. 220.197, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; specifying eligibility requirements for receiving specified tax credits for taxpayers that rehabilitate certified historic structures; specifying requirements for claiming or transferring specified tax credits; specifying the amount of tax credits; authorizing the carryforward, sale, and transfer of tax credits; providing the Department of Revenue audit and examination powers for specified purposes related to certified rehabilitation expenses; requiring the return of forfeited tax credits under certain circumstances; providing penalties; requiring the department to provide specified annual reports to the Legislature; providing duties of the department; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Health Policy—

SB 7000—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 382.008, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information included in nonviable birth certificates; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Health Policy—

SB 7002—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 381.987, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information relating to medical marijuana held by the Department of Health; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Education—

SB 7004—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 1004.055, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for specified data or information from technology systems owned, under contract, or maintained by a state university or a Florida College System institution and portions of meetings which would reveal such data and information; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Education—

SB 7006—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 1004.0962, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for any portion of a campus emergency response held by a public postsecondary educational institution, a state or local law enforcement agency, a county or municipal emergency management agency, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Education, the Board of Governors of the State University System, or the Division of Emergency

Management, and for any portion of a public meeting which would reveal information related to a campus emergency response; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs—

SB 7008—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 397.6760, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for involuntary assessment and stabilization, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding substance abuse impaired persons; removing the scheduled repeal date of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs—

SB 7010—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 744.2111, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Elderly Affairs in connection with a filed complaint or subsequently conducted investigation relating to public and professional guardians; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources—

SB 7012—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Task Force; creating the task force within the Department of Environmental Protection; providing the membership, organization, and duties of the task force; requiring the department to provide staffing to assist the task force in the performance of its duties; requiring the task force to convene by a specified date; requiring the task force to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; providing for the repeal of the task force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Judiciary—

SB 7014—A bill to be entitled An act relating to COVID-19-related claims against health care providers; amending s. 768.381, F.S.; extending the duration of liability protections from COVID-19-related claims against health care providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 7016—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 626.9891, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information submitted by insurers to the Department of Financial Services; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 7018—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 440.1851, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying information of an injured or deceased employee which is contained in reports, notices, records, or supporting documentation held by the Department of Financial Services pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 7020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 663.416, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Office of Financial Regulation relating to affiliated international trust entities; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; amending s. 663.540, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the office relating to qualified limited service affiliates; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; amending s. 655.057, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records requirements for certain information held by the office relating to active investigations of and the regulation of financial institutions; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Pizzo—

CS for SM 174—A memorial to the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States urging Congress to expeditiously renew trade promotion authority for the executive branch, urging the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and urging Congress to ratify such agreement.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Brodeur—

CS for SB 190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; revising the elements that constitute the capital offense of murder in the first degree; revising the elements that constitute the felony offense of murder in the third degree; defining the term "substantial factor"; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; prohibiting specified activities involving controlled substances within 1,000 feet of additional specified facilities; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Berman—

CS for SB 336—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; amending ss. 679.4061 and 679.4081, F.S.; providing that certain restrictions on the effectiveness of terms in specified agreements and the effectiveness of certain rules of law, statutes, or regulations related to the discharge of account debtors and certain restrictions on the assignment of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables, and certain general intangibles, respectively, do not apply to a security interest in an ownership interest in a general partnership, a limited partnership, or a limited liability company; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Perry and Taddeo—

CS for SB 342—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile diversion program expunction; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who successfully complete a diversion program for specified felony offenses, rather than only for misdemeanor offenses; amending s. 985.126, F.S.; authorizing a minor who successfully completes a diversion program and is granted an expunction for any offense,

rather than only for a first-time misdemeanor offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Perry—

CS for SB 344—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.0582, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for a nonjudicial record of the arrest of a minor who has successfully completed a diversion program; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Rodriguez—

CS for SB 358—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; creating s. 491.017, F.S.; creating the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; providing purposes and objectives; defining terms; specifying requirements for state participation in the compact; specifying duties of member states; authorizing member states to charge a fee for granting a privilege to practice under the compact; specifying that that compact does not affect an individual's ability to apply for, and a member state's ability to grant, a single state license pursuant to the laws of that state; providing construction; providing for recognition of the privilege to practice licensed professional counseling in member states; specifying criteria a licensed professional counselor must meet for the privilege to practice under the compact; providing for the expiration and renewal of the privilege to practice; providing construction; specifying that a licensee with a privilege to practice in a remote state must adhere to the laws and rules of that state; authorizing member states to act on a licensee's privilege to practice under certain circumstances; specifying the consequences and parameters of practice for a licensee whose privilege to practice has been acted on or whose home state license is encumbered; specifying that a licensed professional counselor may hold a home state license in only one member state at a time; specifying requirements and procedures for changing a home state license designation; providing construction; authorizing active duty military personnel or their spouses to keep their home state designation during active duty; specifying how such individuals may subsequently change their home state license designation; providing for the recognition of the practice of professional counseling through telehealth in member states; specifying that licensees must adhere to the laws and rules of the remote state in which they provide professional counseling through telehealth; authorizing member states to take adverse actions against licensees and issue subpoenas for hearings and investigations under certain circumstances; providing requirements and procedures for adverse action; authorizing member states to engage in joint investigations under certain circumstances; providing that a licensee's privilege to practice must be deactivated in all member states for the duration of an encumbrance imposed by the licensee's home state; providing for notice to the data system and the licensee's home state of any adverse action taken against a licensee; providing construction; establishing the Counseling Compact Commission; providing for the jurisdiction and venue for court proceedings; providing construction; providing for membership, meetings, and powers of the commission; specifying powers and duties of the commission's executive committee; providing for the financing of the commission; providing commission members, officers, executive directors, employees, and representatives immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring the commission to defend the commission's members, officers, executive directors, employees, and representative in civil actions under certain circumstances; providing construction; requiring the commission to indemnify and hold harmless such individuals for any settlement or judgment obtained in such actions under certain circumstances; providing for the development of the data system, reporting procedures, and the exchange of specified information between member states; requiring the commission to notify member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or applicant for licensure; authorizing member states to designate as confidential information provided to the data system; requiring the commission to remove information from the data system under certain circumstances; providing rulemaking procedures for the commission; providing for member state enforcement of the compact; specifying that the compact and commission rules have standing as statutory law in member states; specifying that the commission is entitled to receive notice of process, and has standing to intervene, in certain judicial and administrative proceedings; rendering certain judgments and orders void as to the commission, the compact, or commission rules under certain circumstances; providing for defaults and termination of compact membership; providing procedures for the resolution of certain disputes; providing for commission enforcement of the compact; providing for remedies; providing construction; providing for implementation of, withdrawal from, and amendment to the compact; providing construction; specifying that licensees practicing in a remote state under the compact must adhere to the laws and rules of the remote state; providing construction; specifying that the compact, commission rules, and commission actions are binding on member states; providing construction and severability; amending s. 456.073, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to report certain investigative information to the data system; amending s. 456.076, F.S.; requiring monitoring contracts for impaired practitioners participating in treatment programs to contain certain terms; amending s. 491.004, F.S.; requiring the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling to appoint an individual to serve as the state's delegate on the commission; amending ss. 491.005 and 491.006, F.S.; exempting certain persons from licensure requirements; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing certain disciplinary action under the compact for specified prohibited acts; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; designating the state delegate and other members or employees of the commission as state agents for the purpose of applying waivers of sovereign immunity; requiring the commission to pay certain claims or judgments; authorizing the commission to maintain insurance coverage to pay such claims or judgments; requiring the department to notify the Division of Law Revision upon enactment of the compact into law by 10 states; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Hooper—

CS for SB 398—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation projects; amending s. 206.46, F.S.; revising the requirement for the annual commitment of State Transportation Trust Fund revenues for public transportation projects by the Department of Transportation; amending s. 337.025, F.S.; providing that the department's program for innovative transportation projects may include progressive design-build contracts; revising contracts exempt from a specified annual monetary cap on contracts; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; revising the department's authority relating to design-build contracts; authorizing the department to enter into a progressive design-build contract if it makes a certain determination; providing procedures and requirements for progressive design-build contracts; exempting progressive design-build contracts from certain requirements; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 337.14, F.S.; revising procedures relating to certificates of qualification issued by the department to construction contractors seeking certification to bid on certain contracts; amending s. 337.168, F.S.; deleting a public records exemption for certain documents revealing the identity of a potential bidder; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Perry and Broxson—

CS for SB 468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; redefining the term "covered policy" under the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund in relation to certain collateral protection insurance policies; amending s. 440.381, F.S.; revising the annual audit requirement for construction classes to apply to new and renewal policies having estimated annual premiums over a specified threshold; amending s. 624.423, F.S.; specifying when service of process is valid and binding upon insurers; creating s. 624.46227, F.S.; authorizing any association, trust, or pool created for the purpose of forming a risk management mechanism or providing self-insurance for a public entity to establish a quorum and conduct public business through communications media technology; amending s. 626.856, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "company employee adjuster"; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; authorizing the use of a certain modeling indication for residential property insurance rate filings; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; authorizing insurers to file certain insurance rating plans based on certain windstorm mitigation construction standards, if certain requirements are met; amending s. 627.0665, F.S.; revising notification requirements for insurers who have automatic bank withdrawal agreements with insureds to include notices when withdrawal

amounts increase above a specified threshold; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising conditions for determining the ineligibility of condominiums for wind-only coverage; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; deleting a requirement for electronic transmissions of certain documents to include specified notices; deleting a requirement that paper copies of policies be provided upon request; amending ss. 627.701 and 627.712, F.S.; revising policyholder acknowledgment statement requirements for property insurance policies having certain hurricane deductibles or windstorm or contents coverage exclusions, respectively; amending s. 627.7152, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "assignment agreement"; specifying the addresses to which a notice of intent must be served; amending s. 627.7276, F.S.; revising notice requirements for motor vehicle policies that do not provide coverage for bodily injury and property damage liability; amending ss. 634.171, 634.317, and 634.419, F.S.; authorizing licensed personal lines or general lines agents to solicit, negotiate, advertise, or sell motor vehicle service agreements, home warranty contracts, and service warranty contracts, respectively, without a sales representative license; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 624.424(10) and 627.351(6)(v), F.S., relating to annual statements and other information and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 215.555, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 626.865(1)(e), F.S., relating to public adjuster's qualifications, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 626.856, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 627.7153(1) and (2)(d), F.S., relating to policies restricting assignment of post-loss benefits under a property insurance policy, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.7152, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

By the Committees on Judiciary; and Banking and Insurance; and Senators Perry and Broxson—

CS for CS for SB 468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; redefining the term "covered policy" under the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund in relation to certain collateral protection insurance policies; amending s. 440.381, F.S.; revising the annual audit requirement for construction classes to apply to policies having estimated annual premiums over a specified threshold; creating s. 624.46227, F.S.; authorizing any association, trust, or pool created for the purpose of forming a risk management mechanism or providing self-insurance for a public entity to use communications media technology to establish a quorum and conduct public business; amending s. 626.221, F.S.; exempting certain applicants for licensure as an all-lines adjuster from a required examination; amending s. 626.856, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "company employee adjuster"; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; authorizing the use of a certain modeling indication for residential property insurance rate filings; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; authorizing insurers to file certain insurance rating plans based on certain windstorm mitigation construction standards, if certain requirements are met; amending s. 627.0665, F.S.; revising notification requirements for insurers who have automatic bank withdrawal agreements with insureds to include notices when withdrawal amounts increase above a specified threshold; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising conditions for determining the ineligibility of condominiums for wind-only coverage; amending s. 627.421, F.S.; deleting a requirement for electronic transmissions of certain documents to include specified notices; deleting a requirement that paper copies of policies be provided upon request; amending ss. 627.701 and 627.712, F.S.; revising policyholder acknowledgment statement requirements for property insurance policies having certain hurricane deductibles or windstorm or contents coverage exclusions, respectively; amending s. 627.7152, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "assignment agreement"; specifying the addresses to which a notice of intent must be served; amending s. 627.7276, F.S.; revising notice requirements for motor vehicle policies that do not provide coverage for bodily injury and property damage liability; amending ss. 634.171, 634.317, and 634.419, F.S.; authorizing licensed personal lines or general lines agents to solicit, negotiate, advertise, or sell motor vehicle service agreements, home warranty contracts, and service warranty contracts, respectively, without a sales representative license; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 624.424(10) and 627.351(6)(v), F.S., relating to annual statements and other information and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 215.555, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 626.8734(1)(b), F.S., relating to nonresident all-lines adjuster license qualifications, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 626.221, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 626.865(1)(e), F.S., relating to public adjuster's qualifications, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 626.856, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 627.7153(1) and (2)(d), F.S., relating to policies restricting assignment of post-loss benefits under a property insurance policy, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.7152, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senator Hutson—

