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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 2:00 p.m. A quorum present—37:

Madam President	Davis	Polsky
Albritton	DiCeglie	Powell
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Book	Gruters	Simon
Boyd	Harrell	Stewart
Bradley	Ingoglia	Thompson
Brodeur	Jones	Torres
Broxson	Martin	Trumbull
Burgess	Mayfield	Wright
Burton	Osgood	Yarborough
Calatayud	Perry	
Collins	Pizzo	

Excused: Senators Baxley and Hooper; Senator Torres at 6:26 p.m.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Pastor Ron Camblin, Aloma Church, Winter Park:

Almighty God, I come before you giving thanks for this day which you have given to us. For this is the day which you have made, and we each rejoice in it. We are humbled by your presence and your gracious love for us. I would ask that you guide us as we steward the opportunities you graciously give us each day. I seek your blessings upon our Governor and the Senators as they lead us.

Today, Almighty God, I thank you for the individuals who stand with me in this chamber. It is our honor in this moment to invite you into the conversations and business of this day. I pray that our hearts will be open to your leading, and our thoughts and responses will be a reflection of you. Almighty God, I ask that you would give each Senator the eye of an eagle, wisdom; the heart of a lion, courage; and the hand of a lady, meekness; for these will guide them in their leadership in their communities and in our state.

Almighty God, there have been many days in centuries past which have been challenging and difficult, but when people looked to you, you

showed them the way. So, today I ask that you help each of us to have the heart of the men of Issachar, for it was said, "They understood the times and they knew what to do." I pray today that you will do the same for each of us in this room. May we have a heart of understanding of the times which we face, and would you guide these leaders to know what to do for the benefit of our state, Florida. We thank you for the freedom which we enjoy and may we not relinquish it, but uphold it with dignity and honor.

For I ask this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Maura Evans of Boca Raton; Hunter Hayes of Lake Nona; and Jack Senkarik of Viera, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Jennifer Chan of Daytona Beach, sponsored by Senator Wright, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Chan specializes in emergency medicine.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Powell—

By Senators Powell, Osgood, Davis, Jones, Simon, Rouson, and Thompson—

SR 1824—A resolution designating February 21, 2024, as "FAMU Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), this state's only public Historically Black College and University (HBCU), was founded on October 3, 1887, was named a land grant institution in 1891, was designated a college in 1909, and was designated a university in 1953, and

WHEREAS, academic components of the university consist of 98 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, and professional degree programs offered through seven colleges and seven schools, including the colleges of Agriculture and Food Sciences; Education; Engineering; Law; Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Science and Technology; and Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities; and the schools of Allied Health Sciences; Architecture and Engineering Technology; Business and Industry; the Environment; Graduate Studies and Research; Journalism and Graphic Communication; and Nursing, and

WHEREAS, under the dedicated leadership of FAMU's 12th president, Larry Robinson, Ph.D., and the FAMU Board of Trustees and university faculty and staff, FAMU rose in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2023-2024 "Top 100" National Public Universities rankings from 103rd just a year ago to 91st; ranks 21st on the latest Social Mobility Index; remains the highest-ranked public HBCU for the fifth consecutive year; and is ranked third among all public and private HBCUs in the country, and

WHEREAS, with more than 9,200 enrolled students from 24 different countries, FAMU experienced a record number of applications for the 2023-2024 academic year, exceeding 23,800 in a single year, with nearly 21,000 first-time-in-college applicants, and

WHEREAS, FAMU continues to elevate student success through retention, graduation rates, and degree productivity, awarding nearly 2,500 degrees since the 2022-2023 academic year, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, FAMU launched its immersive virtual metaverse world, The Rattlerverse, the first official metaverse for an HBCU, within Meta Horizon Worlds, offering futuristic opportunities to explore FAMU’s campus, culture, and current events, and

WHEREAS, FAMU maintains its commitment to invaluable research, as evidenced by faculty and staff who reported a record year in research awards in 2023, including a multi-year grant with the United States Department of Transportation to lead a consortium and establish a new Tier One University Transportation Center; a grant from the United States Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency for the FAMU Florida Small Business Development Center to establish the Florida Panhandle Capital Readiness Collaborative across 12 counties to assist aspiring entrepreneurs; and a grant from Google aimed at bolstering research capabilities in artificial intelligence in the fields of computer science and computer information systems, all of which signify a substantial investment in advancing the academic and professional opportunities available to FAMU students, empowering them to excel in cutting-edge technology and innovation, and

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences Professors Lambert Kanga, Ph.D., and Odemari Mbuya, Ph.D., were awarded grants in 2023 for their research in, respectively, “Developing the Next Generation of Minority Leaders in Pest Management for Agriculture and Food in a Changing Climate” and industrial hemp and chestnuts, which are considered to be economically viable and climate-smart crop options, and

WHEREAS, the dynamic FAMU Concert Choir excited audiences around Europe while on tour in Vienna, Austria, in late 2023 after receiving an invitation to be a part of the 2023 Festival Tour of Vienna Sings, and

WHEREAS, with 14 National Collegiate Athletic Association programs, 2023 was a stellar year of champions for FAMU Athletics as the FAMU Women’s tennis team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championship, the baseball team won its first SWAC baseball tournament championship, the women’s cross-country team won its first SWAC championship in its second year of membership, and, after dedicating the football field at Bragg Memorial Stadium to Ken Riley, an alumnus and professional football Hall of Famer, the football team won its first SWAC and Cricket Celebration Bowl HBCU National Championship titles, and

WHEREAS, FAMU honors the life and legacy of Barbara A. Cohen-Pippin, who built a career spanning more than 40 years, fulfilling pivotal roles in higher education and legislative affairs, and who came out of retirement to become director of government relations at FAMU, where her many accomplishments include leading the legislative effort to allocate construction funding for the Center for Access and Student Success and securing a program modification to facilitate construction of FAMU Towers, which will benefit students for decades to come, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That in recognition of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University’s contributions as an outstanding institution of higher education, February 21, 2024, is designated as “FAMU Day” in Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Larry Robinson, Ph.D., President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Powell recognized Kristin Harper, FAMU Board of Trustees Chair; Deveron Gibbons, FAMU Board of Trustees Vice Chair; Nicole Washington, FAMU Trustee; Larry Robinson, President of FAMU; Curtis Johnson, National Alumni President; and a host of students,

devoted alumni, faculty, and staff as they celebrate FAMU Day at the Capitol.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SENATOR TORRES PRESIDING

CS for SB 480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to energy infrastructure investment; amending s. 366.075, F.S.; authorizing the Public Service Commission to establish an experimental mechanism that meets certain requirements to facilitate certain energy infrastructure investment in gas; providing requirements for gas infrastructure investments; authorizing the commission to make certain determinations regarding the experimental mechanism; defining the term “gas”; requiring the commission to adopt rules and propose such rules by a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 480** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Madam President	Collins	Polsky
Albritton	DiCeglie	Powell
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Book	Gruters	Simon
Boyd	Harrell	Stewart
Bradley	Ingoglia	Thompson
Brodeur	Martin	Torres
Broxson	Mayfield	Trumbull
Burgess	Osgood	Wright
Burton	Perry	Yarborough
Calatayud	Pizzo	

Nays—2

Davis	Jones
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CS for SB 478—A bill to be entitled An act relating to designation of eligible telecommunications carriers; amending s. 364.10, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “eligible telecommunications carrier”; authorizing the Public Service Commission to designate certain entities as eligible telecommunications carriers for a specified purpose; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 478** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	Davis	Polsky
Albritton	DiCeglie	Powell
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Book	Gruters	Simon
Boyd	Harrell	Stewart
Bradley	Ingoglia	Thompson
Brodeur	Jones	Torres
Broxson	Martin	Trumbull
Burgess	Mayfield	Wright
Burton	Osgood	Yarborough
Calatayud	Perry	
Collins	Pizzo	

Nays—None

CS for CS for SB 312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses involving children; amending s. 90.803, F.S.; increasing the maximum age of a child victim of specified acts whose out-of-court

statements may be admissible in certain circumstances; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; providing that a first offense of specified sex trafficking offenses involving minors requires designation of the defendant as a sexual predator; reenacting ss. 16.713(1)(c), 39.0139(3)(a), 39.509(6)(b), 39.806(1)(d) and (n), 61.13(9)(c), 63.089(4)(b), 63.092(3), 68.07(3)(i) and (6), 92.55(1)(b), 320.02(4), 322.141(3), 322.19(1) and (2), 397.487(10)(b), 455.213(3)(b), 489.553(7), and 507.07(9), F.S., relating to the Florida Gaming Control Commission's appointment and employment restrictions, child visitation or other contact, grandparents' rights, grounds for termination of parental rights, support of children, proceedings to terminate parental rights pending adoption, report to the court of intended placement by an adoption entity, change of name, special protections in proceedings involving a victim or witness under 18, a person with intellectual disability, or a sexual offense victim, change of address on motor vehicle registration required, color or markings of certain licenses or identification cards, change of address or name on driver license or identification card, voluntary certification of recovery residences, general licensing provisions, administration of part III of ch. 489, F.S., and violations of ch. 507, F.S., respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 775.21, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 312**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 305** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Collins—

CS for HB 305—A bill to be entitled An act relating to offenses involving children; amending s. 90.803, F.S.; increasing the maximum age of a child victim of specified acts whose out of court statements may be admissible in certain circumstances; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; providing that a first offense of specified sex trafficking offenses involving minors requires designation of the defendant as a sexual predator; reenacting ss. 16.713(1)(c), 39.0139(3)(a), 39.509(6)(b), 39.806(1)(d) and (n), 61.13(9)(c), 63.089(4)(b), 63.092(3), 68.07(3)(i) and (6), 92.55(1)(b), 320.02(4), 322.141(3), 322.19(1) and (2), 397.487(10)(b), 455.213(3)(b), 489.553(7), and 507.07(9), F.S., relating to the Florida Gaming Control Commission's appointment and employment restrictions, child visitation or other contact, grandparents rights, grounds for termination of parental rights pending adoption, report to the court of intended placement by an adoption entity, change of name, special protections in proceedings involving victim or witness under 18, person with intellectual disability, or sexual offense victim, registration required, color or markings of certain licenses or identification cards, change of address or name, voluntary certification of recovery residences, general licensing provisions, administration of part III of ch. 489, F.S., and violations of ch. 507, F.S., respectively, to incorporate amendments made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 312** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 305** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingolia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

SB 174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans' long term care facilities admissions; amending s. 296.02, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 296.03, F.S.; revising eligibility for residency in the Veteran's Domiciliary Home of Florida to include specified individuals; amending s. 296.08, F.S.; adding such individuals to the priority of admittance schedule; amending s. 296.32, F.S.; revising the legislative purpose of part II of ch. 296, F.S., to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 296.33, F.S.; revising the definition of "resident"; amending s. 296.36, F.S.; revising the admission eligibility for veterans' nursing homes to include specified individuals; revising the priority of admissions to include such individuals; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Burgess, further consideration of **SB 174** was deferred.

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

CS for CS for SB 234—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disclosure of grand jury testimony; amending s. 905.27, F.S.; revising the list of persons prohibited from disclosing the testimony of a witness examined before, or the evidence received by, a grand jury; creating an exception for a request by the media or an interested person to the prohibited publishing, broadcasting, disclosing, divulging, or communicating of any testimony of a witness examined before the grand jury, or the content, gist, or import thereof; providing criminal penalties; providing construction; making technical changes; reenacting s. 905.17(1) and (2), F.S., relating to who may be present during a session of a grand jury, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 905.27, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 234**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 117** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Polsky—

CS for HB 117—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disclosure of grand jury testimony; amending s. 905.27, F.S.; revising the list of persons prohibited from disclosing the testimony of a witness examined before a grand jury or other evidence it receives; creating an exception for a request by the media or an interested person to the prohibited publishing, broadcasting, disclosing, divulging, or communicating of any testimony of a witness examined before the grand jury, or the content, gist, or import thereof; providing criminal penalties; providing construction; making technical changes; reenacting s. 905.17(1) and (2), F.S., relating to who may be present during a session of a grand jury, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 905.27, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 234** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Polsky, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 117** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Albritton	Collins	Mayfield
Avila	Davis	Osgood
Berman	DiCeglie	Perry
Book	Garcia	Pizzo
Boyd	Grall	Polsky
Bradley	Gruters	Powell
Brodeur	Harrell	Rodriguez
Broxson	Hutson	Rouson
Burgess	Ingolia	Simon
Burton	Jones	Stewart
Calatayud	Martin	Thompson

Torres Wright
Trumbull Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Madam President

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

Senator Polsky recognized former Senator Joseph Abruzzo, Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court, who was present in the chamber in support of CS for CS for SB 234, related to Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Polsky recognized Representative Gossett-Siedman who was present in the chamber in support of CS for CS for SB 234, related to Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony.

