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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 3:00 p.m. A quorum present—38:

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingolia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	Yarborough
Davis	Osgood	

Excused: Senator Fine

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Mother Leslie Roraback, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, Florida:

I literally stand before you on this day with a grateful heart, as a cancer patient, working towards becoming a survivor. I received care at Florida's Moffitt Cancer Center, and I give thanks for the brave, bold, and compassionate Dr. Monica Avila and her team. Moffitt Cancer Center is home to researchers, physicians, patients, volunteers, and advocates who all work together, just like you, to make a real difference in the lives of people like me, for the citizens of Florida and beyond.

Let us pray. Most gracious God, we give thanks for these people gathered here elected to advocate, discern, and work together for the betterment of the people of Florida. Holy Lord, be present with these lawmakers always, in all ways, so they may remember to listen for your voice as it rises above others. Unite their gifts of mind and heart, and their spirits, with the grace you give in mercy, love, and compassion, that their actions may lead to healing and joy. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Josiah Burch of Bowling Green; Antonio Matos of Monticello; and Knox Powell of Tallahassee, 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. David Winchester of Gainesville, sponsored by Senator McClain, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Winchester specializes in cardiology.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Wright—

By Senator Wright—

SR 1844—A resolution designating March 11, 2025, as “Space Day” in Florida.

WHEREAS, as the birthplace of American space exploration since the first space launch from its shores more than 75 years ago, Florida is home to the nation's space program and has served as the international portal to remarkable scientific innovation and imagination and continues to play a critical role in pioneering new frontiers, as well as leading in the discovery of viable pathways further into space, and

WHEREAS, with its three spaceports, Florida is the world's gateway to space and is the epicenter of aerospace innovation, logistics, opportunity, and economic growth, and

WHEREAS, more than 141,000 residents work in Florida's aviation and aerospace industries, including rocket scientists, machinists, pilots, specialists, and engineers, and

WHEREAS, the number of space launches in Florida has tripled from 31 in 2020 to 93 in 2024, representing a record 36 percent of global launch activity, and, in 2025, more than 140 space launches are expected, and

WHEREAS, as the nation witnesses the rapid growth and expansion of its commercial space transportation industry, over the next decade, Florida has the opportunity to broaden its leadership position in civil and military launch activity, while also emerging as the nation's leader in commercial space opportunities and the integration of space, aeronautics, and aviation technologies, including hypersonic technologies, a vision that, if realized, will position Florida for sustained economic growth and prosperity for decades to come, and

WHEREAS, Florida's top-tier universities prepare future leaders and engineers for the aerospace and defense ecosystem, cultivating a world-class workforce for these highly technical fields, sending more than 4,800 engineering graduates into the workforce annually, and

WHEREAS, with robust military installations that include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard bases, Florida's aviation and aerospace industries play a key role in national defense, flight training, and research, and it is the only state with three distinct combatant commands supporting national security missions across the globe, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That March 11, 2025, is designated as “Space Day” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Wright recognized Space Chair Robert Salonen from Florida Institute of Technology and Giovanni Castro from Amazon's Kuiper team, who were in the gallery in support of SR 1844.

At the request of Senator Rodriguez—

By Senator Rodriguez—

SR 1848—A resolution recognizing July 24, 2025, as “Private Investigators Day” in Florida.

WHEREAS, July 24 is the birth date of Eugène-François Vidocq, a one-time soldier and petty criminal who, after helping to revolutionize policing practices in France under Napoleon, established a private police agency in 1832 which served as a prototype for modern detective agencies, and

WHEREAS, July 24 is widely known in the private investigator community as “PI Day,” and

WHEREAS, there are 8,233 private detectives and investigators in Florida, giving it one of the country's highest levels of employment for the profession, and

WHEREAS, Florida also ranks among the highest in the nation for the concentration of private investigators, with particularly high concentrations in such key metropolitan areas as Miami, the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater region, and the Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach region, and

WHEREAS, the North Florida region stands out for its significant concentration of private investigators compared to other non-metropolitan areas in the United States, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That July 24, 2025, is recognized as “Private Investigators Day” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Rodriguez recognized the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators who were present in the gallery in support of SR 1848.

At the request of Senator Pizzo—

By Senator Pizzo—

SR 1856—A resolution recognizing and celebrating the life and legacy of Senator Geraldine F. “Geri” Thompson.