CS for SB 494—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending ss. 327.352 and 327.35215, F.S.; revising the notices a person must be given for failure to submit to certain tests for alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances; making technical changes; amending s. 327.371, F.S.; authorizing certain athletic teams or sports affiliated with specified educational institutions to operate a human-powered vessel within the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway; amending s. 327.4107, F.S.; revising the vessel conditions that an officer of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a law enforcement agency may use to determine that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict; amending s. 327.46, F.S.; prohibiting municipalities and counties from designating public bathing beach areas or swim areas within their jurisdictions which are within the marked channel portion of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway or within a specified distance from any portion of the marked channel; repealing s. 376.15, F.S., relating to derelict vessels and the relocation and removal of such vessels from the waters of this state; amending s. 379.101, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "marine fish" and "saltwater fish"; amending s. 705.101, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "abandoned property" to include vessels declared to be a public nuisance; amending s. 705.103, F.S.; clarifying the notice requirements and procedures for vessels declared to be public nuisances; amending s. 823.11, F.S.; making technical changes; authorizing the commission to establish a program to provide grants to local governments for certain actions regarding derelict vessels and those declared to be a public nuisance; specifying sources for the funds to be used, subject to an appropriation; authorizing the commission to use funds not awarded as grants for certain purposes; requiring the commission to adopt rules for the grant applications and the criteria for allocating the funds; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; providing that all employees of the commission or the Florida Forest Service may operate drones for specified purposes; amending ss. 327.04, 328.09, 328.72, and 376.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 25, chapter 2021-184, Laws of Florida, relating to derelict vessels; reenacting s. 327.73(1)(dd), F.S., relating to noncriminal boating infractions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 327.371, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 125.01(4) and 379.2412, F.S., relating to powers and duties of legislative and governing bodies of counties and state preemption of the regulating of taking or possessing saltwater fish, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.101, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Brodeur—

CS for SB 510—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial disclosures for local officers; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring specified local officers to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests; amending s. 112.3145, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Gruters—

CS for SB 566—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mental health professional licensure; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising licensure requirements for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Gibson—

CS for SB 574—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; defining the term "registration certificate card"; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring the application form for motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration to include language permitting applicants to request regis-

tration certificate cards; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and tax collectors to use United States mail service to deliver registration certificate cards; specifying a requirement for mailing such cards; amending s. 320.055, F.S.; requiring the department to issue registration certificate cards to specified motor vehicle owners under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a registration certificate card to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle if requested by such owner or lessee; amending s. 320.0605, F.S.; expanding the list of documents required to be in the possession of the operator of a motor vehicle or carried in the vehicle for certain purposes to include registration certificate cards; providing penalties; amending s. 320.0609, F.S.; requiring that registration certificate cards be issued to the owner of a registered vehicle; authorizing registration certificate cards to be transferred by the owner or surrendered under certain circumstances; specifying a transfer fee for the issuance of a new registration certificate card under certain circumstances; authorizing the surviving spouse of a deceased registered owner of a motor vehicle to request a registration certificate card; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; prohibiting a person from altering the original appearance of a registration certificate card; providing penalties; amending s. 320.07, F.S.; providing that a person who has been assessed certain penalties is not subject to a delinquent fee if the person obtains a valid registration certificate card within a specified timeframe; amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; requiring that eligible applicants for permanent disabled parking permits be noted on registration certificate cards under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; requiring a registration certificate card to be carried within former military vehicles under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.1325, F.S.; requiring the department to provide a registration certificate card upon request to a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle and who is temporarily employed in this state; amending s. 320.58, F.S.; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Gibson—

CS for SB 576—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to collect a mail service charge for mailed registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.04, F.S.; imposing a specified service charge for the original or duplicate issuance or transfer of a registration certificate card; providing for the retention of the service charge; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Baxley—

CS for SB 596—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal conflict and civil regional counsels; amending s. 27.0065, F.S.; specifying the responsibilities of regional counsels regarding witness coordination; amending s. 27.341, F.S.; revising legislative intent regarding electronic filing and receipt of court documents; amending s. 27.511, F.S.; removing the requirement that regional counsel employees be governed by Justice Administrative Commission classification and salary and benefits plans; modifying procedures for the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission to nominate candidates to the Governor for regional counsel positions; specifying that the nomination and appointment process applies retroactively; prohibiting the court from appointing a regional counsel to represent a defendant who has retained private counsel; specifying requirements for the manner of access to court facilities for regional counsels; amending s. 27.53, F.S.; revising requirements for the classification and pay plan jointly developed by the regional counsels; amending s. 39.0132, F.S.; authorizing regional counsels to access certain confidential information relating to proceedings involving children under specified circumstances; authorizing the release to regional counsels of certain confidential information relating to proceedings involving children under specified circumstances; amending s. 92.153, F.S.; providing a limit on costs for documents produced in response to a subpoena or records request by a regional counsel; amending s. 112.19, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer" to include regional counsel investigators for purposes of eligibility for certain death benefits; amending s. 320.025, F.S.; authorizing regional counsel offices to obtain fictitious names for motor vehicle and vessel plates or decals; amending s. 393.12, F.S.; waiving an education requirement for the appointment of attorneys from regional counsel offices to represent a person with a developmental disability; amending s. 394.916, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint a regional counsel or other counsel to represent an alleged sexually violent predator in the event of a conflict; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; waiving a certain training requirement for the appointment of attorneys from regional counsel offices to represent an alleged incapacitated person; amending s. 943.053, F.S.; specifying that a regional counsel office may not be charged a fee for accessing certain criminal justice information; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide regional counsel offices online access to certain information; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; authorizing the release of certain records and information to regional counsels; amending s. 945.48, F.S.; authorizing the appointment of a regional counsel to represent an inmate subject to involuntary mental health treatment if certain conditions exist; amending s. 985.045, F.S.; requiring that regional counsel offices have access to official records of juveniles whom they represent; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Baxley—

CS for SB 598—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 320.025, F.S.; expanding a public records exemption to include all records pertaining to a registration application submitted by any criminal conflict and civil regional counsel office for a registration certificate and registration license plate or decal issued under a fictitious name; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senator Brodeur—

CS for SB 608—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sanitary sewer lateral inspection programs; amending ss. 125.569 and 166.0481, F.S.; defining the term "continuous monolithic pipe system"; authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to access sanitary sewer laterals within their jurisdiction for specified purposes; requiring counties and municipalities to notify private property owners within a specified timeframe if the county or municipality intends to access the owner's sanitary sewer lateral; providing that counties and municipalities that establish programs are legally and financially responsible for all work done; requiring counties and municipalities that establish programs to consider economical methods for the counties and municipalities, rather than the property owners, to complete such work; authorizing a program established by a county or a municipality to evaluate and rehabilitate sanitary sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties to use state or local funds allocated for environmental preservation or the protection of water quality; providing that counties and municipalities may establish and implement alternative evaluation and rehabilitation programs to identify and reduce extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bradley—

CS for SB 632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to occupational therapy; amending s. 468.203, F.S.; defining and revising terms; amending s. 468.209, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for the occupational therapist licensure examination; amending s. 468.215, F.S.; authorizing certain licensed occupational therapists to use a specified title and the associated initials; amending s. 468.223, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from using a specified title and the associated initials; providing criminal penalties; amending ss. 468.225, 490.014, and 491.014, F.S.; revising construction; reenacting s. 490.012(1)(c), F.S., relating to violations, penalties, and injunctions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 490.014, F.S., in a reference thereto; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 1002.66(2)(c), F.S., relating to specialized instructional services for children with disabilities, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 468.203, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Hutson—

CS for SB 736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction defect claims; amending s. 95.11, F.S.; revising the limitations period

for certain actions founded on the design, planning, or construction of an improvement on real property; amending s. 558.004, F.S.; requiring a claimant to include the reasons for rejecting an offer in a notice rejecting a settlement offer to remedy a construction defect; authorizing the person served with a notice rejecting a settlement offer to make a supplemental offer within a specified timeframe; providing notice requirements for a claimant who rejects a supplemental offer; requiring the court to stay an action if a claimant initiates an action without first accepting or rejecting a supplemental offer; limiting entitlement to attorney fees if a claimant rejects certain settlement offers to fully repair an alleged construction defect; requiring a claimant who accepts a certain offer to enter into a contract to complete repairs to remedy an alleged construction defect; requiring the offeror or insurer to pay the contractor or contractors directly for the repairs; prohibiting an offeror or insurer from requiring a claimant to advance payment for repairs; requiring that the repairs be completed within a specified timeframe; creating s. 558.0045, F.S.; requiring a court to appoint an expert to examine certain alleged construction defects and to prepare an examination report, under certain circumstances; requiring that the report contain specified information; requiring the parties to compensate the expert; prohibiting the expert from being employed to make repairs or from recommending contractors to make repairs; creating s. 558.0046, F.S.; requiring a claimant to repair a construction defect if the claimant receives compensation for an alleged construction defect from specified persons; providing that a claimant is liable for damages resulting from failure to disclose a construction defect to a purchaser of a property; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Gainer—

CS for SB 754—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mobile home registration periods; amending s. 320.055, F.S.; revising the registration and registration renewal periods for a mobile home owned by a natural person; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, beginning on a specified date, to give customers the option to renew their registrations on their dates of birth in certain years; specifying permissible renewal periods for such renewals; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Diaz—

CS for SB 758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 1002.3301, F.S.; establishing the Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the commission; specifying membership of the commission and the duration of members' terms; requiring the Commissioner of Education to appoint members; providing that a majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum; providing that the commission has the same powers and duties as sponsors do in reviewing and approving charter schools; designating the district school board where a proposed charter school will be located as the school's sponsor and supervisor; requiring a district school board to take specified actions within a certain timeframe regarding the commission's granting of a charter school application; providing for the appeal of commission decisions; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; providing legislative intent; authorizing the commission to solicit and review charter school applications; requiring that the district school board that oversees the school district where a charter school approved by the commission will be located shall serve as the charter school's sponsor; prohibiting sponsors from imposing additional reporting requirements on a charter school so long as the charter school meets specified requirements; revising the terms and conditions for charter renewal; revising the procedure and causes for nonrenewal or termination of a charter; providing that any facility may provide space to charter schools under its existing zoning and land use designations without obtaining a special exception, rezoning, or a land use change; requiring that educational impact fees required to be paid in connection with new residential dwelling units be designated instead for the construction of charter school facilities; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an analysis of charter school capital outlay and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Hooper—

CS for SB 830—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sales tax; amending s. 212.05, F.S.; specifying the sales tax rate on new mobile homes; defining the term "new mobile home"; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senator Brodeur—

CS for SB 856—A bill to be entitled An act relating to private provider inspections of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; amending s. 381.0065, F.S.; authorizing private provider inspections of onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems under certain conditions; prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from charging certain inspection and permit fees; specifying requirements for private providers and onsite sewage treatment and disposal system owners and authorized contractors; authorizing the department to audit the performance of such inspections; providing audit conditions; amending s. 381.00651, F.S.; revising the list of providers authorized to perform onsite sewage treatment and disposal system evaluations; providing for applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senator Albritton—

CS for SB 1000—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nutrient application rates; amending s. 576.011, F.S.; defining the terms "certified professional" and "rate tailoring"; amending s. 576.045, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing the use of rate tailoring in specified circumstances; authorizing producers to use written recommendations from certified professionals to tailor their recommended nutrient application rates under certain circumstances; requiring producers to keep records regarding the determination that the published nutrient application rates are not appropriate and any recommendations for rate tailoring for a specified period of time; requiring producers using rate tailoring to enroll in and implement certain applicable best management practices; requiring revisions to recommended application rates by certain state universities and Florida College System institutions to authorize rate tailoring; providing a presumption of compliance with certain requirements for producers using rate tailoring; extending the expiration of a certain provision; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Bradley—