Consideration of **SB 534** was deferred.

CS for CS for SB 988—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 215.5587, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information contained in applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants to the Department of Financial Services as a part of the My Safe Florida Home Program; providing retroactive applicability; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 988** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Albritton	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Book	Grall	Powell
Boyd	Gruters	Rodriguez
Bradley	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hutson	Simon
Broxson	Ingolia	Stewart
Burgess	Jones	Torres
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	Mayfield	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough
Davis	Perry	

Nays—1

Berman

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Madam President, Thompson

CS for CS for SB 1136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the regulation of water resources; amending s. 373.323, F.S.; revising the qualification requirements a person must meet in order to take the water well contractor license examination; updating the reference to the Florida Building Code standards that a licensed water well contractor's work must meet; amending s. 373.333, F.S.; authorizing certain authorities who have been delegated enforcement powers by water management districts to apply disciplinary guidelines adopted by the districts; requiring that certain notices be delivered by certified, rather than registered, mail; making technical changes; amending s. 373.336, F.S.; prohibiting a person or business entity from advertising water well drilling or construction services in specified circumstances; amending s.

381.0065, F.S.; providing that the Department of Environmental Protection's variance review and advisory committee is not responsible for reviewing water well permitting; requiring the committee to consider certain requirements when making recommendations on variance requests for onsite sewage treatment and disposal system permits; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Trumbull, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 1136** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingolia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Book recognized Senator Trumbull whose birthday was this day.

CS for SB 554—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hot car death prevention; providing a short title; creating s. 683.336, F.S.; designating the month of April as "Hot Car Death Prevention Month"; providing that certain agencies and local governments are encouraged to sponsor events for a specified purpose; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 554**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 591** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Bradley—

CS for HB 591—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hot car death prevention; providing a short title; creating s. 683.336, F.S.; designating the month of April as "Hot Car Death Prevention Month"; encouraging specified entities to sponsor events to promote public awareness on the dangers of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle; providing methods to prevent hot car deaths; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 554** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 591** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Burgess	Harrell
Albritton	Burton	Hutson
Avila	Calatayud	Ingolia
Berman	Collins	Jones
Book	Davis	Martin
Boyd	DiCeglie	Mayfield
Bradley	Garcia	Osgood
Brodeur	Grall	Perry
Broxson	Gruters	Pizzo

Polsky	Simon	Trumbull
Powell	Stewart	Wright
Rodriguez	Thompson	Yarborough
Rouson	Torres	

Nays—None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Bradley recognized Ariya Renee Paige's parents, Justis and Brooke Paige; Ariya's grandparents; Ariya's great-grandparents; and family friends, who were present in the gallery in support of CS for SB 554, related to Hot Car Death Prevention.

SENATOR PERRY PRESIDING

SB 648—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a license or permit to operate a vehicle for hire; creating s. 320.0603, F.S.; providing that a person who holds a license or permit issued by a county or municipality to operate a vehicle for hire may operate a vehicle for hire in any other county or municipality without being subject to certain requirements or fees under certain circumstances; providing an exception for transportation services to and from an airport; defining the term "airport"; providing construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 648**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 377** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie—

HB 377—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a license or permit to operate a vehicle for hire; creating s. 320.0603, F.S.; providing that a person who holds a license or permit issued by a county or municipality to operate a vehicle for hire may operate a vehicle for hire in any other county or municipality without being subject to certain requirements or fees under certain circumstances; defining the term "airport"; providing construction and applicability; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 648** and read the second time by title.

Senator DiCeglie moved the following amendment:

Amendment 1 (289520) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 30-31 and insert:

section does not apply to an airport or seaport. For purposes of this section, the term "seaport" means those listed in s. 311.09(1), and the term "airport" includes an airport, airport

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 9 and insert: defining the terms "seaport" and "airport"; providing

Senator DiCeglie moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (289520)**, which was adopted:

Amendment 1A (675146) (with title amendment)—

In title, before line 13 insert: circumstances;

Amendment 1 (289520), as amended, was adopted.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **HB 377**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Berman	Bradley
Albritton	Book	Brodeur
Avila	Boyd	Broxson

Burgess	Hutson	Rodriguez
Burton	Ingoglia	Rouson
Calatayud	Jones	Simon
Collins	Martin	Stewart
Davis	Mayfield	Thompson
DiCeglie	Osgood	Torres
Garcia	Perry	Trumbull
Grall	Pizzo	Wright
Gruters	Polsky	Yarborough
Harrell	Powell	

Nays—None

SB 832—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment of individuals with disabilities; amending s. 413.80, F.S.; requiring the collection and sharing of data between multiple agencies for the inter-agency cooperative agreement under the Employment First Act; providing requirements for accountability measures; requiring the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to issue an annual statewide report by a specified date each year; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **SB 832** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

CS for SB 580—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safe exchange of minor children; providing a short title; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; providing requirements for a parenting plan relating to the exchange of a child; creating s. 61.455, F.S.; requiring the court to order the parties in a parenting plan to exchange their child at a neutral safe exchange location or at a location authorized by a supervised visitation program under certain circumstances; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to designate certain areas as neutral safe exchange locations; providing requirements for such areas; providing immunity from civil liability; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the form for an injunction for protection against domestic violence; requiring court-ordered injunctions for protection against domestic violence to designate certain locations for the exchange of a child of the parties under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 580**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 385** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Yarborough—

CS for CS for HB 385—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safe exchange of minor children; providing a short title; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; providing requirements for a parenting plan relating to the exchange of a child; creating s. 61.455, F.S.; requiring the court to order the parties in a parenting plan to exchange their child at a neutral safe exchange location or location authorized by a supervised visitation

program under certain circumstances; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to designate certain areas as neutral safe exchange locations; providing requirements for such areas; providing immunity from civil liability; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the form for an injunction for protection against domestic violence; requiring court-ordered injunctions for protection against domestic violence to designate certain locations for the exchange of a child of the parties under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 580** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 385** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	DiCeglie	Polsky
Albritton	Garcia	Powell
Avila	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Torres
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough
Collins	Perry	
Davis	Pizzo	

Nays—1

Berman

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Yarborough recognized Kirsty Sullivan, Andrea Cockerel, and Stacy Cole, who were present in the gallery in support of CS for SB 580, related to the Safe Exchange of Minor Children.

CS for CS for SB 632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taking of bears; providing a short title; creating s. 379.40411, F.S.; providing for the taking of bears without certain penalties under specified conditions; requiring the disposal of such bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and disposal of such bears or their parts; requiring the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 632**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 87** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Simon—

CS for HB 87—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taking of bears; providing a short title; creating s. 379.40411, F.S.; providing an exemption from penalties for the taking of bears without permits or authorizations under specified conditions; requiring the disposal of such bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and disposal of such bears; requiring the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 632** and read the second time by title.

Senator Simon moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (542244) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. *This act may be cited as the “Self Defense Act.”*

Section 2. Section 379.40411, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

379.40411 Taking of bears; use of lethal force in defense of person or certain property.—

(1) *A person is not subject to any administrative, civil, or criminal penalty for taking a bear with lethal force if:*

(a) *The person reasonably believed that his or her action was necessary to avoid an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to himself or herself or to another, an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to a pet, or substantial damage to a dwelling as defined in s. 776.013(5);*

(b) *The person did not lure the bear with food or attractants for an illegal purpose, including, but not limited to, training dogs to hunt bears;*

(c) *The person did not intentionally or recklessly place himself or herself or a pet in a situation in which he or she would be likely to need to use lethal force as described in paragraph (a); and*

(d) *The person notified the commission within 24 hours after he or she used lethal force to take the bear.*

(2) *A bear taken under this section must be disposed of by the commission. A person who takes a bear under this section may not possess, sell, or dispose of the bear or its parts.*

(3) *The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section.*

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to taking of bears; providing a short title; creating s. 379.40411, F.S.; providing for the taking of bears without certain penalties under specified conditions; requiring the disposal of such bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and disposal of such bears or their parts; requiring the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 87**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—24

Madam President	Burton	Ingoglia
Albritton	Calatayud	Martin
Avila	Collins	Mayfield
Boyd	DiCeglie	Rodriguez
Bradley	Grall	Simon
Brodeur	Gruters	Trumbull
Broxson	Harrell	Wright
Burgess	Hutson	Yarborough

Nays—12

Berman	Osgood	Rouson
Book	Pizzo	Stewart
Garcia	Polsky	Thompson
Jones	Powell	Torres

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Perry

Nay—Davis

Consideration of **CS for SB 7044** and **CS for SB 1142** was deferred.

On motion by Senator Grall—

CS for HB 1—A bill to be entitled An act relating to social media use for minors; creating s. 501.1736, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring social media platforms to prohibit certain minors from creating new accounts, to terminate certain accounts and provide additional options for termination of such accounts, to use reasonable age verification methods to verify the ages of account holders, and to disclose specified policies and provide specified resources, measures, and disclaimers; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing penalties; providing for private causes of actions; providing that certain social media platforms are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing that if a social media platform allows an account holder to use such platform, the parties have entered into a contract; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommended the following amendment which was moved by Senator Grall:

Amendment 1 (243784) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 501.1736, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1736 Social media use for minors.—

(1) *As used in this section, the term:*

(a) *“Account holder” means a resident who opens an account or creates a profile or is permitted to use or is identified by any other form of identification while using or accessing a social media platform when the social media platform knows or has reason to believe the resident is located in this state.*

(b) *“Addictive features” means features that are designed to cause an account holder to have an excessive or compulsive need to use or engage with the social media platform.*

(c) *“Daily active users” means the unique users in the United States who used the social media platform at least 80 percent of the days during the previous calendar year, or if the social media platform did not exist during the previous calendar year, the number of unique users in the United States who used the social media platform at least 80 percent of the days during the previous month.*

(d) *“Department” means the Department of Legal Affairs.*

(e) *“Reasonable age verification method” has the same meaning as in s. 501.1738.*

(f) *“Resident” means a person who lives in this state for more than 6 months of the year.*

(g) *“Social media platform” means an online forum, a website, or an application offered by an entity which does all of the following:*

1. *Uses algorithms that analyze user data or information on users whom the online forum, website, or application knows or has reason to believe are younger than 16 years of age to:*

a. *Select content for users; or*

b. *Target advertising toward users.*

2. *Has one or more of the following addictive features:*

a. *Infinite scrolling with continuous loading content, or content that loads as the user scrolls down the page without the need to open a separate page; or seamless content, or the use of pages with no visible or apparent breaks.*

b. *Push notifications or alerts sent by the online forum, website, or application to inform a user about specific activities or events related to the user’s account.*

c. *Display personal interactive metrics that indicate the number of times other users have clicked a button to indicate reaction to content or have shared or reposted the content.*

d. *Auto-play video or video that begins to play without the user first clicking on the video or on a play button for that video.*

e. *Live-streaming or a function that allows a user or advertiser to broadcast live video content in real-time.*

3. *Has 10 percent or more of daily active users younger than 16 years of age spending, on average, 2 hours per day on the online forum, website, or application.*

4. *Allows a user to upload content or view the content or activity of other users.*

The term does not include an online service, a website, or an application where the exclusive function is e-mail or direct messaging consisting of text, photographs, pictures, images, or videos shared only between the sender and the recipients, without displaying or posting publicly or to other users not specifically identified as the recipients by the sender.

(2)(a) *A social media platform shall do all of the following:*

1. *Prohibit a minor who is younger than 16 years of age from entering into a contract with a social media platform to become an account holder.*

2. *Use reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of each account holder on the social media platform at the time a new account is created. If an account holder fails to verify his or her age, the social media platform must deny the account.*

3. *Use a reasonable age verification method to perform age verification that ensures that the requirements of s. 501.1738 are met.*

(b) *For existing accounts, a social media platform shall do the following:*

1. *Terminate any account that the social media platform knows or has reason to believe is held by an account holder younger than 16 years of age, including accounts that the social media platform treats or categorizes as belonging to an account holder who is likely younger than 16 years of age for purposes of targeting content or advertising, and provide a minimum of 90 days for an account holder to dispute such termination by verifying his or her age.*

2. *Allow an account holder younger than 16 years of age to request to terminate the account. Termination must be effective within 5 business days after such request.*

3. *Allow the confirmed parent or guardian of an account holder younger than 16 years of age to request the minor’s account be terminated. Termination must be effective within 10 business days after such request.*

4. *Permanently delete all personal information held by the social media platform relating to the terminated account, unless there are legal requirements to maintain such information.*

(3)(a) *Any violation of subsection (2) is deemed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department against a social media platform. If the department has reason to believe that a social media platform is in violation of subsection (2), the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against such platform for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to other remedies under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation.*

(b) *A third party that performs age verification for a social media platform in violation of s. 501.1738 is deemed to have committed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department against such third party. If the department has reason to believe that the third party is in violation of s. 501.1738, the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against such third party for an unfair or deceptive act or practice.*

For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to other remedies under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation.

(4)(a) A social media platform that violates subparagraph (2)(b)2. or subparagraph (2)(b)3. for failing to terminate an account within the required time after being notified to do so by the minor account holder or a confirmed parent or guardian is liable to such minor account holder for such access, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court. Claimants may be awarded up to \$10,000 in damages.

(b) A civil action for a claim under this subsection must be brought within 1 year after the violation.

(5) Any action brought under subsection (3) or subsection (4) may only be brought on behalf of a minor account holder.

(6) For purposes of bringing an action in accordance with subsection (3) or subsection (4), a social media platform that allows a minor account holder younger than 16 years of age to create an account on such platform is considered to be both engaged in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and operating, conducting, engaging in, or carrying on a business and doing business in this state, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

(7) If a social media platform allows an account holder to use the social media platform, the parties have entered into a contract.

(8) This section does not preclude any other available remedy at law or equity.

(9) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. Section 501.1737, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1737 Age verification for online access to materials harmful to minors.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Commercial entity” includes a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, a limited partnership, a sole proprietorship, and any other legally recognized entity.

(b) “Department” means the Department of Legal Affairs.

(c) “Distribute” means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(d) “Material harmful to minors” means any material that:

1. The average person applying contemporary community standards would find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

2. Depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct as specifically defined in s. 847.001(19); and

3. When taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(e) “News-gathering organization” means any of the following:

1. A newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or published online or on a mobile platform, engaged in reporting current news and matters of public interest, and an employee thereof who can provide documentation of such employment.

2. A radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service, and an employee thereof who can provide documentation of such employment.

(f) “Publish” means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available website or application.

(g) “Reasonable age verification methods” has the same meaning as in s. 501.1738.

(h) “Resident” means a person who lives in this state for more than 6 months of the year.

(i) “Substantial portion” means more than 33.3 percent of total material on a website or application.

(2) A commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application, if the website or application contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors, must perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of a person attempting to access the material is 18 years of age or older and prevent access to the material by a person younger than 18 years of age.

(3) A commercial entity or third party that performs reasonable age verification methods may not retain any personal identifying information of the person seeking online access to material harmful to minors any longer than is reasonably necessary to verify the age of the person. Any personal identifying information collected for age verification may not be used for any other purpose.

(4)(a) This section does not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event and does not affect the rights of a news-gathering organization.

(b) An Internet service provider or its affiliates or subsidiaries, a search engine, or a cloud service provider does not violate this section solely for providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the Internet or a facility, system, or network not under the provider’s control, including transmission, downloading, intermediate storage, or access software, to the extent the provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication which constitutes material harmful to minors.

(5)(a) Any violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3) is deemed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department on behalf of a resident minor against a commercial entity. If the department has reason to believe that a commercial entity is in violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3), the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against the commercial entity for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to any other remedy under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation of this section.

(b) A commercial entity that violates subsection (2) for failing to prohibit or block a minor from future access to material harmful to minors after a report of unauthorized or unlawful access is liable to the minor for such access, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court. Claimants may be awarded up to \$10,000 in damages. A civil action for a claim under this paragraph must be brought within 1 year after the violation.

(c) Any action under this subsection may only be brought on behalf of or by a resident minor.

(6) For purposes of bringing an action under subsection (5), a commercial entity that publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application, if the website or application contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors and such website or application is available to be accessed in this state, is considered to be both engaged in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and operating, conducting, engaging in, or carrying on a business and doing business in this state, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

(7) This section does not preclude any other available remedy at law or equity.

(8) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 3. Section 501.1738, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1738 Reasonable age verification.—

(1) As used in this section, the term “reasonable age verification method” means a commercially reasonable method used by a government agency or a business for the purpose of age verification which is con-

ducted by a nongovernmental, independent, third-party organized under the laws of a state of the United States which:

(a) Has its principal place of business in a state of the United States; and

(b) Is not owned or controlled by a company formed in a foreign country, a government of a foreign country, or any other entity formed in a foreign country.

(2) A third party conducting age verification pursuant to ss. 501.1736 and 501.1737:

(a) May not retain personal identifying information used to verify age once the age of an account holder or a person seeking an account has been verified.

(b) May not use personal identifying information used to verify age for any other purpose.

(c) Must keep anonymous any personal identifying information used to verify age. Such information may not be shared or otherwise communicated to any person.

(d) Must protect personal identifying information used to verify age from unauthorized or illegal access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure through reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the personal information.

Section 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to online protections for minors; creating s. 501.1736, F.S.; defining terms; requiring social media platforms to prohibit certain minors from creating new accounts, to use reasonable age verification methods to verify the ages of account holders, and to terminate certain accounts and provide additional options for termination of such accounts; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing penalties; providing for private causes of actions; providing that certain social media platforms are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing that if a social media platform allows an account holder to use such platform, the parties have entered into a contract; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 501.1737, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a commercial entity that publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application that contains a substantial portion of such material to perform reasonable age verification methods and prevent access to such material by minors; prohibiting the retention of certain personal identifying information; providing applicability and construction; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring an action for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing civil penalties; providing for private causes of action; providing that certain commercial entities are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 501.1738, F.S.; defining the term “reasonable age verification method”; providing requirements for a third party conducting age verification pursuant to certain provisions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Senator Grall moved the following substitute amendment:

Substitute Amendment 2 (901464) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 501.1736, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1736 Social media use for minors.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Account holder” means a resident who opens an account or creates a profile or is identified by the social media platform by a unique identifier while using or accessing a social media platform when the social media platform knows or has reason to believe the resident is located in this state.

(b) “Addictive features” means features associated with an account holder having an excessive or compulsive need to use or engage with the social media platform.

(c) “Anonymous age verification method” has the same meaning as in s. 501.1738.

(d) “Daily active users” means the unique users in the United States who used the social media platform at least 80 percent of the days during the previous 12 months, or if the social media platform did not exist during the previous 12 months, the number of unique users in the United States who used the social media platform at least 80 percent of the days during the previous month.

(e) “Department” means the Department of Legal Affairs.

(f) “Resident” means a person who lives in this state for more than 6 months of the year.

(g) “Social media platform” means an online forum, a website, or an application offered by an entity which allows a user to upload content or view the content or activity of other users and which does any of the following:

1. Uses algorithms that analyze user data or information on users to select content for users; or

2. Has any of the following addictive features:

a. Infinite scrolling with continuous loading content, or content that loads as the user scrolls down the page without the need to open a separate page; or seamless content, or the use of pages with no visible or apparent breaks.

b. Push notifications or alerts sent by the online forum, website, or application to inform a user about specific activities or events related to the user’s account.

c. Displays personal interactive metrics that indicate the number of times other users have clicked a button to indicate their reaction to content or have shared or reposted the content.

d. Auto-play video or video that begins to play without the user first clicking on the video or on a play button for that video.

e. Live-streaming or a function that allows a user or advertiser to broadcast live video content in real-time.

The term does not include an online service, a website, or an application where the exclusive function is e-mail or direct messaging consisting of text, photographs, pictures, images, or videos shared only between the sender and the recipients, without displaying or posting publicly or to other users not specifically identified as the recipients by the sender.

(h) “Standard age verification method” means any commercially reasonable method of age verification approved by the social media platform.

(2)(a) A social media platform that uses any of the design features specified in subparagraphs (1)(g)1. and 2. on the daily active users on the social media platform who are younger than 16 years of age and that has had 10 percent or more of such daily active users spend, on average, at least 2 hours per day on the social media platform shall do all of the following:

1. Prohibit a minor who is younger than 16 years of age from entering into a contract with a social media platform to become an account holder.

2. Verify the age of each account holder on the social media platform at the time a new account is created. If an account holder fails to verify his or her age, the social media platform must deny the account. Either an anonymous age verification method or a standard method must be

used to verify age. The social media platform shall offer an anonymous age verification method and may offer a standard age verification method. If both methods are offered, a potential account holder may select which method will be used to verify his or her age.

3. If age verification is performed using an anonymous age verification method, ensure that the requirements of s. 501.1738 are met.

(b) A social media platform that uses any of the design features specified in subparagraphs (1)(g)1. and 2. on the daily active users on the social media platform who are younger than 16 years of age and that has had 10 percent or more of such daily active users spend, on average, at least 2 hours per day on the social media platform shall do the following for existing accounts:

1. Terminate any account that the social media platform knows or has reason to believe is held by an account holder younger than 16 years of age, including accounts that the social media platform treats or categorizes as belonging to an account holder who is likely younger than 16 years of age for purposes of targeting content or advertising, and provide a minimum of 90 days for an account holder to dispute such termination by verifying his or her age.

2. Allow an account holder younger than 16 years of age to request to terminate the account. Termination must be effective within 5 business days after such request.

3. Allow the confirmed parent or guardian of an account holder younger than 16 years of age to request the minor's account be terminated. Termination must be effective within 10 business days after such request.

4. Permanently delete all personal information held by the social media platform relating to the terminated account, unless there are legal requirements to maintain such information.

(3)(a) Any knowing or reckless violation of subsection (2) is deemed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department against a social media platform. If the department has reason to believe that a social media platform is in violation of subsection (2), the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against such platform for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to other remedies under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation and reasonable attorney fees and court costs. When the social media platform's failure to comply with subsection (2) is a consistent pattern of knowing or reckless conduct, punitive damages may be assessed against the social media platform.

(b) A third party that knowingly or recklessly performs age verification for a social media platform in violation of s. 501.1738 is deemed to have committed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department against such third party. If the department has reason to believe that the third party is in violation of s. 501.1738, the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against such third party for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to other remedies under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation and reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

(4)(a) A social media platform that knowingly or recklessly violates subparagraph (2)(b)2. or subparagraph (2)(b)3. for failing to terminate an account within the required time after being notified to do so by the minor account holder or a confirmed parent or guardian is liable to such minor account holder for failing to terminate the account, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court. Claimants may be awarded up to \$10,000 in damages.

(b) A civil action for a claim under this subsection must be brought within 1 year after the violation.

(5) Any action brought under subsection (3) or subsection (4) may only be brought on behalf of a minor account holder.

(6) For purposes of bringing an action in accordance with subsection (3) or subsection (4), a social media platform that allows a minor account

holder younger than 16 years of age to create an account on such platform is considered to be both engaged in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and operating, conducting, engaging in, or carrying on a business and doing business in this state, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

(7) If a social media platform allows an account holder to use the social media platform, the parties have entered into a contract.