CS for SB 1062—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 15.16, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to electronically receive service of process under ch. 48, F.S.; amending s. 48.061, F.S.; revising procedures for service on partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited partnerships; amending s. 48.062, F.S.; defining the term "registered foreign limited liability company"; revising procedures for service on a domestic limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company; amending s. 48.071, F.S.; providing for service on nonresidents doing business in this state by use of a commercial firm regularly engaged in the business of document or package delivery; amending s. 48.081, F.S.; defining the term "registered foreign corporation"; revising requirements for service on a domestic corporation or registered foreign corporation; amending s. 48.091, F.S.; defining terms; requiring designation of registered agents and registered offices by certain partnerships, corporations, and companies; specifying duties of a registered agent; authorizing a person serving process to serve certain persons under specified conditions; amending s. 48.101, F.S.; providing for service on dissolved corporations, dissolved limited liability companies, dissolved limited partnerships, and dissolved limited liability partnerships; creating s. 48.102, F.S.; authorizing service by other means in certain circumstances; amending s. 48.151, F.S.; revising the applicability of provisions relating to service on statutory agents for certain persons; amending s. 48.161, F.S.; revising provisions relating to substituted service; providing for substituted service on individuals or corporations or other business entities; specifying actions that may be considered due diligence in effectuating service; specifying when service is considered effectuated; requiring the Department of State to maintain certain re-

cords; amending s. 48.181, F.S.; defining the term "foreign business entity"; revising provisions relating to substituted service; providing for substituted service on certain nonresidents and foreign business entities and on individuals and foreign business entities concealing their whereabouts; creating s. 48.184, F.S.; providing for service of process for removal of unknown parties in possession of real property; amending s. 48.194, F.S.; revising provisions relating to service outside this state but within the United States; deleting provisions relating to service outside the United States; creating s. 48.197, F.S.; providing for service in a foreign country; amending s. 766.106, F.S.; revising requirements for service of presuit notice before filing a medical negligence complaint; creating a rebuttable presumption that service was received by a prospective defendant in certain circumstances; providing court duties if service is challenged during subsequent litigation; revising provisions concerning tolling of the statute of limitations upon service of presuit notice by specified means; amending ss. 495.145, 605.0117, 605.09091, 605.0910, 605.1045, 607.0504, 607.1423, 607.15101, 607.1520, 617.0504, 617.1510, 617.1520, 620.1117, 620.1907, 620.2105, 620.2109, 620.8915, and 620.8919, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing effective dates.

REFERENCE CHANGES PURSUANT TO RULE 4.6(3)

By Senator Torres—

SB 82—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Kareem Hawari by the Osceola County School Board; providing an appropriation to Mr. Hawari to compensate him for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Osceola County School Board; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Education; and Rules.

By Senator Hutson—

SB 620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government; creating s. 70.91, F.S.; defining the term "business records"; authorizing certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if the county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; providing exceptions; requiring businesses and counties or municipalities to follow certain presuit procedures before businesses file an action for business damages; authorizing businesses to recover costs and fees in a specified manner and if certain requirements are met; specifying that certain evidence relating to mediations and negotiations is inadmissible as evidence in certain proceedings; requiring courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance when assessing costs; defining the term "benefits"; specifying requirements for the courts in determining and awarding attorney fees; requiring attorneys and businesses to submit certain documentation relating to attorney fees; requiring businesses claiming the right to recover business damages to state the nature and extent of the damages; requiring a jury to determine whether a business is entitled to business damages and the amount of such damages unless the business elects to have the business damages determined by the court; providing applicability and construction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 434

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 638

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 232

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 864

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 252

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 606; SB 832; SB 834

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 350

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 226; SB 276; SB 454

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 552

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 236; SB 268; SB 270; SB 318; SB 480; SB 506; SB 522; SB 622; SB 790

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 282; SB 764; SB 792

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 292; SB 330; SB 414; SB 534; SB 544

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 196

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 482

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 410

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 780

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 464

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 312

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 444

The bill was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 546

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 418

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 634

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 838

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 704

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 442; SB 882

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 222

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 728

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 516

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 868

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends the following pass: SJR 244

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 82

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 224

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 232

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 356; SB 500; SB 786; SB 800; SB 946

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 228; SB 406

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 294

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 370

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 590

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 432

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 170

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 842

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 538

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 416

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 156

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 288; SB 336; SB 542

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 260; SB 360; SB 630

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 840

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 352

The bill was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: SB 312

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 418; SB 546

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 156; SB 360; SB 542; SB 620

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 254; SM 302

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 474

The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation under the original reference.

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1000

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Agriculture under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 468

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 494; SB 856

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 342; SB 344

The Committee on Judiciary recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 596; SB 598

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 758

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Health Policy recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 358; SB 632

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 398; SB 574; SB 576

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Health Policy recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 566

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1062

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 608

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 510

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 736

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 754

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 190

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 830

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 468

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SM 174

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 336

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: SB 226; CS for SB 342; CS for SB 344

The bills were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Environmental Regulation Commission		
Appointee:	Frazer, Thomas Kerry	07/01/2023
Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Alter, John W.	03/01/2023
	Pate, Jerome K.	03/01/2025
Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Butler, Benjamin L.	03/01/2024
	Meads, Cheryl Anne	03/01/2025
	Roman, Charlette I.	03/01/2025
Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Bispham, Paul Jack	03/01/2025

Office and Appointment	*For Term Ending*
Hall, John E.	03/01/2025
Hogarth, William	03/01/2022

Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District

Appointees:	Cole, George M.	03/01/2023
	Johns, Virginia H.	03/01/2025
	Lloyd, William	03/01/2023

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointment made by the Governor:

Office and Appointment	*For Term Ending*
Florida Public Service Commission	
Appointee: Passidomo, Gabriella	01/01/2023

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

VETOED BILLS 2021 REGULAR SESSION

Secretary Laurel Lee June 29, 2021
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 54 (CS/CS/SB 54), enacted during the 123rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

An act relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance

CS/CS/SB 54 proposes to address Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, replacing personal injury protection coverage with bodily injury coverage limits and requiring insurers to offer medical payments coverage. While the PIP system has flaws and Florida law regarding bad faith is deficient, CS/CS/SB 54 does not adequately address the current issues facing Florida drivers and may have unintended consequences that would negatively impact both the market and consumers.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/SB 54 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Laurel Lee June 29, 2021
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Senate Bill 146 (SB 146), enacted during the 123rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

An act relating to Civic Literacy Education

My administration has worked hard to strengthen civics instruction and education in Florida's kindergarten through postsecondary public schools. Indeed we have embedded strong civics curriculum in every grade level of Florida's kindergarten through grade 12 English Language Arts standards, and implemented the national model Florida Civics and Debate Initiative. Moreover, the Department of Education is in the process of adopting new civics standards and developing high-quality curriculum aligned to those standards.

The proposed bill seeks to further so-called "action civics" but does so in a way that risks promoting the preferred orthodoxy of two particular institutions.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of SB 146 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Laurel Lee June 29, 2021
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 166, enacted during the 123rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

An act relating to Public Records

CS/SB 166 is the public records exemption linked to SB 274, an act related to Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction, which I am vetoing.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 166 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Laurel Lee June 29, 2021
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Senate Bill 274, enacted during the 123rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

An act relating to Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction

SB 274 proposes to allow the expunction of a juvenile's non-judicial arrest record following the completion of a diversion program for any offense, including a felony. I have concerns that the unfettered ability to expunge serious felonies, including sexual battery, from a juvenile's record may have negative impacts on public safety.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of SB 274 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Laurel Lee June 8, 2021
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1892 (CS/CS/SB 1892), enacted during the 123nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

An act relating to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund

In an effort to provide a layer of financial reserve for future emergencies, I recommended the creation of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund with the intention of seeding the Fund with $1 billion in funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Initially, we believed the funds received from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund would be more fungible and may be used to support future emergency management needs of the state for unforeseen events.

Unfortunately, after receipt of federal guidance and corresponding federal rules around the use of the Fund, it is clear that the $1 billion in the General Appropriations Act dedicated for the Emergency Management and Preparedness Response Fund will not be an eligible use, and authorizing the transfer provided in the General Appropriations Act may subject the state to a future obligation of the same amount to be repaid to the federal government. For this reason I vetoed the $1 billion transfer to the Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

Florida's hurricane season is now at hand, and the contingent changes to Florida's emergency management statute tied to the enactment of Committee Substitute for CS/CS/SB 1892 would present unmanageable burdens to emergency response efforts of the state during a future disaster. Given this serious concern and the fact that the trust fund would be empty, I regret that I cannot approve the bill at this time.

I believe the Legislature should re-address the establishment of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund in the 2022 Legislative Session as one of the many options available to the state to provide predictable and reliable resources for Florida's emergency management system.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/SB 1892 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Laurel Lee June 2, 2021
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

Last spring, Florida's state economists projected economic devastation. This forecast was based largely on the presumption that the economy would be locked down, and our businesses would be closed. However, while other states kept locking people down, Florida lifted people up; the result is a strong economy with revenues of the state continuing to exceed expectations.

In total, the state's revenue has recovered more than $4.1 billion since the worst case scenario revenue projections last year. The Florida Leads Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 now includes more than $9.5 billion in reserves, a robust level of funding for future needs of the state.

Many communities throughout the state received record financial support from federal funds with more funding on the way, including more than $3.7 billion from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and another $7 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act. Our school districts throughout the state received record federal funding as well, totaling over $9.8 billion to assist in re-opening Florida schools, closing achievement gaps for students by addressing learning loss, and upgrading technological capabilities.

While my actions today veto a total of $1.51 billion from the General Appropriations Act, ample resources are available to all communities throughout the state to continue a robust economic recovery, support vital services to residents, and continue forward with our priorities on the environment, education, and public safety.

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of portions of Senate Bill 2500, enacted during the 123rd Session of the Legislature, and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing monies for the annual period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government; providing an effective date.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following line items in the 2021-22 General Appropriations Act:

SECTION 2 — EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

Specific Appropriation 63
Pages 13 and 14

"Florida Institute of Technology - Florida Tech - Restore Lagoon Inflow Research Project (Senate Form 1510) (HB 2197) 921,500
International Institute of Orthotics and Prosthetics Sustainable Expansion (Senate Form 1265) (HB 3503). . . . . .750,000"

Specific Appropriation 64A
Page 15

"64A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NON-STATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND. 250,000

The nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 64A are provided for Flagler College - Hotel Ponce de Leon Preservation and Restoration (Senate Form 1260) (HB 3403)."

Specific Appropriation 72
Pages 15 and 16

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 72, $250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Florida College to Congress Opportunity Scholarships (Senate Form 2079) (HB 2893)."