(8) This section does not preclude any other available remedy at law or equity.

(9) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. Section 501.1737, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1737 Age verification for online access to materials harmful to minors.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Anonymous age verification method" has the same meaning as in s. 501.1738.

(b) "Commercial entity" includes a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, a limited partnership, a sole proprietorship, and any other legally recognized entity.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Legal Affairs.

(d) "Distribute" means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(e) "Material harmful to minors" means any material that:

1. The average person applying contemporary community standards would find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

2. Depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct as specifically defined in s. 847.001(19); and

3. When taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(f) "News-gathering organization" means any of the following:

1. A newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or published online or on a mobile platform, engaged in reporting current news and matters of public interest, and an employee thereof who can provide documentation of such employment.

2. A radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service, and an employee thereof who can provide documentation of such employment.

(g) "Publish" means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available website or application.

(h) "Resident" means a person who lives in this state for more than 6 months of the year.

(i) "Standard age verification method" means any commercially reasonable method of age verification approved by the commercial entity.

(j) "Substantial portion" means more than 33.3 percent of total material on a website or application.

(2) A commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application, if the website or application contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors, must use either an anonymous age verification method or a standard age verification method to verify that the age of a person attempting to access the material is 18 years of age or older and prevent access to the material by a person younger than 18 years of age. The commercial entity must offer an anonymous age verification method and may offer a standard age verification method. If both methods are offered, a person attempting to access the material may select which method will be used to verify his or her age.

(3) A commercial entity must ensure that the requirements of s. 501.1738 are met.

(4)(a) This section does not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event and does not affect the rights of a news-gathering organization.

(b) An Internet service provider or its affiliates or subsidiaries, a search engine, or a cloud service provider does not violate this section solely for providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the Internet or a facility, system, or network not under the provider's control, including transmission, downloading, intermediate storage, or access software, to the extent the provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication which constitutes material harmful to minors.

(5)(a) Any violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3) is deemed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department on behalf of a resident minor against a commercial entity. If the department has reason to believe that a commercial entity is in violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3), the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against the commercial entity for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to any other remedy under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation and reasonable attorney fees and court costs. When the commercial entity's failure to comply with subsection (2) or subsection (3) is a consistent pattern of conduct of the commercial entity, punitive damages may be assessed against the commercial entity.

(b) A third party that performs age verification for a commercial entity in violation of s. 501.1738 is deemed to have committed an unfair and deceptive trade practice actionable under part II of this chapter solely by the department against such third party. If the department has reason to believe that the third party is in violation of s. 501.1738, the department, as the enforcing authority, may bring an action against such third party for an unfair or deceptive act or practice. For the purpose of bringing an action pursuant to this section, ss. 501.211 and 501.212 do not apply. In addition to other remedies under part II of this chapter, the department may collect a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 per violation and reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

(c) A commercial entity that violates subsection (2) for failing to prohibit or block a minor from future access to material harmful to minors after a report of unauthorized or unlawful access is liable to the minor for such access, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court. Claimants may be awarded up to \$10,000 in damages. A civil action for a claim under this paragraph must be brought within 1 year after the violation.

(d) Any action under this subsection may only be brought on behalf of or by a resident minor.

(6) For purposes of bringing an action under subsection (5), a commercial entity that publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application, if the website or application contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors and such website or application is available to be accessed in this state, is considered to be both engaged in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and operating, conducting, engaging in, or carrying on a business and doing business in this state, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state.

(7) This section does not preclude any other available remedy at law or equity.

(8) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 3. Section 501.1738, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.1738 *Anonymous age verification.*—

(1) As used in this section, the term “anonymous age verification method” means a commercially reasonable method used by a government agency or a business for the purpose of age verification which is conducted by a nongovernmental, independent third party organized under the laws of a state of the United States which:

(a) Has its principal place of business in a state of the United States; and

(b) Is not owned or controlled by a company formed in a foreign country, a government of a foreign country, or any other entity formed in a foreign country.

(2) A third party conducting age verification pursuant to ss. 501.1736 and 501.1737:

(a) May not retain personal identifying information used to verify age once the age of an account holder or a person seeking an account has been verified.

(b) May not use personal identifying information used to verify age for any other purpose.

(c) Must keep anonymous any personal identifying information used to verify age. Such information may not be shared or otherwise communicated to any person.

(d) Must protect personal identifying information used to verify age from unauthorized or illegal access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure through reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the personal information.

Section 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to online protections for minors; creating s. 501.1736, F.S.; defining terms; requiring certain social media platforms to prohibit certain minors from creating new accounts and to verify the age of account holders; specifying the age verification methods the social media platform is required and authorized to offer; requiring certain social media platforms to terminate certain accounts and provide additional options for termination of such accounts; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions for knowing or reckless violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing penalties; authorizing punitive damages under certain circumstances; providing for private causes of action; providing that certain social media platforms are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing that if a social media platform allows an account holder to use such platform, the parties have entered into a contract; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 501.1737, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on a website or application that contains a substantial portion of such material to use certain verification methods and prevent access to such material by minors; providing applicability and construction; authorizing the department to bring an action for violations under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing civil penalties; authorizing punitive damages under certain circumstances; providing for private causes of action; providing that certain commercial entities are subject to the jurisdiction of state courts; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 501.1738, F.S.; defining the term “anonymous age verification method”; providing requirements for a third party conducting age verification pursuant to certain provisions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Polsky moved the following amendment to **Substitute Amendment 2 (901464)** which failed:

Amendment 2A (193630) (with title amendment)—Between lines 108 and 109 insert:

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), a social media platform shall allow a minor who is younger than 16 years of age to create or

maintain an account on the social media platform if he or she shows that not having access to the platform will negatively impact his or her professional development, financial well-being, or employment.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 337 and insert: accounts; requiring such platforms to allow access to certain minors upon a showing of a specified negative impact of denial or termination of an account; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs

Substitute Amendment 2 (901464) was adopted.

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for HB 1**, as amended, was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the rules were waived and time of adjournment was extended until completion of today's business.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SENATOR TORRES

At the direction of the President, the Senate proceeded to the recognition of Senator Victor M. Torres, Jr., honoring his years of service to the Senate as he approaches the completion of his term for the 25th Senate District.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced Senator Torres' wife, Carmen; daughter, former Representative Amy Mercado, Orange County Property Appraiser; granddaughters, Rebekah Verdejo and Carin Rae; grandson-in-law, Justin Rae; and great-grandson, Jayden Verdejo, who were present in the chamber.

The President introduced Senator Torres' staff members, Al Yorston, Debra Booth, Julian Cintron, and Cecilia Figueroa; former legislative aide, LaToya Sheals; and interns, Kemely Napoles and Laurencio Gerena; and Nikki Slusher and Kira Romero-Craft, who were present in the chamber.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A video tribute was played honoring Senator Torres.

REMARKS

On motion by Senator Mayfield, by two-thirds vote, the following remarks by Senator Torres were ordered spread upon the Journal.

Senator Torres: You know, I'm so humbled to be here. It's a long road, and when you walk in these shoes, you get to appreciate where God has put you. Sometimes we say, "It's God's path where to put you." As a public servant, we've heard over and over again here—40 years as a public servant, serving the community, serving my country, serving my state, in New York, serving here in the State of Florida—you can't beat that. That will always stay with us because we never expected this. This was a path that was unknown to us, and it's due to her, my daughter. These are things that happen to us as we go along.

You know, Senator Albritton, I wish you the best—your incoming leadership. You're going to be an awesome leader. You're going to be busy—let's put it that way.

I notice that Senator Baxley is not here today; Senator Hooper is not here—my friends that I respect. And you know what—that's the whole thing of this. You respect each other.

Senator Berman, it was always an honor, even in the House. We were the Whips in the House, remember? "Hey, Vic, you've got to get up, whip them up." And I said, "Whip who up?" It was one of those things, you

know. I was trying to get people to get involved, to pay attention, not to stray.

Senator Boyd, you are a gentleman. You have that aura—you do. When you say, "Vic, how is this bill?" I mean, many of you do it, but I know Jim does it as well.

Senator Brodeur, we worked Central Florida on many issues—we need to work on more.

Senator Broxson is the Chair of Appropriations. Well, sir, you're not only a true gentleman, but also you have the purse strings on our budget policies. Please make them happen for our Central Florida people.

Senator Harrell, Lady in Red, you are consistent. Senator Harrell, you have that tenacity. Watching you, I go, "Uh-oh, look out." I remember once presenting a bill in front of Senator Harrell, and I was like, "Oh, Lord." You know, she starts itching here, itching there, and asking you questions. You're like, "You better be prepared." I tell my staff, "Listen, I don't want to get caught because Senator Harrell's going to be questioning me on this bill." But, you're a great Senator. You do a lot. Gracias.

Senator Hutson, the Dean. He was in the House when I was in the House, and he got promoted to the Senate. Wish him a lot of luck.

My friend, Senator Shev Jones. You've got a career, my friend. You've got a career. This is just a stepping stone for you, man. You know, you're getting what's going on, but I see a future for you, a big future. You're a young man, you're powerful, articulate, and your words carry a lot of weight. I listen to you—you're going to go a long way.

Senator Powell, what can I say about you? I've heard Bobby singing in our Caucus Room—sometimes he comes in singing a tune, a hymn, or something—he's inspiring. He comes in and he's not singing—so I say, "Okay, Bobby, you're doing good today, right?" He says, "Yeah."

Then we have Senator Rouson. Senator Rouson—a man. You are undeniably well spoken. You get the attention of members when you speak even though you take your time while saying it. Perfect because I listen to you, and I'm inspired. When I hear you talk, I'm like, "He's right, man. You know?" You just touch on the things that sometimes you wish you could say, and you say it.

Senator Thompson, I forgot about that bill when I was a driver for LYNX and they would say, "You're the political corrector for ATU 1596 for Central Florida. Go talk to the Senator, and see if she can get a bill for us drivers." It was a relief bill, you know, driving a bus—six hours, five hours, and you need a break. I was there. I went through the same thing. Yes, you did have procedures but she was instrumental in getting us a law that they had to implement—for the whole state by the way—because you have bus drivers, school bus drivers throughout the State of Florida. So, her bill helped a lot of us.

Linda Stewart, we worked together in Central Florida on many occasions, even when she was a county commissioner. You're going to go a long way.

What can I say about my friend, Tom Wright? As a chair several times—a man who wasn't a veteran, but his dedication for veterans is enormous—I mean, folks, that man there—if you are talking about looking out for veterans, we're veterans, the four of us. That man pushes the button. That man, Tom Wright, stands up for every veteran—1.4 million veterans in the State of Florida. There's the man that stands up all the time for veterans, fighting for them. I'm proud to be called his friend because he's really a great guy.

I want to say to my veteran colleagues—Avila, Collins, Danny—I remember when you honored me on the 50th anniversary, Veterans of Vietnam. Oh, man, you guys caught me off guard. My staff knew about it, but I didn't know. I just broke down over here. You guys are the true advocates of veterans—you fight for veterans every day, and I'm proud to call you my friend as well.

I know the FDV—Bob Asztolas, from the FDV up there. "The Hammer," General James Hartsell, is in Washington. The Colonel's up there with him. That organization, folks, does a hell of a lot in the State of Florida. You're talking to a guy that uses the FDV in Lake Nona at the

hospital. My case worker, Bob Asztolas, I can call him on a Sunday, and tell him, "Bob, I've got a constituent, and her husband is going through a problem. We need to put him in a nursing home. He's 6'5" over 200 pounds. The wife can't deal with him." He makes it happen. I got a call from a friend from another state, about somebody here in Florida. He took care of it for that family.

I want to say to Senator Pizzo, "You're one of a kind, brother." There's no other—you have tenacity and you have that ability. If people stop to listen to you, they realize where you're coming from, where your heart is. Because you told them about my public service, but you have that ambition to help in different locations, in different areas. You did it during the time we had COVID, we had unemployment, and we had families struggling. When Surfside collapsed, you were there—not to showboat. You wanted to make sure those families were taken care of, the ones who were suffering at that time. You have a big heart, my man, and you have two beautiful sons. They have a great dad to follow. God bless you, man.