Specific Appropriation 82
Pages 18 and 19

"Jack and Jill Children's Center - Economic Empowerment/Workforce Development Initiative (Senate Form 1197) (HB 2791) . . . . . 650,000"

Specific Appropriation 106
Pages 28 and 29

"Blue Mission Reach Program (Senate Form 1888) (HB 3601) 250,000
Focus Statewide Data Collection and Student Information Solution (Senate Form 2039) (HB 3479) . . . . . 2,220,000"

Specific Appropriation 110
Pages 29 and 30

"AMI Kids Career and Job Placement Program (Senate Form 1634) (HB 3705) 1,000,000
Arts for a Complete Education (Senate Form 1032) (HB 3285) . . . . . 110,952"
"City of Delray Beach Learning Loss Recovery Tutorial Program (Senate Form 1309) 80,000
Coding in Color (Senate Form 1206) (HB 3169) 1,000,000
Community Based Post-COVID Acceleration Initiative (Senate Form 1251). 200,000
DUST - Developing Urban Sophisticated Technocrats (Senate Form 1875) (HB 3103) 250,000
Exploration of Culture and Humanities Options (ECHO) - Orlando (Senate Form 1777) (HB 3441) 350,000
Feeding Tampa Bay - FRESHforce Program (Senate Form 1303) . . . . . 400,000"
"Florida Novice Teacher Professional Development (Senate Form 1378) (HB 3707) . . . . . 275,000"
"Learning for Life (Senate Form 2074) (HB 2603). . . . . 500,000"
"Li'l Abner Foundation Programs (Senate Form 1889) 173,292
Linking Educational Assets for Readiness Now (LEARN) (Senate Form 1085) (HB 2149) . . . . . 200,000"
"Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders - Broward County Public Schools (Senate Form 1331) (HB 3545) . . . . . 400,000"
"St. John's Schools Classrooms to Careers/Flagships (Senate Form 2053) . . . . . 50,000"
"Summer Bridge Program in Hillsborough County Public Schools (Senate Form 1216) (HB 2033) 500,000
Tech Sassy Girlz (Senate Form 1424) (HB 3865) . . . . . 100,000"
"The Florida Orchestra: Music Education for All (Senate Form 1576) (HB 3681) . . . . . 600,000"
"Walton County and Ohana Institution Esports Program (Senate Form 2118) (HB 4083). . . . . 498,300"
"Youth at Risk (Senate Form 1013) (HB 4105) . . . . . 275,000"

Specific Appropriation 113A
Page 32

"Lafayette District Schools Safe and Secure Schools Electronic Access Control Key System (Senate Form 1749) (HB 3079) . . . . . 400,000"

Specific Appropriation 114
Pages 32 and 33

"Kids in Positive Places (Senate Form 2016) (HB 3311) . . . . . 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 125
Page 40

"The Bridges Competitive Small Business Initiative (Senate Form 2095) (HB 3319) . . . . . 350,000"

Specific Appropriation 129
Pages 42 and 43

"Pasco-Hernando State College Instructional and Performing Arts Center (Senate Form 1756) (HB 2683). . . . . 1,000,000"

"Midtown Campus Digital Inclusion and Enhancements (Senate Form 1419) (HB 3481) . . . . . 674,484"
"State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Nursing Center of Excellence (Senate Form 1097) . . . . . 250,000"

"Leon Works Expo and Junior Apprenticeship Program (Senate Form 1538) (HB 3355). . . . . 50,000"

"Valencia College July in November The Story of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots (Senate Form 1632) . . . . . 1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 145
Pages 49 through 51

"Florida International University The Washington Center Scholarships (Senate Form 1048) (HB 2217) . . . . . 250,000"

SECTION 3 — HUMAN SERVICES

Specific Appropriation 310A
Pages 83 and 84

"Centro Mater - Child Care Program (Senate Form 2002) . . . . . 153,480"
"Florida Caregiving Youth Expansion (Senate Form 1232) (HB 2617) . . . . . 250,000"
"The Lifeboat Project - Human Trafficking Victim Housing (Senate Form 1969) (HB 3959) 80,000
Twin Oaks - Waypoint Career and Technical College (Senate Form 1720) (HB 3257) . . . . . 400,000"
"Voices for Children - Child Welfare Services (Senate Form 1262) (HB 3871) . . . . . 100,000"

Specific Appropriation 345
Pages 88 and 89

"Clara White Mission Daily Feeding Program (Senate Form 1501) (HB 2291) . . . . . 200,000"
"Inmar Government Services - Public Assistance Mobile Technology Pilot (Senate Form 1829) (HB 3099) . . . . . 250,000"
"Zebra Coalition - Youth Housing Project (Senate Form 1933) (HB 3657) . . . . . 50,000"

Specific Appropriation 356A
Page 89

"356A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NON-STATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS AND AIDS - ZEBRA COALITION YOUTH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 700,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 356A, $700,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Zebra Coalition youth transitional housing project in Orange County (Senate Form 1933) (HB 3657)."

Specific Appropriation 367
Pages 92 and 93

"Faulk Center - Behind the Mask Mental Health Program (Senate Form 1263) (HB 3981). . . . . 75,000"

"LGBT+ Center Orlando United Assistance Center
(Senate Form 1087) (HB 2181) . . . . . .150,000"
"River Region - Substance Use and Mental Health
Treatment for Veterans (Senate Form 1286) (HB 2285) . . . . . .409,455"
"Veterans Alternative - Alternative Therapy Services
(Senate Form 1761) (HB 2845) . . . . . .300,000"

Specific Appropriation 391
Pages 98 and 99

"City of Opa-Locka Senior Programming
(Senate Form 1208) . . . . . .100,000"

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 444, $1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Vision Quest to provide free comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses to financially disadvantaged school children who have no access to vision care. These services will be provided statewide and VisionQuest shall be reimbursed at current Medicaid rates for exams, refractions, and dispensing; and at a flat rate of $48 for eyeglasses (recurring base appropriations project)."

"Baycare Behavioral Health Remote Patient
Monitoring Program (Senate Form 1081) (HB 2225). . . . . .100,000"
"Central Florida Family Health Center - COVID-19
Infusion Center (Senate Form 1423) (HB 3861) 240,000
City of Gainesville Community Resource Paramedic
Program Funding (Senate Form 1802) (HB 3619). 250,000
Common Threads - Health Nutrition Education
(Senate Form 1288) (HB 3719) . . . . . .200,000"
"Professional Resource Network (Senate Form 1766)
(HB 2881). . . . . .75,000"

Specific Appropriation 468
Page 111

"Jordan AVI Ogman Foundation for Research and
Development of TECPR2 Disease Cure
(Senate Form 1788) (HB 3551) . . . . . .50,000"

Specific Appropriation 500
Page 116

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 500, $2,000,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Hormonal Long-acting Reversible Contraception (HLARC) Program.

This program will be implemented through contracts with family planning providers to provide low cost hormonal long-acting reversible contraception (HLARC). Funds may be used to train clinical providers and provide education and outreach. Funds may also be used for HLARC removals. The Department of Health shall submit a report by January 1, 2022, to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes data on services provided, patient demographics, and use of funds for training and outreach."

Specific Appropriation 515
Pages 118 and 119

"Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Academic Orthodontic
Care for Complex Pediatric Patients in the Tampa Bay Area
(Senate Form 1189) (HB 2887) . . . . . .550,000"

Specific Appropriation 569A
Page 125

"City of Sunrise Veterans and Senior Repurposing
of Facility (Senate Form 1199) (HB 2583). . . . . 150,000"

SECTION 4 — CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

Specific Appropriation 662
Page 136

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 662, $750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Inmate Communications Management and Consulting (Senate Form 1850) (HB 3849)."

Specific Appropriation 721
Pages 142 and 143

"Project Clean Slate (Senate Form 1792) . . . . . .250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1180
Page 198

"City of West Park Youth Crime Prevention
(Senate Form 1866) . . . . . .200,000"
"Fresh Ministries: Fresh Path Youth Program
(Senate Form 1793) (HB 4043) . . . . . .250,000"
"Oak Street Home II - Female Teen Delinquency
Prevention Program (Senate Form 1335) (HB 2609). . . . . .630,000"

Specific Appropriation 1249A
Page 206

"Automated License Plate Readers for the City of
Jacksonville Beach (Senate Form 1276) (HB 2367). . . . . .150,000"
"City of Pembroke Pines License Plate Reader Project
(Senate Form 1225) (HB 2901) . . . . . .125,000"
"Port Orange License Plate Readers
(Senate Form 1249) (HB 3885) . . . . . 125,000"

SECTION 5 — NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/ GROWTH MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION

Specific Appropriation 1430
Page 228

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1430, $51,600 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Miami-Dade County Mosquito Control Adulticide Program (Senate Form 1070) (HB 2677)."

Specific Appropriation 1463B
Page 232

"Edward L. Myrick State Farmers Market
(Senate Form 1621) . . . . . .300,000"
"Hardee County Citrus Facility (HB 2667) . . . . . .16,000"
"Madison County Agricultural and Expo Center
(Senate Form 1437) (HB 3003) . . . . . .650,000"

Specific Appropriation 1471A
Page 233

"1471A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY BASCOM FARMS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1471A are provided for the Bascom Farms Sturgeon Aquafarm project (Senate Form 2126) (HB 4097)."

Specific Appropriation 1490
Page 235

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1490, $150,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Agricultural Emergency Eradication Trust Fund is provided to fund voluntary testing of avocado trees for laurel wilt and the destruction of infected trees (Senate Form 1228) (HB 3119)."

Specific Appropriation 1502
Page 237

"Feeding Florida Through Aquaponics (Senate Form 1767)
(HB 4045). . . . . .500,000"
"Fresh Stop Mobile Market (Senate Form 1705) 75,000
Grow It Forward Urban Farm Network Strategic
Planning (Senate Form 1349) (HB 3199) 100,000

St. Pete Urban Youth Farm (Senate Form 1341)
(HB 3811). 370,000
United Against Poverty Improvements to Expand
Capacity and Outreach (Senate Form 1229) (HB 3949). . . . . .250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1605A
Page 250

"1605A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GRANTS AND AIDS - DAIRY FARM POLLUTANT
PILOT PROJECT - OKEECHOBEE BASIN
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 800,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1605A are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide a grant or grants within the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan for large-scale agricultural dairy farms to develop and maintain regional pollution reduction projects that reduce water pollution in the state. Applications for grants must include a project description, a financial plan, and a plan to reduce nutrient loading to state waters."

Specific Appropriation 1607A
Pages 250 through 254

"Coconut Creek Hillsboro Water Storage Tank
Rehabilitation (Senate Form 1673) (HB 2471) . . . . . .100,000"
"Delray Beach Owens Baker Tank Improvements
(Senate Form 1598) (HB 4035) . . . . . .250,000"
"Groveland Drinking Water System Improvements &
Quantity Demand Expansion Project (Senate Form 1369)
(HB 2905). . . . . .900,000"
"Homestead Automatic Flushing System
(Senate Form 1148) (HB 3121) 100,000
Homestead Water Tower Pump Station
(Senate Form 1319) (HB 3123) . . . . . .300,000"
"Indian River County South Reverse Osmosis
Plant Enhanced Recovery Project (Senate Form 1390)
(HB 2647). . . . . 1,129,668"
"Ocala - Lower Floridan Aquifer Conversion Phase III
(Senate Form 1362) (HB 2307) . . . . . 1,053,975"
"Oviedo Percolation Pond Decommissioning - Phase 1
Tank Demo/Construction (Senate Form 1347) (HB 2737) . . . .500,000"
"Sarasota County Dona Bay Watershed Restoration
Project Phase 3 Aquifer Recharge
(Senate Form 2027) (HB 3291) . . . . . .500,000"
"Venice - New Water Booster Station and System
Improvements Including Emergency Interconnect
(Senate Form 2001) (HB 2475) . . . . . .750,000"
"Volusia County Water Resiliency and Water
Interconnect Project (Senate Form 1935) (HB 3881) . . . . . .400,000"

Specific Appropriation 1693A
Pages 263 and 264

"Chattahoochee Mountain Bike Trail
(Senate Form 1432) (HB 2435) . . . . . .50,000"
"Gulfport Linear Breakwater Park Project
(Senate Form 1472) (HB 2359) . . . . . .735,000"
"Pembroke Park Community Gardens Solar Safety
Lighting (Senate Form 1563) . . . . . .50,000"
"Plantation Special Needs Park
(Senate Form 1659) (HB 2365) . . . . . 200,000"
"Winter Park Mead Gardens ADA Accessible
Nature Trail Improvements (Senate Form 1628) (HB 2803) . . .95,000"

Specific Appropriation 1700
Page 265

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1700, $61,913 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Longboat Key Assessment of Sea Level Rise and Recurring Storm Flooding (Senate Form 1376) (HB 3283)."

Specific Appropriation 1792
Page 274

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1792, $200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Bear Resistant Trash Can Strap Program (Senate Form 2011) (HB 4029)."

Specific Appropriation 1856B
Page 281

"1856B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY ZOOTAMPA
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 200,000

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1856B, $200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the ZooTampa Panther Medical and Habitat Facilities (Senate Form 1575) (HB 2743)."

Specific Appropriation 1856C
Page 281

"1856C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS AND AID - JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 200,000

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1856C, $200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens Riverfront Boardwalk (Senate Form 1869) (HB 4041)."

Specific Appropriation 1864
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"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1864, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged is authorized to use up to $1,500,000 of nonrecurring funds to support Innovative Transportation for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (Senate Form 1839) (HB 3827)."