Senator Book, I want to thank you personally for when you passed that bill for PTSD for the veterans. That was big. I had tried to do it the session before—it didn't work out. Senator Book made sure that was passed, and I thank you for it because a lot of military need to know that this is in the books for them.

President Passidomo, I appreciate how you keep this chamber, under your presidency, with dignity, fairness and, above all, kindness. I remember in my freshman year, you were the chair for the Ethics and Elections Committee. So, they said to me, "You know, Vic, if you don't like a nominee, you can request to ask them questions, and have them call you." I said, "Okay." So I said, "Senator, I want this candidate to call me so I can ask some questions." Well, the candidate wasn't happy because I asked some questions. They were upset. They said, "You can't ask me these questions—you have no right." Then Senator Passidomo said to the person, "He has every right. You're a nominee. He sits on the committee, and he has a right to ask you questions that pertain to your candidacy. If there's something you have to answer, the Senator has the right." She had my back. Senator Passidomo had my back. Senator Passidomo hung up, called me back, and said, "Senator Torres, I apologize." I said, "No, no, it wasn't you, Madam Chair—this person just didn't believe that I had the right to ask any questions."

I want to thank Secretary Tracy Cantella for all the work that you and your staff do. I've always watched how dedicated you all are with the work that you do. All of you, in case you're not here—make sure that Senator Victor Torres looks behind the scenes because, behind the scenes is not happening here without your input, without your help, and without your expertise. Everything that you do here exemplifies to every Senator here your dedication to a job well done. I thank you for the job you do here—all of you.

Sergeant Kelly, Zane, Dustin, Antonio, Maurice, Morgan, and all the others who are always watching our backs and watching where we go in and out of this building. During Christmas, I had my son come down from New York. My son, grandkids, and I called the Sergeant up. I said, "Sergeant, can I come in here with my grandkids? They came from New York for Christmas. Can I get them to see the chamber and my office?" So, we did a road trip—we came up from Orlando. Everything was shut down, but the Sergeant opened the doors for me and my grandkids. I don't know if you guys have been here for Christmas, but there's a huge Christmas tree. So my grandkids went, "Oh, well, look at that." I said, "Yeah, no gifts under there, don't worry about that." He was so cordial. He met my son who is a sergeant at NYPD, New York. He is a veteran. He served in the Air Force and is still in the reserves. The Sergeant went out of his way for my family. We've known each other now going on eight years. This man has always shown dignity and respect in the job that he does. You should continue your job as long as God gives you the health for you to do the job. The men and women that work under you exemplify what you are all about. I thank you, Sergeant Kelly, for what you do.

I want to get over here to my staff. Debra Booth is the Chief of Staff in Orlando. She is what we call "the queen of Orange County politics." She has worked for every elected official from Congress members to mayor to city and county commissioners for more than four decades. That lady right there is a true worker and a true friend. God bless you. Thank you, Debra.

I also have Cecilia Figueroa. She worked for Senator and, now, Congressman Darren Soto. I was fortunate enough to coax her back into the Senate last year. She has been an awesome worker. She has gone beyond the call of duty, and she is a veteran as well, by the way. She served in the Army. Thank you, Cecilia.

I have Julian Cintron. Julian grew up in Puerto Rico, worked with State Representatives Joy Goff-Marcil and Carlos Guillermo Smith before joining my staff last session. He has adapted really well in Appropriations and getting my appropriations money drafted. Julian, thank you for everything you do.

Last but not least, the Chief of Staff—the go-to guy. I don't know what I would do without him. Sometimes I feel he's got too much power, man. He is a wealth of knowledge. He is somebody that keeps me in line. He says, "Don't be rough, Senator, stay straight. You've got to do this and you've got to work on this." He has close to 20 years or more in the legislative process, from counties to here in the Legislature. I think he was here when they built the building, too, because he has been around that long. I think he is a tremendous asset, not only to me. He has the ability to communicate with a lot of you and communicate with my family as well. So, he's a man that you can call on a Saturday or Sunday night and say, "Hey, I got this, or something came in." Many of you know, sometimes, we have constituents with issues. That is my go-to guy, right there. I love you, Al. Thank you for everything you do. I appreciate your loyalty and your service to us in the community. Thank you, again.

I want to thank my constituents most of all, for the last 12 years in Osceola and Orange Counties. Living in Senate District 25, I am truly grateful for your trust in me, and the opportunity to serve you. I can't say enough of my heart and my loyalty to you as constituents. When I say my background is my experience, I say that because when I drove the school bus, I saw kids who were suffering, who weren't dressed properly, who were hungry, and who needed health care. When I drove the city bus, I noticed the elderly and veterans going to their appointments, trying to get a ride on the bus because they didn't have the money. That's what I bring to the table. I may not be an expert on your bill, but I try to get the information—because I know the people out there who are going to be affected by it. They come back to me. The Senate passed Senate Bill 102, affordable housing, with lots of fighting. I say, "Never give up." We want to make sure we get a piece of that pie. I want a piece of that pie for Central Florida. I know all of you want a piece of pie for your constituents—affordable housing. We all know we are in dire need of affordability. Affordability for who? Teachers, firefighters, police, health care workers, and veterans. How many veterans are out there homeless? We have to dedicate ourselves to do this. I am honored to serve the community and the people of Osceola and Orange Counties—the long part of Orange County.

Before I close, there is a speech I would like to give from somebody I admire, John F. Kennedy, on what makes a great leader:

"First, were we truly men of courage—with the courage to stand up to one's enemies—and the courage to stand up, when necessary, to one's associates—the courage to resist public pressure, as well as private greed?

Secondly, were we truly men of judgment—with perceptive judgment of the future as well as the past—of our own mistakes as well as the mistakes of others—with enough wisdom to know that we did not know, and enough candor to admit it?

Third—were we truly men of integrity—men who never ran out on either the principles in which they believed or the people who believed in them—men who believed in us—men whom neither financial gain nor political ambition could ever divert from the fulfillment of our sacred trust?

Finally, were we truly men of dedication—with an honor mortgaged to no single individual or group, and compromised by no private obligation or aim, but devoted solely to serving the public good and the national interest."

These words have guided me over and over again, and if you come to my office, you will see the portrait of JFK. It is in a cloth-type material made decades ago. When I saw it, it was in Representative Batchelor's

office—he had it in a box, and I said, “You want that?” He said, “No, you can take it.” I had it put in a frame.

Now, I want to talk about my family, who is here with me today. Without whom, none of this would be possible. Please join me in welcoming my granddaughter, Rebekah, and my great-grandchild, Jayden—he’s over there by Amy. I have Carin, my granddaughter, her husband, Justin Rae, who is a firefighter in Seminole County, and finished probation. Holding the baby is Mimi—former Representative, Amy Mercado, Orange County Property Appraiser. Then, to my right here, for 34 years, a staunch supporter. You know how you get home, and your wife asks you, “How did it go today?” All I hear is, “Why did you vote on that bill—how come you didn’t say this?” Or, “How did you forget that?” And I say, “Give me a break.” She is 110 percent. She follows what goes on for years—not from last year or two years ago—for years. My wife has been active, she has been watching, and she wanted to make sure the community that we represent knows what we stand for. You can’t ask for a better companion for years, to continue the fight.

Many of my constituents at home asked me, “Hey Senator Torres, or Vic, you’re going to be sitting at home and taking time.” I said, “No. You know that movie that came out with Morgan Freeman, *Driving Miss Daisy*? Well, I am going to be ‘Driving Miss Carmen.’” Because we do have ladies who are seated here and, they do a bang-up job, too. They are good, and they do what needs to be taken care of.

I thank you, Madam President. I know it was a long day, and I’m sorry I am taking such a long time, but this doesn’t just come every day. We’ve still got a week or two to go. I want to call to everybody here—I care for all of you because I don’t wish you ill will. That’s just not me. I feel that we get along, we have a life to live, and all I can wish you is the best in your future for all of you. We all need to work together. On this video, I have some songs, man. I tell you, I had a whole list of songs I could play, but they told me I had *Alabama*. I don’t know anyone from Alabama. You know why, because it brought back memories of being in the service, thinking of back home.

Before I forget, Madam President, I have some friends from the House up here. Representatives Susan Valdés, Johanna López, Rita Harris, and newly elected, Tom Keen. Stand up. Anyway, thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity. You are really gracious, and you really have demonstrated to me your personality and your integrity. I thank you, again, for the opportunity.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Senate, the President presented Senator Torres with a framed ceremonial copy of SB 858 (2023) Benefits, Training, and Employment for Veterans and their Spouses, ch. 2023-161, Laws of Florida, which was sponsored by Senator Torres and became law during his legislative career. This bill from the 2023 Regular Session expands the purposes of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs and Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to include veterans’ spouses.

The President also presented Senator Torres’ wife, Carmen, with a gift on behalf of the Senate.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, continued

On motion by Senator Grall—

CS for HB 1377—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 501.1736, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs of certain social media violations; authorizing the department to disclose such information for specified purposes; providing a definition; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommended the following amendment which was moved by Senator Grall and adopted:

Amendment 1 (698496) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Present subsection (9) of section 501.1736, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1 or similar legislation, 2024 Regular Session, is redesignated as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

501.1736 Social media use for minors.—

(9)(a) *All information held by the department pursuant to a notification of a violation under this section or an investigation of a violation of this section is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, until such time as the investigation is completed or ceases to be active. This exemption shall be construed in conformity with s. 119.071(2)(c).*

(b) *During an active investigation, information made confidential and exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) may be disclosed by the department:*

1. *In the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities;*

2. *For print, publication, or broadcast if the department determines that such release would assist in notifying the public or locating or identifying a person that the department believes to be a victim of an improper use or disposal of customer records, except that information made confidential and exempt by paragraph (c) may not be released pursuant to this subparagraph; or*

3. *To another governmental entity in the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities.*

(c) *Upon completion of an investigation or once an investigation ceases to be active, the following information held by the department shall remain confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:*

1. *Information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.*

2. *Personal identifying information.*

3. *A computer forensic report.*

4. *Information that would otherwise reveal weaknesses in the data security of a social media platform.*

5. *Information that would disclose the proprietary information of a social media platform.*

(d) *For purposes of this section, the term “proprietary information” means information that:*

1. *Is owned or controlled by the social media platform.*

2. *Is intended to be private and is treated by the social media platform as private because disclosure would harm the social media platform or its business operations.*

3. *Has not been disclosed except as required by law or a private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.*

4. *Is not publicly available or otherwise readily ascertainable through proper means from another source in the same configuration as received by the department.*

5. *Reveals competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive advantage of the social media platform that is the subject of the information.*

(e) *This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.*

Section 2. *The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all information held by the Department of Legal Affairs pursuant to a notification of a violation of s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes, or an investigation of a violation of that section, be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution for the following reasons:*

(1) *A notification of a violation of s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes, may result in an investigation of such violation. The premature release of such information could frustrate or thwart the investigation and impair the ability of the department to effectively and efficiently administer s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes. In addition, release of such information before completion of an active investigation could jeopardize the ongoing investigation.*

(2) *Release of information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from public records requirements once an investigation is completed or ceases to be active would undo the specific statutory exemption protecting that information, thus clarifying that any protections currently afforded to such information are not removed.*

(3) *An investigation of a violation of s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes, is likely to result in the gathering of sensitive personal identifying information, which could include identification numbers, unique identifiers, professional or employment-related information, and personal financial information. Such information could be used for the purpose of identity theft. The release of such information could subject families to possible privacy violations, as it would reveal information of a sensitive personal nature.*

(4) *Notices received by the department and information generated during an investigation of a violation of s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes, are likely to contain proprietary information. Such information derives independent, economic value, actual or potential, from being generally unknown to, and not readily ascertainable by, other persons who might obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. Allowing public access to proprietary information through a public records request could destroy the value of the proprietary information and cause a financial loss to the social media platform. Release of such information could give business competitors an unfair advantage.*