Specific Appropriation 1915A
Pages 286 through 288

"Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety - Central
Florida (Senate Form 1409) (HB 2753). 100,000
Blount Streetscape Improvements Project - Pompano
Beach (Senate Form 1623) (HB 2933). . . . . 1,000,000"
"Boynton Beach Town Square Enhanced Pedestrian
Crossing (Senate Form 1990) (HB 2141). . . . . .75,000"
"Central Palm Beach County Historical Infrastructure
Improvement (Senate Form 1381) (HB 2723) . . . . . 3,000,000"
"Crosswalks to Classrooms - Tampa
(Senate Form 2125) (HB 2495) . . . . . .350,000"
"Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad Track Rehabilitation
(Senate Form 2045) (HB 2705) . . . . . .740,000"
"Fort Walton Beach - Stormwater Improvements on
Martisa Road NW (Senate Form 1520) (HB 2997) . . . . . .500,000"
"Gainesville Regional Transit Eastside Transfer
Station (Senate Form 1804) (HB 3309). . . . . .300,000"
"Gulf County Airport Infrastructure (Senate Form 2043)
(HB 3043). 500,000
Hamilton School Entrance Signal Enhancement
(Senate Form 1733) . . . . . .200,000"
"Jackson County Mashburn Road Pavement
Completion Design (Senate Form 1515) (HB 4011). 197,000
Jewish Transportation - Rales Rides (JTRR) - Palm
Beach County (Senate Form 1019) (HB 2093). 150,000
Lois Avenue Complete Streets Project - Tampa
(Senate Form 1913) (HB 2311) . . . . . .350,000"
"Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan Phase I - West
Park (Senate Form 1784) (HB 3749). . . . . .300,000"
"North Miami Beach - NE 153rd Street Roadway
Improvement (Senate Form 1176) (HB 2409) . . . . . .495,000"
"Sewall's Point Road Phase 2 - Sewall's Point
(Senate Form 1701) 450,000
Southwest Ranches Safety Guardrail - Appaloosa
Trail (Senate Form 1194) (HB 2071). . . . . .350,000"
"Sunny Isles Beach Pedestrian Bridge - Collins Avenue
at Government Center (Senate Form 1667) (HB 2499) 500,000
Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority
(Senate Form 2127) (HB 2037) . . . . . 1,500,000"

"Transportation Disadvantaged Discounted Bus
Passes (Senate Form 1468) (HB 2497) . . . . . .994,550"
"Village of Royal Palm Beach - La Mancha
Extension (Senate Form 1332) (HB 3469). . . . . 450,000"

SECTION 6 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Specific Appropriation 2191A
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"AmSkills Workforce Training Innovation Center - Pasco
(Senate Form 1625) (HB 2685) . . . . . .100,000"

Specific Appropriation 2198A
Page 318

"Florida Goodwill Association (Senate Form 1594)
(HB 3887) . . . . . .250,000"

Specific Appropriation 2236A
Pages 323 and 324

"Bonita Springs - Home Elevation and Buyout
Program (Senate Form 1810) (HB 2043). . . . . .300,000"
"City of Clermont - New Public Services Building
(Senate Form 1864) (HB 2385) 500,000
City of Coral Springs - Public Safety/Public Works
Building Hardening Project (Senate Form 1794) (HB 3943) . . 400,000
City of Freeport Multipurpose Community Center
(Senate Form 1534) . . . . . .500,000"
"Hurricane-Proof Multi-Use Emergency Facility - Lake
(Senate Form 1586) (HB 2571) . . . . . 1,500,000"

Specific Appropriation 2245A
Pages 325 and 326

"Building Economic Opportunities in West
Lakes - Orlando (Senate Form 1873) (HB 3443) . . . . . .60,000"
"Gateway Orlando Economic Prosperity Initiative
(Senate Form 2017) (HB 2855) . . . . . .250,000"

Specific Appropriation 2568
Page 359

"City of Brooksville Emergency Operations Center/Council
Chambers Upgrade (Senate Form 1942) (HB 2429) . . . . . .50,000"
"City of Venice Emergency Operations Equipment
and Critical Response Unit (Senate Form 1105) (HB 2735) . .286,676"

Specific Appropriation 2592
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"City of Brooksville Emergency Operations Center/Council
Chambers Upgrade (Senate Form 1942) (HB 2429) 57,000
City of Mount Dora Emergency Operations Center
(Senate Form 1678) (HB 2053) 500,000
Crestview Community Center Hardening
(Senate Form 1529) (HB 2979) 194,000
Hardening of Fort Walton Beach Recreation Center for
EOC Operations (Senate Form 1525) (HB 2953). . . . . .650,000"
"Village of Biscayne Park - EOC Generator &
Recreation Center Lighting (Senate Form 1313) (HB 3747) . . .40,000"

Specific Appropriation 2856B
Page 387

"2856B SPECIAL CATEGORIES
LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2856B are provided for funding a nonrecurring appropriations project (Senate Form 1677)."

Specific Appropriation 2945A
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"2945A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 250,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2945A, $250,000 of nonrecurring general revenue funds are provided for the Floridians Active Duty Assistance Program (FADA) - Support Our Troops, Inc. (Senate Form 1366) (HB 2947)."

Specific Appropriation 3101A
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"3101A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 250,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3101A, $250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Public Library Construction - Homestead (Senate Form 1320) (HB 2517)."

Specific Appropriation 3107
Page 411

"Great Explorations Children's Museum Guest
Experience Improvement - Pinellas (Senate Form 1036). . . . 242,260"

Specific Appropriation 3112A
Page 412

"Hardee County Cracker Trail Museum & Pioneer
Village Expansion (Senate Form 1712) (HB 2249) . . . . . 150,000"

OTHER SECTIONS

Section 74
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"SECTION 74. The unexpended balance of funds provided in Specific Appropriation 452, chapter 2020-111, Laws of Florida, to the Department of Health for Florida's Vision Quest shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the same purpose."

Section 150
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"State Housing Trust Fund. . . . . 40,000,000"

Section 151
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"DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund. . . . . 26,000,000"

"DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND
MOTOR VEHICLES
Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. . . . . 10,000,000"

"DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund . . . . . 3,500,000"

"DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
State Transportation Trust Fund . . . . . 17,000,000"

Section 152
Pages 447 through 453

"EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUND
The Chief Financial Officer shall transfer $1,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund in the Executive Office of the Governor, contingent upon HB 1595, or substantially similar legislation, becoming law."

"BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND
The Chief Financial Officer shall transfer $350,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund, as authorized by Article III, section 19(g), of the Florida Constitution."

The portions of Senate Bill 2500 which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of Senate Bill 2500 are hereby approved.

Sincerely,
Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The following Executive Orders were filed with the Secretary:

SUSPENSION REPORTS

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-01
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Oren Miller is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Sumter County, Florida, District 5, having been elected in 2020 to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Oren Miller was charged by Information with the felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding, in violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Sumter County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Oren Miller be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a), find as follows:

A. Oren Miller is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida.
B. The office of County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a).
C. The Information alleges that Oren Miller has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Oren Miller is suspended from the public office, that he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 5, Sumter County, Florida.

Section 2. Oren Miller is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at the Capital, Tallahassee, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2022.

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Laurel M. Lee
SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-02
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Gary Robert Search is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Sumter County, Florida, District 1, having been elected in 2020 to serve a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, Gary Robert Search was charged by Information with the felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding, in violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 837.02(1), Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the third degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Sumter County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Gary Robert Search be immediately suspended from the public office that he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a), find as follows:

A. Gary Robert Search is, and at all times material hereto was, County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida.
B. The office of County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a).
C. The Information alleges that Gary Robert Search has committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Gary Robert Search is suspended from the public office, that he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, District 1, Sumter County, Florida.

Section 2. Gary Robert Search is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at the Capital, Tallahassee, Florida, this 6th day of January, 2022.

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Laurel M. Lee
SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE:

The Secretary of State has certified that pursuant to the provisions of section 114.05, Florida Statutes, certificates subject to confirmation by the Senate have been prepared for the following:

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Board of Acupuncture		
Appointees:	Corey, Steffani, Tarpon Springs	10/31/2024
	Sear, Amy, Hollywood	10/31/2023
	Tipaldo, Kristen, Lithia	10/31/2022

Office and Appointment		For Term Ending
Jacksonville Aviation Authority		
Appointee:	Acosta-Rua, Fernando, Jacksonville	09/30/2025
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority		
Appointees:	Evans, John, Winter Park	04/16/2022
	Kirkegard, Belinda O., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	04/16/2024
	Weisheyer, Timothy, Orlando	04/16/2024
Barbers' Board		
Appointee:	White, Herman, Pensacola	10/31/2025
Florida Building Commission		
Appointees:	Bourre, Michael, Fleming Island	01/21/2023
	Jones, Paul V., Jacksonville	01/31/2023
	Marker, W. Grey, II, Fort Lauderdale	02/11/2025
Board of Chiropractic Medicine		
Appointees:	Comerford, Jason, Palm Bay	10/31/2024
	Melton, Walter Calvin, Jr., Tallahassee	10/31/2022
	Oliverio, Anthony B., Crystal River	10/31/2024
	Roberts, Michael, Clearwater	10/31/2022
Florida Citrus Commission		
Appointees:	Groom, Christopher, Orlando	05/31/2023
	Smoak, John, III, Lake Placid	05/31/2022
	Sutton, Daniel, Alva	05/31/2023
Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling		
Appointee:	Salado, Angelita, Miami	10/31/2021
Florida Communities Trust		
Appointees:	Denys, Deborah A., New Smyrna Beach	01/31/2023
	Mingo, Francisco, Miami Lakes	01/31/2023
	Valenstein, Noah, Tallahassee	01/31/2025
Florida Commission on Community Service		
Appointees:	Davis, John F., Tallahassee	09/14/2023
	Graham, Dakeyan, Tallahassee	09/14/2024
	Karlinsky, Autumn, Weston	09/14/2024
	Villamil, Christina Bonarrigo, Miami	09/14/2024
	Walker, Kelli L., Tallahassee	09/14/2024
Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College		
Appointees:	Banfield, William, Estero	05/31/2023
	Ciccarello, David, Fort Myers	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Florida State College at Jacksonville		
Appointees:	Bell, Michael M., Fernandina Beach	05/31/2025
	Davis, Shantel Nicole, Jacksonville	05/31/2022
	Shaw, Andrew, Jacksonville	05/31/2025
	Young, Orrin Wayne, Jacksonville	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College		
Appointee:	Patel, Aakash, Tampa	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter State College		
Appointees:	Blaise, Bryn Allen, The Villages	05/31/2023
	Hooten, Jennifer Renee, Bushnell	05/31/2023
	Lee, Emily A., Eustis	05/31/2022
	Parks, Ivy, Clermont	05/31/2022
	Wahl, Peter F., The Villages	05/31/2023
Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota		
Appointee:	Fuller, Michael James, Bradenton	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Northwest Florida State College		
Appointee:	Abbott, Shane G., DeFuniak	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Palm Beach State College		
Appointee:	Bishop, Patrice, Palm Beach Gardens	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando State College		
Appointees:	Hernandez, Alvaro A., Odessa	05/31/2023
	Musunuru, Rao, New Port Richey	05/31/2025
	Pearson-Adams, Marilyn, Brooksville	05/31/2025
	Schulkowski, Rebecca, Odessa	05/31/2022
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College		
Appointee:	Tippett, Troy, Pensacola	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Polk State College		
Appointees:	Martinez, Teresa, Lakeland	05/31/2025
	Turner, Mark G., Lakeland	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College		
Appointees:	Buchanan, Makayla, Green Cove Springs	05/31/2022
	Davis, Wendell D., Fleming Island	05/31/2025
	Komando, Richard, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College		
Appointees:	Gainey, Emery A., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	05/31/2023
	Lee, Caridad E., Alachua	05/31/2022
	Prevatt, Lisa M., Hampton	05/31/2023
	Woody, Robert L., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	05/31/2022
Board of Trustees of Seminole State College		
Appointee:	Sturgill, Jonathan Scott, Sanford	05/31/2022
Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College		
Appointees:	Grant, William Eric, Tallahassee	05/31/2025
	Stevens, Monte, Tallahassee	05/31/2023
	Ward, Charlie, Tallahassee	05/31/2021
	Ward, Charlie, Tallahassee	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Valencia College		
Appointees:	Lopez-Cid, Daisy, Kissimmee	05/31/2024
	Sasso, Michael Adam, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	05/31/2025
Construction Industry Licensing Board		
Appointees:	Cawthon, Franklin Hill, Jr., Windermere	10/31/2022
	Cesarone, Donald M., Jr., Lake Worth	10/31/2023
	Feaster, Ted W., Ocala	10/31/2023
	McCullers, Edward M., Estero	10/31/2021
	Ross, Ashley, Tallahassee	10/31/2021
	Wilson, Brian Parks, Cedar Key	10/31/2022
	Wood, Rachelle, Jupiter	10/31/2023
Board of Cosmetology		
Appointees:	Macku, Jennifer, Pompano Beach	10/31/2024
	Marin, Marisol, Miami	10/31/2022
Florida Development Finance Corporation		
Appointees:	Popack, Moshe, Miami Beach	05/02/2024
	Russell, Andrew, Jacksonville	05/02/2025
	Shubirg, Heather, DeLand	05/02/2022
Education Practices Commission		
Appointees:	Ameerally, Aadil, Davie	07/13/2025
	Colon, Elayne, Gainesville	07/31/2024
	Holley, Timothy, Jacksonville	09/30/2023
	LaPee, Kenneth, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	08/18/2024
Florida Elections Commission, Chair		
Appointee:	Primrose, Nicholas, St. Augustine	01/05/2023