(5) *Information held by the department may contain a computer forensic report or information that could reveal weaknesses in the data security of a social media platform. The release of this information could result in the identification of vulnerabilities in the cybersecurity system of the social media platform and be used to harm the social media platform and its clients.*

(6) *The harm that may result from the release of information held by the department pursuant to a notification or investigation of a violation of s. 501.1736, Florida Statutes, could impair the effective and efficient administration of the investigation and thus outweighs the public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the information.*

Section 3. Present subsection (8) of section 501.1737, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1 or similar legislation, 2024 Regular Session, is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

501.1737 Age verification for online access to materials harmful to minors.—

(8)(a) *All information held by the department pursuant to a notification of a violation under this section or an investigation of a violation of this section is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, until such time as the investigation is completed or ceases to be active. This exemption shall be construed in conformity with s. 119.071(2)(c).*

(b) *During an active investigation, information made confidential and exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) may be disclosed by the department:*

1. *In the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities;*
2. *For print, publication, or broadcast if the department determines that such release would assist in notifying the public or locating or identifying a person whom the department believes to be a victim of an improper use or disposal of customer records, except that information*

made confidential and exempt by paragraph (c) may not be released pursuant to this subparagraph; or

3. *To another governmental entity in the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities.*

(c) *Upon completion of an investigation or once an investigation ceases to be active, the following information held by the department shall remain confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:*

1. *Information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) or s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.*
2. *Personal identifying information.*
3. *A computer forensic report.*
4. *Information that would otherwise reveal weaknesses in the data security of the commercial entity.*
5. *Information that would disclose the proprietary information of the commercial entity.*

(d) *For purposes of this subsection, the term “proprietary information” means information that:*

1. *Is owned or controlled by the commercial entity.*
2. *Is intended to be private and is treated by the commercial entity as private because disclosure would harm the commercial entity or its business operations.*
3. *Has not been disclosed except as required by law or a private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.*
4. *Is not publicly available or otherwise readily ascertainable through proper means from another source in the same configuration as received by the department.*
5. *Reveals competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive advantage of the commercial entity that is the subject of the information.*

(e) *This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.*

Section 4. *The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all information held by the Department of Legal Affairs pursuant to a notification of a violation of s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes, or an investigation of a violation of that section, be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution for the following reasons:*

(1) *A notification of a violation of s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes, may result in an investigation of such violation. The premature release of such information could frustrate or thwart the investigation and impair the ability of the department to effectively and efficiently administer s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes. In addition, release of such information before completion of an active investigation could jeopardize the ongoing investigation.*

(2) *Release of information that is otherwise confidential or exempt from public records requirements once an investigation is completed or ceases to be active would undo the specific statutory exemption protecting that information, thus clarifying that any protections currently afforded to that information are not removed.*

(3) *An investigation of a violation of s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes, is likely to result in the gathering of sensitive personal identifying information, which could include identification numbers, unique identifiers, professional or employment-related information, and personal financial information. Such information could be used for the purpose of identity theft. The release of such information could subject individuals to possible privacy violations, as it would reveal information of a sensitive personal nature.*

(4) *Notices received by the department and information generated during an investigation of a violation of s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes, are likely to contain proprietary information. Such information derives independent, economic value, actual or potential, from being generally unknown to, and not readily ascertainable by, other persons who might obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. Allowing public access to proprietary information through a public records request could destroy the value of the proprietary information and cause a financial loss to the commercial entity. Release of such information could give business competitors an unfair advantage.*

(5) *Information held by the department may contain a computer forensic report or information that could reveal weaknesses in the data security of the commercial entity. The release of this information could result in the identification of vulnerabilities in the cybersecurity system of the commercial entity and be used to harm the commercial entity and its clients.*

(6) *The harm that may result from the release of information held by the department pursuant to a notification or investigation by the department of a violation of s. 501.1737, Florida Statutes, could impair the effective and efficient administration of the investigation and thus outweighs the public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the information.*

Section 5. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 1 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 501.1736, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs of certain social media violations; authorizing the department to disclose such information for specified purposes; defining the term “proprietary information”; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; amending s. 501.1737, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information relating to investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs of certain age verification violations; authorizing the department to disclose such information for specified purposes; defining the term “proprietary information”; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for HB 1377**, as amended, was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

SB 790—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surrendered infants; amending s. 383.50, F.S.; changing the term “newborn infant” to “infant”; increasing the age at which a child is considered an infant; authorizing a parent to leave an infant with medical staff or a licensed health care professional at a hospital after the delivery of the infant, upon the parent giving a certain notification; authorizing a parent to surrender an infant by calling 911 to request that an emergency medical services provider meet the surrendering parent at a specified location; requiring the surrendering parent to stay with the infant until the emergency medical services provider arrives to take custody of the infant; amending ss. 39.01, 39.201, 63.0423, 63.167, 383.51, 827.035, and 827.10, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

SENATOR PERRY PRESIDING

Pending further consideration of **SB 790**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 775** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Yarborough—

CS for HB 775—A bill to be entitled An act relating to surrendered infants; amending s. 383.50, F.S.; changing the term “newborn infant” to “infant”; increasing the age at which a child is considered an infant;

authorizing a parent to leave an infant with medical staff or a licensed health care professional at a hospital after the delivery of the infant if the parent provides certain notification; authorizing a parent to surrender an infant by calling 911 to request that an emergency medical services provider meet the surrendering parent at a specified location; requiring the surrendering parent to stay with the infant until the emergency medical services provider arrives to take custody of the infant; amending ss. 39.01, 39.201, 63.0423, 63.167, 383.51, 827.035, and 827.10, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 790** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 775** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Trumbull
Burgess	Martin	Wright
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Thompson

Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 996** was deferred.

SB 660—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 held by an animal shelter or animal control agency operated by a local government which contain certain information pertaining to persons with legal custody of an animal; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 660**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for CS for HB 273** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie—

CS for CS for HB 273—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 with legal custody of an animal from an animal shelter or animal control agency operated by a humane society or a local government; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 660** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for HB 273** was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Thompson
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

SB 682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lost or abandoned property; amending s. 705.103, F.S.; revising the timeframe after which a law enforcement agency may take certain actions relating to abandoned property or specified vessels if the owner has not taken specified actions; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 327.4107(7)(a), 327.4108(6)(d), 327.60(5), 327.66(2)(a), 327.73(1)(aa), 379.338(1), 705.104(1), 705.105(1)(a), 713.585(8), and 823.11(2)(d), F.S., relating to a program to remove, relocate, or destroy vessels at risk of becoming derelict on waters of this state, the anchoring of vessels with more than three violations within a 12-month period in anchoring limitation areas, local regulations for procedures to remove abandoned or lost vessels affixed to a public dock or mooring, the removal of specified gasoline and gasoline containers on vessels and the removal of such vessels by a law enforcement agency, civil penalties for violations of specified laws relating to certain vessels, confiscation and disposition of illegally taken wildlife, freshwater fish, and saltwater fish, title to lost or abandoned property, the procedure regarding certain unclaimed evidence, the proceeds and disposition from the sale of certain motor vehicles, and the removal and destruction of specified derelict vessels, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 705.103, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 682**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 487** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Martin, the rules were waived and—

CS for HB 487—A bill to be entitled An act relating to lost and abandoned property; amending s. 705.103, F.S.; revising the timeframes within which law enforcement officers must provide certain notices to owners of certain abandoned or lost properties; reenacting ss. 327.4107(7)(a), 327.4108(6)(d), 327.60(5), 327.66(2)(a), 327.73(1)(aa), 379.338(1), 705.104(1), 705.105(1)(a), 713.585(8), and 823.11(2)(d), F.S., relating to a program to remove, relocate, or destroy vessels at risk of becoming derelict on waters of this state, the anchoring of vessels with more than three violations within a 12-month period in anchoring limitation areas, local regulations for procedures to remove abandoned or lost vessels affixed to a public dock or mooring, the removal of specified gasoline and gasoline containers on vessels and the removal of such vessels by a law enforcement agency, civil penalties for violations of specified laws relating to certain vessels, confiscation and disposition of illegally taken wildlife, freshwater fish, and saltwater fish, title to lost or abandoned property, the procedure regarding certain unclaimed evidence, the proceeds and disposition from the sale of certain motor vehicles, and the removal and destruction of specified derelict vessels, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 705.103, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 682** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 487** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Thompson
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for CS for SB 756** was deferred.

CS for SB 366—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil penalties under the Gas Safety Law of 1967; amending s. 368.061, F.S.; increasing, until a specified date, the civil penalty amount for violating the Gas Safety Law of 1967; increasing the maximum authorized civil penalty for any related series of violations during such timeframe; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission, after a date certain and at least annually thereafter, to establish and, if necessary, revise maximum penalties by rule based on specified factors; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 366** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Thompson
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

CS for SB 984—A bill to be entitled An act relating to judgment liens; amending s. 55.202, F.S.; authorizing a judgment lien to be acquired on specified personal property and in all payment intangibles and accounts of a judgment debtor whose location is in this state; defining terms; providing that the filing of a noncompliant judgment lien certificate does not preclude the filing of a new certificate that complies with specified requirements; specifying the provisions that must be used to determine the priority of conflicting rights between a judgment lienholder and a secured party; amending s. 55.205, F.S.; specifying that the rights of certain judgment creditors to proceed against a judgment debtor's property are subject to certain provisions; providing that an account debtor may discharge certain obligations through a settlement agreement; amending s. 55.208, F.S.; prohibiting security interests and liens on payment intangibles or accounts and the proceeds thereof from taking priority over payment intangibles or accounts by a judgment lien certificate filed before a specified date; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rouson, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 984** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Collins	Perry
Albritton	Davis	Pizzo
Avila	DiCeglie	Polsky
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Thompson
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Ingoglia—

CS for SB 1746—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public employees; amending s. 447.207, F.S.; revising a prohibition on dues to certain mass transit employees; amending s. 447.301, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; requiring certain public employees of an employee organization to submit executed forms to the bargaining agent; revising applicability; amending s. 447.303, F.S.; providing that specified employee organizations have the right to have its dues and uniform assessments deducted and collected by the employer from the salaries of those employees who authorized such deduction and collection; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; revising the application employee organizations must submit to register as certified bargaining agents; requiring applications for renewal of registration to include current annual financial statements prepared by an independent certified public accountant; revising the information that must be included in such applications; revising the timeframe in which certain bargaining agents must submit specified information and documentation; requiring certain employee organizations to petition the Public Employees Relations Commission for recertification; revising applicability; authorizing the commission to, and in a specified circumstance requiring the commission to, investigate an employee organization's application for registration renewal; requiring the commission to deny such applications under specified circumstances; circumstances; exempting certain employee organizations from specified provisions; revising requirements for a specified annual financial report; making technical changes; conforming changes made by the act; providing transitional provisions regarding the renewal of registration of employee organizations during a specified timeframe; prohibiting the commission from taking certain action on a renewal application; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Ingoglia moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (766718) (with title amendment)—Delete line 81 and insert:
under s. 447.305(2)(d) ~~s. 447.305(2)(c).~~

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 13 and insert: collection; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; revising the

Amendment 2 (441394)—Delete lines 253-260 and insert:
pursuant to the provisions of this section runs ~~shall run~~ for 1 year from the date of issuance. A registration ~~must shall~~ be renewed annually by filing an application for renewal under oath with the commission, which application ~~must shall~~ reflect any changes in the information provided to the commission in conjunction with the employee organization's preceding application for registration or previous renewal, whichever is applicable. Each application for renewal of registration ~~must shall~~ include a current

Senator Gruters moved the following amendments which failed:

Amendment 3 (645598)—Delete lines 321-322 and insert:
~~had~~ less than 60 percent of the unit employees

The vote was:

Yeas—14

Berman	Gruters	Rodriguez
Book	Jones	Rouson
Bradley	Pizzo	Stewart
Davis	Polsky	Thompson
Garcia	Powell	