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Florida Elections Commission		
Appointees:	Lopez-Cantera, Carlos, Miami	12/31/2023
	Preston, Marva, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	12/31/2024
Board of Professional Engineers		
Appointees:	Albergo, Dylan, Tampa	10/31/2021
	Fleming, Charles Kevin, Tallahassee	10/31/2022
	Mulock, Jeb, Bradenton	10/31/2021
	Myers, Yassi M., Windermere	10/31/2022
	Pistorino, John Charles, Pinecrest	10/31/2023
	Ramsey, Denise Marie, Jacksonville	10/31/2023
	Shah, Pankaj, Clearwater	10/31/2024
	Varghese, Babu, Davie	10/31/2024
Commission on Ethics		
Appointees:	Grant, John A., Jr., Tampa	06/30/2023
	Meggs, William N., Tallahassee	06/30/2023
	Waldman, James, Pompano Beach	06/30/2023
Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services		
Appointees:	Clark, Andrew D., Ocala	09/30/2023
	Clay, Sanjena V., West Palm Beach	09/30/2023
	Jensen, Christian E., Jr., Pensacola Beach	09/30/2023
	Lyons, Jay, Boca Raton	09/30/2023
Florida Housing Finance Corporation		
Appointees:	Facella, Mario, Loxahatchee	11/13/2024
	Raschein, Holly, Tavernier	11/13/2024
Florida Inland Navigation District		
Appointees:	Blow, John Carl, St. Augustine	01/09/2025
	Boehning, Stephen W., Vero Beach	01/09/2025
	Davenport, James "Buddy," New Smyrna Beach	01/09/2025
	Stapleford, James R., Palm Coast	01/09/2023
Board of Medicine		
Appointees:	Barsoum, Wael K., Fort Lauderdale	10/31/2024
	Chandra, Ravi, Ocala	10/31/2022
	Garcia, Maria D., Coral Gables	10/31/2021
	Wasylik, Michael Andrew, Tampa	10/31/2024
Board of Nursing		
Appointees:	Becker, Deborah, The Villages	10/31/2023
	Castillo, Jose Delfin D., III, Naples	10/31/2024
	Flippo, Mary Elizabeth, Wellington	10/31/2024
	MacDonald, Robert M., Seminole	10/31/2023
	Mueller, Christine, Sunrise	10/31/2024
	Rain, Jody, Ellenton	10/31/2022
	Roster, Fidelia Herrera, Palm Coast	10/31/2024
Board of Optometry		
Appointees:	Easton, Robert, Jr., Oakland Park	10/31/2024
	Gilbert-Spear, Katie, Escambia	10/31/2022
	Rouse, David W., Cooper City	10/31/2021
Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists		
Appointee:	Wright, Michael, Jacksonville	10/31/2024
Board of Osteopathic Medicine		
Appointees:	Gadea, Jorge, Tampa	10/31/2022
	Jackson, Valerie A., Jupiter	10/31/2024
	Kirsh, William, Surfside	10/31/2021
	Sizemore, Tiffany, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	10/31/2023
Board of Pilot Commissioners		
Appointee:	Assal, Sherif, Southwest Ranches	10/31/2021
Florida Prepaid College Board		
Appointee:	Bayliss, Slater, Tallahassee	06/30/2021

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board		
Appointee:	Patel, Prakash, Port Orange	10/31/2024
State Retirement Commission		
Appointee:	Taub, Diana Lynn, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	12/31/2023
Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology		
Appointees:	Jordan, Sherry S., Windermere	10/31/2023
	Ramirez, Dania Lopez, Miami	10/31/2024
Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers		
Appointees:	Collings-Bonfill, Eugene Joseph, Miami	10/31/2025
	Cross, Landon, Boca Raton	10/31/2025
	Fountain, Keith R., DeLand	10/31/2025
Board of Veterinary Medicine		
Appointees:	Nelson, Rudd C., Iowa City	10/31/2023
	Powell, Sharon J., Fort Myers	10/31/2023

Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District		
Appointee:	Register, Michael, Seville	Pleasure of the Board

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Environment and Natural Resources; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Secretary of Management Services		
Appointee:	Inman, Todd, Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc.		
Appointee:	Cruise, Rodney, Enterprise	09/30/2025

Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Tourism; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
State Board of Education		
Appointee:	Gibson, Benjamin J., Tallahassee	12/31/2024
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University		
Appointee:	Lawrence, David, Jr., Coral Gables	01/06/2026
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University		
Appointees:	Barbar, Anthony K.G., Boynton Beach	01/06/2026
	Davis, Shaun M., Weston	01/06/2026
	Ellison, Earnie, Jr., Palm Beach Gardens	01/06/2026
	Murphy, Sherry, Jupiter	01/06/2025
Board of Trustees, Florida State University		
Appointees:	Alvarez, Maximo, Doral	01/06/2026
	de las Cuevas-Diaz, Vivian, Coral Gables	01/06/2026
	Weatherford, Drew, Tampa	01/06/2026

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Board of Trustees, Florida International University		
Appointee:	Sarnoff, Marc D., Miami	01/06/2026
Board of Trustees, Florida Polytechnic University		
Appointees:	Bostick, R. Mark, Lake Wales	06/30/2025
	Kini, Naren, Pinecrest	11/07/2022
	Stork, Robert W., Vero Beach	06/30/2023
Board of Trustees, University of North Florida		
Appointees:	Gol, John, St. Johns	01/06/2026
	Hyde, Kevin E., Jacksonville	01/06/2026
	Shelton, Allison, Jacksonville	01/06/2025
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida		
Appointees:	Monbarren, Lauran, San Antonio	01/06/2025
	Piccolo, Frederick, St. Petersburg	01/06/2026
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida		
Appointees:	Bowers, William, Escambia	01/06/2026
	Hsu, Paul S., Shalimar	01/06/2026

Referred to the Committees on Education; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Environmental Regulation Commission		
Appointee:	Frazer, Thomas Kerry, Gainesville	07/01/2023
Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Alter, John W., Malone	03/01/2023
	Pate, Jerome K., Pensacola	03/01/2025
	Upton, Anna H., Tallahassee	03/01/2024
Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District		
Appointees:	Atwood, Ryan, Mount Dora	03/01/2023
	Burnett, Douglas, St. Augustine	03/01/2025
	Ghyabi-White, Maryam, Ormond Beach	03/01/2025
Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Butler, Benjamin L., Lorida	03/01/2024
	Meads, Cheryl Anne, Tavernier	03/01/2025
	Roman, Charlette I., Marco Island	03/01/2025
Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District		
Appointees:	Bispham, Paul Jack, Myakka City	03/01/2025
	Hall, John E., Auburndale	03/01/2025
	Hogarth, William, Treasure Island	03/01/2022
Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District		
Appointees:	Cole, George M., Monticello	03/01/2023
	Johns, Virginia H., Gainesville	03/01/2025
	Lloyd, William, High Springs	03/01/2023

Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Executive Director of Department of Veterans' Affairs		
Appointee:	Hartsell, James S., Land O'Lakes	Pleasure of Governor

Referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Florida Public Service Commission		
Appointees:	Fay, Andrew, Tallahassee	01/01/2026
	Graham, Art, Tallahassee	01/01/2026
	Passidomo, Gabriella, Tallahassee	01/01/2023

Referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment		*For Term Ending*
Central Florida Expressway Authority		
Appointees:	Maier, Christopher, Orlando	12/31/2022
	Martinez, Rafael E., Orlando	12/31/2022
Florida Transportation Commission		
Appointees:	Lastra, Alex, Miami	09/30/2023
	Roberts, Russell, Longwood	09/30/2021

Referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Ethics and Elections.

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

The following certificate was received:

No. SC21-1542

IN RE: TRIAL COURT CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

November 24, 2021

PER CURIAM.

This opinion fulfills our constitutional obligation to determine the State's need for additional judges in fiscal year 2022/2023 and to certify our "findings and recommendations concerning such need" to the Florida Legislature.[1] Certification is "the sole mechanism established by our constitution for a systematic and uniform assessment of this need." *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges,* 889 So. 2d 734, 735 (Fla. 2004).

In this opinion we certify the need for one additional county court judgeship in Lake County and no additional circuit court judgeships. We decertify no county or circuit judgeships. The Court addresses certification of need for additional appellate judges in a separate opinion.[2]

To make this decision on trial court certification, the Court continues to use a verified objective weighted caseload methodology as a primary basis for assessing judicial need.[3] The objective data are supplemented by judgeship requests submitted by the trial courts, including descriptions of the impact of various secondary factors. These secondary factors reflect local differences identified by each chief judge in support of their requests for more judgeships or in support of their requests for this Court not to decertify judgeships in situations where the objective case weights alone would indicate excess judicial capacity. Applying the criteria in this two-step methodology, we conclude that Lake County has a demonstrable need for an additional county court judgeship.

Considered in isolation, the two-step analysis also suggested the decertification of two county court judgeships in Brevard County and one county court judgeship each in Alachua, Citrus, Collier, and Monroe counties. However, similar to our certification opinion for fiscal year 2021/2022 and as further explained below, this Court has determined that the significant workload and operational challenges and the uncertainty facing the trial courts weigh against decertification of any trial court judgeships at this time.

Specifically, the effect of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the circuit and county courts has been significant. Over the course of the last year and a half, trial courts have adapted court operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to keep courts open and continue to provide for the resolution of disputes. Despite the trial courts' efforts to leverage remote appearance technology and employ

innovative solutions to hear cases, an increase in pending workload is currently affecting the courts as they resume normal operations. The additional caseload is attributed to: proceedings in cases that existed before the pandemic which necessarily were suspended or delayed to protect public health and safety, proceedings in cases filed during the pandemic that are pending, and cases that were anticipated to be filed but that were delayed in being filed due to the onset of the pandemic. Upon recommendation of the Trial Court Budget Commission, the State Courts System's fiscal year 2022/2023 legislative budget request identifies the continued need for temporary adjudicatory and case support resources to address this workload, such as senior judges, magistrates, law clerks, and case managers. The court system is committed to addressing this pandemic-generated workload expeditiously and is grateful to the Legislature for appropriating, and to the Governor for approving, significant temporary funding in fiscal year 2021/2022 for the first year of the trial courts' multi-year pandemic recovery plan. In the face of this workload, all existing judicial resources will be needed to contribute to the pandemic-recovery effort.

The monetary jurisdiction change in county court is an additional issue limiting this Court's ability to accurately project judicial need. Chapter 2019-58, section 9, Laws of Florida, increased the dollar amount threshold for the jurisdiction of the county court. The Legislature took a phased approach to the implementation of this statutory revision. Effective January 1, 2020, county court monetary jurisdiction increased from an upper limit of $15,000 to $30,000, and it is scheduled for a second increase to $50,000 on January 1, 2023. The initial jurisdictional increase in county court increased the workload in the county courts. This initial jurisdictional change, however, largely coincided with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is not yet possible to determine precisely how this statutory revision will affect workload among the tiers of court. The impending county court jurisdictional increase to $50,000 is expected to significantly increase the number of cases heard in county court.