Nays—22

Madam President	Calatayud	Osgood
Albritton	Collins	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Simon
Boyd	Grall	Trumbull
Brodeur	Harrell	Wright
Broxson	Ingoglia	Yarborough
Burgess	Martin	
Burton	Mayfield	

Vote after roll call:

Nay to Yea—Osgood, Simon

Amendment 4 (116708) (with title amendment)—Delete line 329 and insert:

of registration pursuant to subsection (2). *The requirement that an employee organization petition the commission for recertification as a bargaining unit under this section is limited to the year in which the collective bargaining agreement is set to expire.* The certification of

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 24 and insert: Relations Commission for recertification; providing construction; revising

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Book moved the following amendment which failed:

Amendment 5 (134170)—Delete line 406 and insert:

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for SB 1746**, as amended, was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

SB 1720—A bill to be entitled An act relating to marine encroachment on military operations; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; requiring local governments to cooperate with certain major military installations and ranges to encourage compatible land use in associated areas; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1720** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Burgess	Hutson
Albritton	Burton	Ingoglia
Avila	Calatayud	Jones
Berman	Collins	Martin
Book	Davis	Mayfield
Boyd	DiCeglie	Osgood
Bradley	Grall	Perry
Brodeur	Gruters	Pizzo
Broxson	Harrell	Polsky

Powell	Simon	Trumbull
Rodriguez	Stewart	Wright
Rouson	Thompson	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Garcia

CS for SB 1350—A bill to be entitled An act relating to salvage; amending s. 319.30, F.S.; revising and defining terms; revising provisions relating to obtaining a salvage certificate of title or certificate of destruction; exempting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from liability to certain persons as a result of the issuance of such certificates; providing requirements for an independent entity's release of a damaged or dismantled vessel to the owner; authorizing the independent entity to apply for certain certificates for an unclaimed vessel; providing requirements for such application; specifying provisions to which the independent entity is subject; prohibiting the independent entity from charging vessel storage fees; reenacting ss. 319.14(1)(b) and 319.141(1)(b), F.S., relating to the sale of motor vehicles registered or used as specified vehicles and the definition of the term "rebuilt inspection services" as used in the rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 319.30, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator DiCeglie moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (469420)—Delete line 126 and insert:
certificate of title *or to the owner for the*

On motion by Senator DiCeglie, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 1350**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Trumbull
Burgess	Martin	Wright
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

SB 7020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the delivery of notices; amending s. 1.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "registered mail" for purposes of construction of the Florida Statutes; defining the term "return receipt requested" for purposes of construction of the Florida Statutes; providing for construction and retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Yarborough moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (711484) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 23-31 and insert:
shipping and proof of delivery.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 5-7 and insert: Florida Statutes; providing for construction and retroactive

On motion by Senator Yarborough, by two-thirds vote, **SB 7020**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Davis	Perry
Albritton	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rodriguez
Boyd	Harrell	Rouson
Bradley	Hutson	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Stewart
Broxson	Jones	Thompson
Burgess	Martin	Trumbull
Burton	Mayfield	Wright
Calatayud	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Collins

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

SB 7030—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.071, F.S., which provides public records exemptions for certain personal identifying and location information of specified agency personnel, and the spouses and children thereof; abrogating the scheduled repeal of the exemptions; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Avila moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (814038) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 298-381 and insert:

u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former personnel of the Agency for Health Care Administration whose duties include the investigation of complaints filed against health care facilities or the inspection of health care facilities licensed or certified by the agency; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3. An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt status.

4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s. 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s. 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status and the instrument number or Official Records book and page number identifying the property with the exempt status from

all publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser or tax collector. For written requests received on or before July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1, 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may not remove the street address, legal description, or other information identifying real property within the agency's records so long as a name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the agency.

b. Any information restricted from public display, inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be provided to the individual whose information was removed.

5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request for the release of his or her exempt information to the custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must specify the information to be released and the party authorized to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request, the custodial agency must release the specified information to the party authorized to receive such information.

6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s. 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing with The Florida Bar.

8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the Official Records is maintained only during the period when a protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party must submit a written request to release the removed information to the county recorder. The written request to release the removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a protected party's request for release is pursuant to a conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released.

9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party can request the county recorder to release a protected decedent's removed information unless there is a related request on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to release the removed information upon the death of a protected party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for release is due to the death of a protected party, and must specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the release of any document pursuant to such request.

~~10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. *The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former personnel of the Agency for Health Care Administration whose duties include the investigation of complaints filed against health care facilities or the inspection of health care facilities licensed or certified by the Agency for Health Care Administration; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and lo-*

cations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature finds that the release of such personal identifying and location information might place the agency's current or former personnel and their family members in danger of physical and emotional harm from disgruntled individuals who have contentious reactions to actions carried out by such personnel or whose business or professional practices have come under scrutiny as a result of such investigations and agency actions. The Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from the release of such personal identifying and location information outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the information.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2-8 and insert: An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of certain current or former personnel of the Agency for Health Care Administration and their spouses and children; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for retroactive application; abrogating the scheduled repeal of exemptions for certain personal identifying and location information of specified agency personnel, and the spouses and children thereof; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Avila, by two-thirds vote, **SB 7030**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Madam President	Davis	Perry
Albritton	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Book	Grall	Powell
Boyd	Gruters	Rodriguez
Bradley	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hutson	Simon
Broxson	Ingolia	Stewart
Burgess	Jones	Thompson
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	Mayfield	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—1

Berman

CS for SB 758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tracking devices and applications; amending s. 934.425, F.S.; prohibiting the placement or use of a tracking device or tracking application to determine the location or movement of another person or another person's property without that person's consent; revising exceptions; providing criminal penalties; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 493.6118, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 758** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	Brodeur	DiCeglie
Albritton	Broxson	Garcia
Avila	Burgess	Grall
Berman	Burton	Gruters
Book	Calatayud	Harrell
Boyd	Collins	Hutson
Bradley	Davis	Ingolia

Jones	Polsky	Thompson
Martin	Powell	Trumbull
Mayfield	Rodriguez	Wright
Osgood	Rouson	Yarborough
Perry	Simon	
Pizzo	Stewart	

Nays—None

HB 5007—A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of elected officers and judges; amending s. 11.13, F.S.; removing provisions specifying and providing for an annual adjustment of the annual salaries of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives; requiring the Legislature to establish annual salaries for elected officers and judges in a certain manner beginning in a certain fiscal year; specifying minimum annual salaries; authorizing the voluntary reduction of such salaries; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended the following amendment which was moved by Senator Broxson and adopted:

Amendment 1 (619680) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause.

On motion by Senator Broxson, by two-thirds vote, **HB 5007**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—27

Madam President	Calatayud	Martin
Albritton	Collins	Mayfield
Avila	DiCeglie	Perry
Boyd	Garcia	Rodriguez
Bradley	Grall	Simon
Brodeur	Gruters	Stewart
Broxson	Harrell	Trumbull
Burgess	Hutson	Wright
Burton	Ingolia	Yarborough

Nays—10

Berman	Osgood	Rouson
Book	Pizzo	Thompson
Davis	Polsky	
Jones	Powell	

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Broxson, the Senate having refused to pass **HB 5007** as passed by the House, acceded to the request of the House for a budget conference.

On motion by Senator Broxson, by two-thirds vote **HB 5007** was ordered immediately certified to the House.

HB 5301—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid supplemental payment programs; amending s. 409.901, F.S.; providing definitions relating to certain Medicaid supplemental payment programs; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; providing requirements for hospital participation in certain Medicaid supplemental payment programs; providing a definition; amending s. 409.910, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended the following amendment which was moved by Senator Harrell and adopted:

Amendment 1 (127868) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **HB 5301**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingolia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Trumbull
Burgess	Martin	Wright
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Harrell, the Senate having refused to pass **HB 5301** as passed by the House, acceded to the request for a budget conference.

On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **HB 5301** was ordered immediately certified to the House.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

SB 174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans' long term care facilities admissions; amending s. 296.02, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 296.03, F.S.; revising eligibility for residency in the Veteran's Domiciliary Home of Florida to include specified individuals; amending s. 296.08, F.S.; adding such individuals to the priority of admittance schedule; amending s. 296.32, F.S.; revising the legislative purpose of part II of ch. 296, F.S., to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 296.33, F.S.; revising the definition of "resident"; amending s. 296.36, F.S.; revising the admission eligibility for veterans' nursing homes to include specified individuals; revising the priority of admissions to include such individuals; providing an effective date.

—which was previously considered this day.

Pending further consideration of **SB 174**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 725** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Burgess, the rules were waived and—

HB 725—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans' long-term care facilities admissions; amending s. 296.02, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 296.03, F.S.; revising eligibility for residency in the Veterans' Domiciliary Home of Florida to include specified individuals; amending s. 296.08, F.S.; adding such individuals to the priority of admittance schedule; amending s. 296.32, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 296.33, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "resident"; amending s. 296.36, F.S.; revising the admission eligibility for veterans' nursing homes to include specified persons; revising the priority of admittance to include such persons; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 174** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **HB 725** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Berman	Garcia	Polsky
Book	Grall	Powell
Boyd	Gruters	Rodriguez
Bradley	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hutson	Simon
Broxson	Ingoglia	Stewart
Burgess	Jones	Thompson
Burton	Martin	Trumbull
Calatayud	Mayfield	Wright
Collins	Osgood	Yarborough

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Madam President

CS for CS for SB 756—A bill to be entitled An act relating to timeshare properties; amending s. 695.03, F.S.; revising that a commissioner of deeds is appointed by the Secretary of State, rather than by the Governor, for a certain acknowledgement or proof taken, administered, or made outside this state but within the United States or within a foreign country; amending s. 721.13, F.S.; providing that the board of any timeshare condominium has certain powers regarding the accommodations or facilities of a timeshare plan without the approval of the members of the owners’ association, under certain circumstances; providing that the managing entity of any timeshare project has all the rights and remedies of an operator of any public lodging establishment or public food service establishment for certain purposes; authorizing such managing entities to have law enforcement take certain actions; amending s. 721.15, F.S.; requiring the managing entity of certain timeshares to provide a specific certificate in lieu of an estoppel certificate; amending s. 721.97, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for CS for SB 756**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 429** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Perry—

CS for HB 429—A bill to be entitled An act relating to real property; amending s. 695.03, F.S.; providing that the Secretary of State, rather than the Governor, appoints commissioners of deeds; amending s. 721.13, F.S.; broadening the powers of certain boards of administration with respect to timeshare plans; providing that managers and managing entities of certain timeshare projects have the same rights and remedies as operators of certain establishments and may have law enforcement take certain actions against individuals who engage in certain conduct; amending s. 721.15, F.S.; requiring a managing entity of a timeshare condominium or timeshare cooperative to provide a specified certificate to certain interested parties in lieu of an estoppel certificate; amending s. 721.97, F.S.; providing that the Secretary of State, rather than the Governor, appoints commissioners of deeds; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 756** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Perry, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 429** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

Madam President	Davis	Pizzo
Albritton	DiCeglie	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Powell
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hutson	Stewart
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Thompson
Broxson	Jones	Trumbull
Burgess	Martin	Wright
Burton	Mayfield	Yarborough
Calatayud	Osgood	
Collins	Perry	

Nays—None

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the rules were waived and the following bills temporarily postponed on the Special Order Calendar this day were retained on the Special Order Calendar: **SB 534** and **CS for SB 1142**.

On motion by Senator Mayfield, by two-thirds vote, all bills passed this day were ordered immediately certified to the House.

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the rules were waived and a deadline of one hour after adjournment was set for filing amendments to Bills on Third Reading to be considered Thursday, February 22, 2024.

BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, February 21, 2024: **CS for SB 480**, **CS for SB 478**, **CS for CS for SB 312**, **SB 174**, **CS for CS for SB 234**, **SB 534**, **CS for CS for SB 988**, **CS for CS for SB 1136**, **CS for SB 554**, **SB 648**, **SB 832**, **CS for CS for SB 632**, **CS for SB 7044**, **CS for SB 1142**, **CS for HB 1**, **CS for HB 1377**, **SB 790**, **CS for CS for CS for SB 996**, **SB 660**, **SB 682**, **CS for CS for SB 756**, **CS for SB 984**, **CS for SB 1746**, **SB 1720**, **CS for SB 1350**, **SB 7030**, **CS for SB 758**, **HB 5007**, **HB 5301**, **CS for CS for HB 3**, **CS for CS for HB 1491**.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Mayfield, Rules Chair
Ben Albritton, Majority Leader
Lauren Book, Minority Leader

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 24**; **SB 1448**

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: **SB 958**

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends the following pass: **SB 1256**; **SB 1464**

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 116**

The bill was referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Committee on Rules recommends the following pass: CS for SB 516; CS for SB 600; CS for SB 720; CS for SB 742; CS for SB 870; SB 938; CS for SB 1074; SB 1174; CS for SB 1176; CS for SB 1286; SB 1312; SB 1786; SCR 7064; SCR 7066

The bills were placed on the Calendar.

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 1456; SJR 1560

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

Senate Bills 7000-7066—Previously introduced.

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice—

SB 7068—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pretrial detention hearings; amending s. 907.041, F.S.; authorizing a court to base certain orders of pretrial detention solely on hearsay; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services—

SB 7070—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sickle cell disease research and treatment education; creating s. 381.814, F.S.; creating the Sickle Cell Disease Research and Treatment Grant Program within the Department of Health; defining terms; providing purposes of the program and its long-term goals; requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity within the department to use funds appropriated to the program to award grants to community-based sickle cell disease medical treatment and research centers operating in this state; specifying the types of projects that may be funded under the program; limiting the percentage of grant funding which may be used for administrative expenses; authorizing certain appropriated funds to be carried over for a specified timeframe; specifying duties of the department; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature; specifying requirements for the report; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 383.147, F.S.; revising sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait screening requirements; requiring screening providers to notify a newborn's parent or guardian, rather than the newborn's primary care physician, of certain information; providing for the ability of the parent or guardian of a newborn to opt out of the newborn's inclusion in the sickle cell registry; specifying the manner in which a parent or guardian may opt out; requiring the department to notify the parent or guardian of the ability to opt out before including the newborn in the registry; authorizing certain persons other than newborns who have been identified as having sickle cell disease or carrying the sickle cell trait to choose to be included in the department's sickle cell registry; creating s. 456.0311, F.S.; requiring the applicable licensing boards for specified health care professions to require a 2-hour continuing education course on sickle cell disease care management as part of every second biennial licensure or certification renewal; specifying requirements for the course; specifying the procedure for licensees and certificateholders to submit confirmation of completing the course; authorizing the applicable boards to approve additional equivalent courses to satisfy the requirement; authorizing the applicable boards to include the course hours in the total hours of continuing education required for the applicable profession, with an exception; authorizing health care practitioners holding two or more licenses or certificates subject to the course requirement to show proof of completion of one course to satisfy the requirement for all such licenses

or certificates; providing for disciplinary action; authorizing the applicable boards to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services—

SB 7072—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cancer funding; amending s. 381.915, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program; revising duties of the Department of Health under the program; creating the Cancer Connect Collaborative, a council, within the department for a specified purpose; authorizing the collaborative to make certain recommendations on state policy relating to cancer research or treatment; providing for membership and meetings of the collaborative; requiring the collaborative to develop a long-range comprehensive plan for the program; requiring the collaborative to solicit input from certain stakeholders in the development of the plan; requiring the collaborative to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; specifying required components of the plan; requiring the department to provide administrative support and staff to the collaborative; requiring the collaborative to administer the Cancer Innovation Fund; requiring the collaborative to review grant applications and make recommendations to the department for awarding grants upon the appropriation of funds to the fund; requiring the department to make the final grant allocation award; requiring the collaborative to prioritize certain applications for grant funding; revising the frequency with which the department, in conjunction with participating cancer centers, must submit a specified report to the Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council and the collaborative; requiring the department to submit the report, and any equivalent independent reports, to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date each year; revising requirements of such reports; beginning on a specified date, requiring that each allocation agreement issued by the department relating to certain cancer center payments include specified elements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By the Committee on Finance and Tax—

SB 7074—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; prohibiting a plan for tourist development from allocating more than a certain percentage of the tax revenue to an individual project unless the governing board of the county approves such use by supermajority vote; amending s. 192.001, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "tangible personal property"; providing applicability; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; extending the timeframe for changes, additions, or improvements following damage or destruction of a homestead to commence for certain assessment requirements to apply; specifying the timeframes and the manner in which erroneous assessments of property must be corrected; prohibiting back taxes from being due for any year as a result of certain recalculations; deleting a calculation of back taxes; requiring property appraisers to include certain information with notices of tax liens; amending s. 193.1554, F.S.; specifying the timeframes and the manner in which erroneous assessments of certain property must be corrected; deleting a calculation of back taxes; requiring property appraisers to include certain information with notices of tax liens; amending s. 193.1555, F.S.; specifying the timeframes and the manner in which erroneous assessments of homestead property must be corrected; deleting a calculation of back taxes; requiring property appraisers to include certain information with notices of tax liens; amending s. 193.624, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "renewable energy source device"; providing applicability; creating s. 195.028, F.S.; requiring the Department of Revenue to create multi-language versions of forms under certain circumstances; specifying a requirement and authorization for such forms; requiring the department to develop and post certain documents related to property tax exemptions; amending s. 196.011, F.S.; providing that taxpayers are not responsible for specified payments in certain circumstances; requiring property appraisers to provide multi-language applications under certain circumstances; amending s. 196.031, F.S.; extending the timeframe before a property owner's failure to commence repair or rebuilding of

homestead property constitutes abandonment; providing applicability; amending s. 196.121, F.S.; requiring homestead application forms to include certain information; amending s. 196.161, F.S.; requiring property appraisers to include certain information with notices of tax liens; amending s. 196.24, F.S.; revising the amount of a certain exemption related to disabled ex-servicemembers; providing applicability; amending s. 200.069, F.S.; providing that the property appraiser, rather than the local governing board, may request the notice of proposed property taxes and notice of non-ad valorem assessments; amending s. 201.08, F.S.; providing applicability; defining the term “principal limit”; requiring that certain taxes be calculated based on the principal limit at a specified event; providing retroactive operation; providing construction; amending s. 201.21, F.S.; exempting all non-interest-bearing promissory notes, non-interest-bearing nonnegotiable notes, or non-interest-bearing written obligations, for specified purposes, from documentary stamp taxes in connection with the sale of alarm systems; amending s. 212.0306, F.S.; clarifying the necessary vote in a referendum for the levy of a certain local option food and beverage tax; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; deleting a restriction on counties authorized to levy an indigent care and trauma center surtax; amending s. 212.11, F.S.; authorizing an automatic extension for filing returns and remitting sales and use tax when specified states of emergency are declared; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; revising the amount of a sales tax collection allowance for certain dealers; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; deleting the future repeal of provisions related to annual distributions to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; revising the order in which credits may be taken to include a specified credit; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; revising the date of adoption of the Internal Revenue Code and other federal income tax statutes for purposes of the state corporate income tax; providing retroactive operation; amending s. 220.1915, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “qualifying railroad”; revising application requirements for the credit for qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures; revising requirements for the Department of Revenue related to the issuance of a certain letter; revising conditions for carry-forward and transfer of such credit; creating s. 220.1992, F.S.; defining the terms “qualified employee” and “qualified taxpayer”; establishing a credit against specified taxes for taxpayers that employ specified individuals; specifying the amount of such tax credit; authorizing the department to adopt rules governing the manner and form of the application for such tax credit; specifying requirements for such form; requiring the department to approve the tax credit prior to the taxpayer taking the credit; requiring the department to approve the tax credits in a specified manner; requiring the department to notify the taxpayer in a specified manner if the determines an application is incomplete; providing that such taxpayer has a specified timeframe to correct any deficiency; providing the certain application are deemed complete on a specified date; prohibiting taxpayers from claiming a tax credit more than a specified amount; authorizing the carryforward of credits in a specified manner; providing the maximum amount of credit that may be granted during specified fiscal years; authorizing the department to consult with specified entities for a certain purpose; amending s. 220.222, F.S.; providing an automatic extension for the due date for a specified return in certain circumstances; amending s. 402.62, F.S.; revising the requirements for the Department of Children and Families in designating eligible charitable organizations; increasing the Strong Families Tax Credit cap; specifying when applications may be submitted to the Department of Revenue; amending s. 561.121, F.S.; providing for a specified monthly distribution to specified entities of funds collected from certain excise taxes on alcoholic beverages and license fees on vendors; providing for the uses of such funds; providing for future repeal; reenacting s. 571.26, F.S., relating to the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Trust Fund; repealing s. 41 of chapter 2023-157, Laws of Florida, which provides for the expiration and reversion of a specified provision of law; amending s. 571.265, F.S.; deleting the future repeal of provisions related to the promotion of Florida thoroughbred breeding and of thoroughbred racing; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; exempting certain insurance policies, contracts, and endorsements from insurance premium tax; defining the term “flood”; providing for future repeal; creating s. 624.5108, F.S.; requiring insurers issuing certain policies to provide a credit to policyholders in a specified amount; providing applicability; requiring the credit amount to be separately stated; providing for a credit against insurance premium tax for insurers in a

specified amount; exempting insurers claiming such credit from retaliatory tax; providing construction; providing for carry-forward of certain credits; providing for future repeal; exempting certain policies providing property insurance from the state fire marshal regulatory assessment and surcharge; requiring that the amount of such exemption be provided as a credit to policyholders and separately disclosed; providing for future expiration; requiring insurers issuing certain policies to provide a credit to policyholders in a specified amount; providing applicability; requiring the credit to be separately disclosed; providing for a credit for insurers against certain assessments in a specified amount; providing for future expiration; exempting from sales and use tax specified disaster preparedness supplies during specified timeframes; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax admissions to certain events, performances, and facilities, certain season tickets, and the retail sale of certain boating and water activity, camping, fishing, general outdoor, and residential pool supplies during specified timeframes; defining terms; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, learning aids and jigsaw puzzles, and personal computers and personal computer-related accessories during specified timeframes; defining terms; providing applicability; authorizing certain dealers to opt out of participating in the tax holiday, subject to certain requirements; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; exempting from the sales and use tax the retail sale of certain tools during a specified timeframe; providing applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules for specified provisions; providing for future expiration; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By the Committee on Finance and Tax—

SB 7076—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation network companies; amending s. 627.748, F.S.; prohibiting an airport or a seaport from charging a transportation network company pickup fees for a certain purpose which are greater than a certain amount; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committees on Finance and Tax; and Community Affairs; and Senator Rodriguez—

CS for CS for SB 1456—A bill to be entitled An act relating to counties designated as areas of critical state concern; amending s. 380.0552, F.S.; adding certain requirements to local comprehensive plans relating to a hurricane evacuation study; amending s. 380.0666, F.S.; revising the powers of the land authority; providing requirements for conveying affordable housing homeownership units; providing lien status prioritization for certain purposes; amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; excluding land designated as an area of critical state concern within a specified timeframe from award requirements made to specified sponsors or persons for the purpose of providing eligible housing as a part of a local housing assistance plan; providing for expiration and retroactive applicability; authorizing counties that have been designated as areas of critical state concern to use specified tourist development tax and tourist impact tax revenue for affordable housing for certain employees; requiring that housing financed with such funds maintain its affordable housing status for a specified timeframe; requiring that the expenditure of certain funds be subject to approval by a majority vote of the board of county commissioners of an eligible county; defining the term “accumulated surplus”; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Finance and Tax; and Senator Collins—

CS for SJR 1560—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 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 exempt certain tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SM 1020.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of February 15 and February 20 were corrected and approved.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Avila—CS for SB 1264; Burgess—CS for SB 24; Osgood—CS for SB 580; Pizzo—CS for SB 24, CS for SB 26; Rouson—SB 1312; Yarborough—CS for CS for SB 796

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourned at 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 22 or upon call of the President.