An additional consideration is the long-term impact of chapter 2020-61, sections 3 and 8, Laws of Florida, which transferred circuit court authority to hear appeals from county court final orders and judgments in criminal misdemeanor cases and most civil cases to the district courts of appeal, effective January 1, 2021. The circuit courts continue to have limited appellate jurisdiction for certain administrative decisions and certain county court decisions entered in noncriminal infraction and other cases. These changes have also affected the distribution of judicial workload between the circuit and appellate courts. However, due to the uncertainty surrounding trial and appellate court filings as a result of the pandemic, it is difficult to determine the ultimate result of this legislative change, as well.

Further, this Court is mindful of the need to update the current judicial workload assessment. Since 1999, this Court has relied on the weighted caseload method to help determine the need for judges in each circuit and county court. Over time, changes in statutory and case law, court rules, technology, and legal practice can affect the amount of judicial work associated with resolving various types of cases. For this reason, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration call for the review of the weighted caseload model and the consideration of adjustments to that model no less than every five years. To have multi-year utility, however, such an assessment, which entails investment of considerable time by judges and staff as well as considerable expense, should not be conducted in a significantly anomalous environment affecting the number of filings or the typical time to dispose of a case. Therefore, in light of the pandemic's ongoing operational impacts and the uncertainty about the full effect of recent statutory changes, the court system delayed initiation of the judicial workload assessment. This Court is considering initiating an update to the judicial workload assessment in the near future.

Having conducted a quantitative assessment of trial court judicial workload and having also considered various qualitative factors, workload trends related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and jurisdictional changes, we certify the need for one additional county court judgeship in Florida, as set forth in the appendix to this opinion. We also recommend no decertification of circuit court or county court judgeships.

The current complement of trial court judgeships, along with other resources requested through a legislative budget request for fiscal year 2022/2023, will assist the judicial branch in meeting demands associated with the pandemic-generated workload and court jurisdictional changes.

It is so ordered.

CANADY, C.J., and POLSTON, LABARGA, LAWSON, MUÑIZ, COURIEL, and GROSSHANS, JJ., concur.

Original Proceeding – Trial Court Certification of Need for Additional Judges

APPENDIX

Trial Court Need

Circuit	Circuit Court Certified Judges	County	County Court Certified Judges
1	0	N/A	0
2	0	N/A	0
3	0	N/A	0
4	0	N/A	0
5	0	Lake	1
6	0	N/A	0
7	0	N/A	0
8	0	N/A	0
9	0	N/A	0
10	0	N/A	0
11	0	N/A	0
12	0	N/A	0
13	0	N/A	0
14	0	N/A	0
15	0	N/A	0
16	0	N/A	0
17	0	N/A	0
18	0	N/A	0
19	0	N/A	0
20	0	N/A	0
Total	**0**	**Total**	**1**

[1] Article V, section 9 of the Florida Constitution provides in pertinent part:

Determination of number of judges.—The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits. If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need.

[2]*See In re Redefinition of Appellate Districts and Certification of Need for Additional Appellate Judges,* No. SC21-1543 (Fla. Nov. 24, 2021).

[3]Our certification methodology relies primarily on case weights and calculations of available judge time to determine the need for additional trial court judges. *See* Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.240.

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

The following certificate was received:

No. SC21-1543

IN RE: REDEFINITION OF APPELLATE DISTRICTS AND CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL APPELLATE JUDGES.

November 24, 2021

PER CURIAM.

Consistent with the recommendations of a Court-appointed assessment committee, this Court has determined that a sixth appellate district should be created in Florida and that accompanying changes

should be made to the existing boundaries of the First, Second, and Fifth districts.[1] Also consistent with the assessment committee's recommendations, the Court has determined that six new appellate judgeships are needed for the continued effective operation of the newly aligned district courts of appeal of this state. The subject of trial court certification of need for additional judges is addressed in a separate opinion.[2]

I. Background

In May 2021, this Court appointed a District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee[3] composed of appellate judges, trial court judges, and lawyers to evaluate the necessity for increasing, decreasing, or redefining the appellate districts. The Committee evaluated the operation of the existing districts using the five criteria prescribed in Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.241: effectiveness, efficiency, access to appellate review, professionalism, and public trust and confidence. The Committee filed its final report[4] with the Court on September 30, 2021. By this certification, the Court adopts the Committee's recommendation for a realignment of the state's appellate districts in order to create a sixth district, which we conclude would significantly improve the judicial process.

II. District Realignment

A discussion of the full background and reasoning for the Committee's recommendation concerning anew appellate district is contained in the Committee's final report and recommendations. A majority of the Committee recommended the creation of at least one additional district court, with a plurality supporting the creation of a sixth district and the adjustment of the existing district lines in the manner we certify in this opinion.

The "primary rationale" for this recommendation "is that creation of an additional DCA would promote public trust and confidence." This rationale is linked specifically to the provisions of rule 2.241(d), which sets forth "public trust and confidence" as one of the criteria to be considered when determining the necessity for increasing, decreasing, or redefining appellate districts. The rule sets forth several factors to be evaluated in connection with the public trust and confidence criterion:

Public Trust and Confidence. Factors to be considered for this criterion are the extent to which each court:

(A) handles its workload in a manner permitting its judges adequate time for community involvement;
(B) provides adequate access to oral arguments and other public proceedings for the general public within its district;
(C) fosters public trust and confidence given its geography and demographic composition; and
(D) attracts a diverse group of well-qualified applicants for judicial vacancies, including applicants from all circuits within the district.

Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.241(d)(5).

Regarding these factors, the Committee report observes:

Specifically, an additional [district court] would help provide adequate access to oral arguments and other proceedings, foster public trust and confidence based on geography and demographic composition, and attract a diverse group of well-qualified applicants for judicial vacancies including applicants from all circuits within each district.

Assessment Committee Report at 3-4.

We agree with the Committee's conclusion that public trust and confidence will be enhanced by the creation of a sixth district court. We recognize that the rule factors related to public trust and confidence are largely subjective and that they are affected by circumstances that go beyond the number of district courts and the configuration of district boundaries. Nonetheless, we believe that the factors are meaningful considerations and that the Committee has identified a reasonable basis for its proposal.

A salient issue relevant to this criterion is the serious underrepresentation among district court judges of judges from within the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which contains Jacksonville, one of Florida's largest metropolitan areas. Under the current configuration of district courts, the Fourth Judicial Circuit generates 29 percent of the filings of the First District Court, but only two judges—constituting 13 percent of the judges on the First District Court—are from the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Even more striking, the population of the Fourth Circuit—with its 2 out of 15 DCA judges—makes up 37.5% of the population of the current First District.[5] Although no district court configuration will perfectly address every relevant consideration, the configuration proposed in the Committee's plurality plan would help address this geographical anomaly existing in the current district court system.

The creation of a new district court, like any other significant change in the judicial system, would be accompanied by some degree of internal disruption, but we conclude that any such internal disruption in the district courts associated with the creation of a sixth district court would be short-lived and would be outweighed by the benefit of enhanced public trust and confidence.

Appended to this certification is a map showing the geographical areas to be within the recommended, realigned districts. Also appended to this certification is a table showing the counties and judicial circuits affected by the proposed new district boundaries. As shown, the Fourth Judicial Circuit[6] moves from the First District into the Fifth District, composed of the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Eighteenth judicial circuits; the Ninth Judicial Circuit[7] moves from the Fifth District into the Second District, composed of the Ninth, Tenth, and Twentieth judicial circuits; and the Sixth,[8] Twelfth,[9] and Thirteenth[10] judicial circuits move from the Second District to compose a newly created Sixth District Court of Appeal. The boundaries of the Third and Fourth district courts are unaffected by this proposal.

The Court acknowledges that a variety of operational issues with policy and fiscal implications will arise from creating an additional district court and revising the territorial jurisdiction of other courts. For example, the Florida Constitution, under article V, section 4, requires the appointment of a clerk and a marshal to each district court. A new district court will also require associated administrative, security, and information technology support staff. Additionally, the realigned Second District will require an interim facility in which to operate while a more permanent facility is considered. The Court is prepared to assist the Legislature, as needed, in determining an appropriate level of court system resources associated with the creation of the new district court, the details of which will be dependent upon the policy direction the Legislature establishes. Other potential operational effects on justice system entities are discussed in the Committee's report.

III. Additional Judges

This opinion also fulfills our constitutional obligation to determine the State's need for additional district court judges in fiscal year 2022/2023 and to certify our "findings and recommendations concerning such need" to the Florida Legislature.[11] Certification is "the sole mechanism established by our constitution for a systematic and uniform assessment of this need." *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges,* 889 So. 2d 734, 735 (Fla. 2004).

The Court continues to use a verified objective weighted caseload methodology as a primary basis for assessing judicial need.[12] When applied to the district courts as they currently exist, the methodology does not indicate the need for certification or decertification of additional judgeships. However, the simultaneous consideration of the creation of an additional district court and the realignment of existing district boundaries raises policy considerations with workload implications.

Article V, section 8 of the Florida Constitution provides that "[n]o person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court." The District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee recommended that no existing district court judge's position be decertified while that judge is in office and that no existing district court judge have to change residence in order to remain in office as a result of the realignment of districts. The

Committee also recognized that, if such a policy approach were adopted, there might not be sufficient judges residing within included counties to meet the estimated judicial workload of that realigned district. In turn, the number of judges in another district may initially exceed its estimated need after realignment. Although it was not charged with determining the need for additional judges, the Committee used a modified weighted caseload methodology, only slightly different from that used in certification, to estimate judicial need as it considered realignment of existing districts and creation of an additional district. That methodology suggested the need for six appellate judges to meet the workload of realigned districts without a sufficient number of judges who currently reside within the boundaries of the districts.

The Court concurs with the Committee's recommendation that realignment of districts not result in decertification of judges or a requirement for judges to change their residence in order to remain in office. Thus, we adopt the Committee's methodology to meet the need of districts without sufficient resident judges and in this opinion certify the need for six additional district court judgeships, one in the realigned Second District and five in the realigned Fifth District. This assessment is based on the assumption that each existing judge who resides within a county that was proposed for assignment to a new district court would be considered a judge of the new district court.

The creation of the new judgeships we have certified would result in six district courts of appeal composed of the following judicial officers:

First District: 13 judges (all presently sitting).

Second District: 10 judges (9 presently sitting and 1 to be added).

Third District: 10 judges (all presently sitting).

Fourth District: 12 judges (all presently sitting).

Fifth District: 12 judges (7 presently sitting and 5 to be added).

Sixth District: 13 judges (all presently sitting).

Further, the Court recommends that the legislation implementing the territorial jurisdiction changes specify that vacancies will not be deemed to occur as a result of the changes and recommends that excess judicial capacity in a given district court be addressed over time through attrition, as guided by this Court's annual certification of the need for additional appellate judges. The creation of an additional district and changes to the territorial boundaries of other districts are milestone events that have not occurred since the creation of the Fifth District Court of Appeal in 1979. It will take some time to fully assess the impact of these changes on workload and judicial need for any given court and statewide.

We decertify no district court judgeships. As noted above, the Court recommends that the creation of an additional district and realignment of existing districts not result in decertification of existing judges, pending an opportunity to fully assess workload need over time through future certification processes. In addition, statutory amendments and other relevant circumstances militate against decertification of any appellate court judgeships.

Specifically, the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in the circuit and county courts has been significant. Those operational impacts at the trial court level have a direct bearing on the number of appeals filed in the district courts. An increase in district court workload is anticipated as the trial courts fully return to normal operations.

Another issue requiring consideration, because it influences this Court's ability to accurately project judicial need, is the transfer of circuit court authority to hear appeals from county court final orders and judgments in criminal misdemeanor cases and most civil cases to the district courts of appeal effective January 2021 (Chapter 2020-61, sections 3 and 8, Laws of Florida). These changes are affecting the respective distribution of judicial workload between the circuit and district courts. However, given that this change occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been difficult to determine the ultimate workload associated with this statutory change.

IV. Certification

In accordance with article V, section 9 of the Florida Constitution, we therefore certify the need for six additional district court of appeal judgeships, bringing to 70 the total number of judges on the state's district courts of appeal, and we recommend that the state's judicial districts be aligned as follows:

First District: to contain the First, Second, Third, Eighth, and Fourteenth judicial circuits.

Second District: to contain the Ninth, Tenth, and Twentieth judicial circuits.

Third District: to contain the Eleventh and Sixteenth judicial circuits.

Fourth District: to contain the Fifteenth, Seventeenth, and Nineteenth judicial circuits.

Fifth District: to contain the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Eighteenth judicial circuits.

Sixth District: to contain the Sixth, Twelfth, and Thirteenth judicial circuits.

To implement these proposals, the Court certifies to the Legislature the need to amend chapter 35, Florida Statutes, to create a new district court of appeal and realign the other district court boundaries as described above. As to judges currently residing in the realigned districts, no vacancies in office shall be deemed to occur by reason of the realignment of districts. Consequently, if the certified plan is adopted the two First District judges residing in Duval County shall be judges of the Fifth District (which will include Duval County); the three Second District judges residing in Pinellas County, one residing within Pasco County, one residing in Manatee County, and eight residing in Hillsborough County shall be judges of the Sixth District (which will include those counties); and the six Fifth District judges residing in Orange County shall be judges of the Second District (which will include Orange County).

We recommend no decertification of district court judgeships.

We further certify that the realignment of the state's judicial districts and the certification of six district court judges, as set forth in the appendix to this opinion, are necessary, and we recommend that the Legislature enact the applicable laws and appropriate funds so that the adjustments can be implemented.

It is so ordered.

CANADY, C.J., and LABARGA, LAWSON, MUÑIZ, and COURIEL, JJ., concur.
GROSSHANS, J., concurs in result only.
POLSTON, J., dissents with an opinion.

POLSTON, J., dissenting.

The majority certifies a need for an additional district court of appeal and 6 additional district court of appeal judges that is not supported by any of the 5 chief judges of the district courts of appeal or by any district court of appeal judge on the District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee. I agree with the district court of appeal judges that no changes are justified.

Under our annual certification process for the need for additional judges, no district court requested certification of additional judgeships, and none are justified by the average projected judicial need analysis performed. In the last 20 years, there has been a net addition of 2 district court of appeal judges. One was decertified in the Third District Court of Appeal in 2009, one added to the Fifth District Court of Appeal in 2015, and 2 were added to the Second District Court of Appeal in 2015. No more changes have been needed in the last 6 years, and the

answer should be the same now. There is no objective justification for the 6 additional judges certified by the majority.

Instead, the majority approves the Committee's recommendation to create an additional district court of appeal because it believes there should be more judges from Jacksonville as a matter of public trust and confidence. It is the creation of the Sixth District Court of Appeal that provides the rationale for 6 new judges, not needed workload capacity. Two of the 15 judges on the First District Court of Appeal are from Jacksonville, which the majority treats as "serious underrepresentation." Majority op. at 5. Objectively, that is not the case.

Looking specifically at Jacksonville, Duval County had 926 cases filed in fiscal year 2019-20 at the First District.[13] Using the same metrics the Court uses to determine the certified need for judges on district courts of appeal, taking those 926 Duval cases divided by 239, the 3-year average weighted judicial workload per judge (2017-18 to 2019-20) for the First District, there would be a calculated need for 3 judges specifically as to Duval. Arguably the average number should be even higher as eligible judges are based on the presumptive need of 315 average weighted judicial workload per judge after application of the additional judgeships. Based on that number, there would be a calculated need for 2 judges specifically as to Duval. Again, there are already 2 judges from Jacksonville on the First District. So looking at the most recent data, either there is no calculated need for an additional judge from Jacksonville, or perhaps one. Taking an average over 3 years (2017-18 to 2019-20), Duval had 1,178 filings, which would be a calculated need of 4 judges (based on 239, the 3-year average per judge), or 3 judges (based on 315, the average presumptive need per judge). Using this 3-year average, there would be a calculated need for 1 or 2 more Jacksonville judges out of 15. At most, the additional 2 judges from Jacksonville are 13% of the 15 on the First District. Serious underrepresentation cannot be found at 13%.

As the majority notes, Jacksonville is a large metropolitan area. But the Florida Constitution does not provide for redistricting in the court system based on population size as it does for legislative representation, and the Committee properly did not do so. *See generally* art. III, § 16, Fla. Const. (providing reapportionment after each decennial census). It is court filings, not population size that matters to how many judges are needed. As noted in the Committee's September 30, 2021, Final Report and Recommendations, page 10, "the number of [district court of appeal] filings, from calendar year 2016 through calendar year 2020 declined each year while Florida's population continued to increase during the same period." The statewide district court of appeal filings per 100,000 population steadily decreased each year from 116 in 2016 to 70 in 2020. Jacksonville's population size is not justification to add a sixth district court of appeal.

Moreover, the relevant portion of the rule setting out the factors for public trust and confidence is whether the court "attracts [a] diverse group of well-qualified applicants for judicial vacancies, including applicants from all circuits within the district." Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.241(d)(5)(D). Significantly, the rule requires that the court attracts well-qualified applicants, not that certain applicants must be selected. Jacksonville has outstanding lawyers and judges, and I have the upmost respect for them. It is undisputable that there have been numerous well-qualified Jacksonville applicants to the First District, including making the short list, who were not selected in recent history or by different governors over the last 20 years. But it is the governor's selection, not the inability to attract well-qualified applicants, that is relevant under the rule. *See generally* art. V, § 11, Fla. Const. (the governor fills vacancies in judicial office).

Further, the majority accepts the Committee's certification justification to provide adequate access to oral arguments. Again, this has no basis. The First District has panels that regularly travel to Jacksonville for oral arguments, in addition to Pensacola and Orlando (workers compensation cases). And all of the oral arguments are available live on the internet on the First District's website.

Rule 2.241(b)(8) has not been properly considered by the majority:

> (8) Whether or not an assessment committee is appointed, the supreme court shall balance the potential impact and disruption caused by changes in judicial circuits and appellate districts against the need to address circumstances that limit the quality and efficiency of, and public confidence in, the judicial process. Given the impact and disruption that can arise from any alteration in judicial structure, prior to recommending a change in judicial circuits or appellate districts, the supreme court shall consider less disruptive adjustments including, but not limited to, the addition of judges, the creation of branch locations, geographic or subject-matter divisions within judicial circuits or appellate districts, deployment of new technologies, and increased ratios of support staff per judge.

This rule emphasizes that the Court should consider the disruptive effect of changes and attempt to minimize it by other means first. The cost for a new district court of appeal is very expensive. The September 13, 2021, letter to Judge Scales, Chair of the Committee, from Judge Roberts, Chair of the DCA Budget Commission, notes significant fiscal impacts including facilities, staffing, and operational expenses that would necessitate additional funding without causing significant negative fiscal impact on the current district court budget. The disruptions to the branch are significant. *See* majority op. at 13-15 (describing realignment boundaries and current judges). This certification is analogous to rebuilding a ship for what should be swapping out a couple of deck chairs at most.

Rule 2.241(b)(1) states that the Court "shall certify a necessity to increase, decrease, or redefine judicial circuits and appellate districts when it determines that the judicial process is adversely affected by circumstances that present a *compelling need* for the certified change." (Emphasis added.) There is no compelling need for adding an additional district court of appeal. The majority makes no such finding.

Rule 2.241(b)(2) provides that the Court "may certify a necessity to increase, decrease, or redefine judicial circuits and appellate districts when it determines that the judicial process would be improved significantly by the certified change." The Committee provides no objective justification that the judicial process will be improved significantly by adding an additional district court of appeal.

The Court's rules and its responsibilities, along with the Legislature, in the certification process are at the direction of the Florida Constitution. As explained by article V, section 9 of the Florida Constitution, titled "Determination of number of judges":

> *The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits.* If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need. Upon receipt of such certificate, the legislature, at the next regular session, shall consider the findings and recommendations and may reject the recommendations or by law implement the recommendations in whole or in part; provided the legislature may create more judicial offices than are recommended by the supreme court or may decrease the number of judicial offices by a greater number than recommended by the court only upon a finding of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the legislature, that such a need exists. A decrease in the number of judges shall be effective only after the expiration of a term. *If the supreme court fails to make findings as provided above when need exists, the legislature may by concurrent resolution request the court to certify its findings and recommendations and upon the failure of the court to certify its findings for nine consecutive months, the legislature may, upon a finding of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the legislature that a need exists, increase or decrease the number of judges or increase, decrease or redefine appellate districts and judicial circuits.*

(Emphasis added.)

Specifically, the Florida Constitution authorizes the Legislature to make its own determination regarding appellate districts notwithstanding what the Court determines, with a two- thirds vote of the membership of both houses. Accordingly, if the Court were to determine

there is no justification for changes under its rules, the Legislature is free to act according to the Constitution and draw the lines as a policy decision to provide more Jacksonville judges. That is the proper response to the Committee's recommendation.

Because there is not a compelling need or significant improvement to the judicial process as required by rule 2.241(b), I would not certify a new district court of appeal or any additional district court of appeal judges.

I respectfully dissent.

Original Proceeding – Certification of Need for Additional Appellate Judges

APPENDIX

District Court Need

District	District Court Certified Judges
1	0
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	5
6	0
Total	**6**

Recommended Realignment of Districts

("Recommended Realignment of Districts" graphic, as included in the original report, is not shown here but will be included in the Senate Journal bound volume.)

Counties and Judicial Circuits Affected

County	Circuit	Current District	Proposed District
Clay	Fourth	First	Fifth
Duval	Fourth	First	Fifth
Nassau	Fourth	First	Fifth
Orange	Ninth	Fifth	Second
Osceola	Ninth	Fifth	Second
Pasco	Sixth	Second	Sixth
Pinellas	Sixth	Second	Sixth
DeSoto	Twelfth	Second	Sixth
Manatee	Twelfth	Second	Sixth
Sarasoto	Twelfth	Second	Sixth
Hillsborough	Thirteenth	Second	Sixth

[1]Article V, section 9 of the Florida Constitution provides in pertinent part:

Determination of number of judges.—The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits. If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need.

[2]*See In re Trial Court Certification of Need for Additional Judges,* No. SC21-1542 (Fla. Nov. 24, 2021).

[3]*See In re District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee,* Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC21-13 (May 6, 2021).

[4]District Court of Appeal Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee Final Report and Recommendations, https://www.flcourts.org/DCA-Committee-Report.

[5]As of January 1, 2019, the population of the Fourth Circuit was 1,264,060 and the population of the First District was 3,346,191.

[6]The Fourth Judicial Circuit is composed of Clay, Duval, and Nassau counties.

[7]The Ninth Judicial Circuit is composed of Orange and Osceola counties.

[8]The Sixth Judicial Circuit is composed of Pasco and Pinellas counties.

[9]The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is composed of DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

[10]The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit is composed of Hillsborough County.

[11]Art. V, § 9, Fla. Const.

[12]Our certification methodology relies primarily on the relative weight of cases disposed on the merits to determine the need for additional district court judges. *See* Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.240.

[13]The information used in this paragraph was obtained from the Committee's report, Appendix D-41, the DCA Workload and Jurisdiction Assessment Committee, DCA Filings and Dispositions by Circuit/County, Fiscal Year 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20; Appendix D-12 District Courts of Appeal Judicial Workload Per Judge and Percent Change; and Certification of Need for Additional Judges FY 2022-23, 2A-1 District Courts of Appeal Fiscal Year 2022-23. Amounts per judge are rounded down, consistent with the annual practice to determine the number of needed positions.

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RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Wilton Simpson, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 1440.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Wilton Simpson, President July 26, 2021
The Florida Senate
Room 409, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Mr. President:

By this correspondence, I submit my resignation from the Florida Senate, District 33, effective at 11:59 p.m. on January 10, 2022.

As you know, the Governor has promulgated Executive Order 21-103 scheduling a special election to fill the vacancy in the United States House of Representatives, Florida Congressional District 20, due to the death of Congressman Alcee Hastings. I have filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission for the special election to fill that vacancy. The special election is scheduled to be held on January 11, 2022.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the residents of Senate District 33 in the Florida Senate during the past five years.

Sincerely,
Perry E. Thurston

VACANCY IN OFFICE

By Executive Order Number 21-224, a special election for Senate District 33 was set for March 8, 2022, by Governor Ron DeSantis.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the motion by Senator Passidomo previously adopted, upon dissolution of the joint session at 11:58 a.m., the Senate adjourned for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19 or upon call of the President.

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