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 18, 1948, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson was raised in Miami-Dade County, in the town of Perrine, where she witnessed the hard work and dedication of her family, who held careers in the construction and agriculture industries and whose example shaped her commitment to living a life of service, justice, and empowerment of others, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Miami in 1970 and a Master of Science degree from the Florida State University in 1973, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson held multiple instructional and administrative leadership roles over the course of her impressive career, including serving as a teacher in Orange County Public Schools for 6 years and as an administrator at Valencia Community College for 24 years, where she established the College Reach-Out Program, enabling thousands of low-income and disadvantaged students to fulfill their dream of attending college, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson served with distinction in the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2012 for District 39 and from 2018 to 2022 for District 44, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson was elected to the Florida Senate in 2012 and served until 2016 for District 12 and was reelected in 2022 and served District 15 until her death February 13, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson made significant contributions toward African-American history, including authoring the book *Black America: Orlando, Florida* and founding the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture, a museum preserving African Art and memorabilia of the Civil Rights Movement, located in Parramore, and

WHEREAS, Senator Geraldine F. Thompson was a politician as well as a devoted wife to the Honorable Emerson R. Thompson, Jr.; a mother of three children, Laurise, Emerson III, and Elizabeth; a grandmother of six, Jasmyne, Imani, Kiara, Symone, Jacqueline, and Julia; and a great-grandmother, and

WHEREAS, her love, wisdom, and compassion touched countless individuals throughout the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That on this day, March 13, 2025, the Florida Senate fondly remembers and commemorates the life and legacy of its esteemed colleague, Senator Geraldine F. “Geri” Thompson, who diligently and lovingly served the people of Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

CO-INTRODUCERS

All Senators voting yea, not previously shown as co-introducers, were recorded as co-introducers of **SR 1856**.

The vote was:

Yeas—37

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Gaetz	Polsky
Avila	Garcia	Rodriguez
Berman	Grall	Rouson
Bernard	Gruters	Sharief
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Smith
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INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

Senator Burgess introduced former Senator Victor Crist, Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller, who was present in the chamber.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

CS for CS for SB 112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children with developmental disabilities; amending s. 381.9855, F.S.; revising the scope of the Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program to allow grant funds to be used for screenings, referrals for treatment, and related services for autism; amending s. 391.302, F.S.; revising applicability of definitions to conform to changes made by the act; defining the term “department”; amending s. 391.308, F.S.; revising requirements for the annual grant application submitted by the Department of Health for the Early Steps Program to conform to changes made by the act; creating s.

391.3081, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing a purpose for the Early Steps Extended Option; defining the term “child”; requiring the department to seek federal approval for the Early Steps Extended Option; requiring the department, jointly with the Department of Education, to develop or amend any rule, policy, procedure, written agreement, or contract necessary to implement the Early Steps Extended Option; requiring the department to seek additional federal grant funds for implementation of the Early Steps Extended Option; authorizing the department to implement the Early Steps Extended Option regardless of certain federal funding; requiring local program offices of the Early Steps Program to include certain steps for transition in the individualized family support plan for each child served by the Early Steps Extended Option; specifying eligibility criteria for a child’s enrollment in the Early Steps Extended Option; providing that a child becomes ineligible to reenter the Early Steps Extended Option upon exiting; requiring local school districts, in conjunction with local program offices, to notify a child’s parent or legal guardian of his or her rights under certain circumstances; requiring local program offices to take specified steps for transitioning children out of the Early Steps Extended Option within a specified timeframe before they age out; requiring local program offices, in conjunction with local school districts, to modify or develop, as applicable, individual education plans with specified elements for such children; requiring local program offices and local school districts to provide specified written information to a child’s parent or legal guardian if the child is determined ineligible for school district program services; requiring the department to include a performance assessment of the Early Steps Extended Option in a specified annual report; specifying requirements for such assessment; providing an appropriation; creating s. 1003.5711, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment to oversee certain grants; requiring the center to develop guidelines for grant administration; providing eligibility requirements for grant applicants; providing that grants may be used for specified purposes; authorizing the center to prioritize grant allocations for specified purposes; requiring grant recipients to submit a specified report; creating s. 1003.5712, F.S.; providing legislative findings and purpose; requiring the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment to fund specialized summer programs for children with autism spectrum disorder; requiring the center to publish guidelines for grant applications; requiring the center to provide technical assistance to grant applicants and recipients; providing eligibility requirements for the specialized summer programs; authorizing the center to set maximum grant amounts; requiring grant recipients to submit a report to the center within a specified timeframe; creating s. 1004.551, F.S.; creating the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment; providing duties of the center; requiring the center to develop an autism micro-credential; providing requirements for the micro-credential; providing a stipend as determined in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the center to administer stipends; requiring the center to publish on its website an annual report; prohibiting the host state university from charging certain fees to the center; amending s. 1012.582, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to review specified curricula by a specified date; requiring the commissioner to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature; amending s. 1012.585, F.S.; revising the process for the renewal of professional certificates to include training in the knowledge and skills required to support students with autism; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 112** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	Davis	McClain
Arrington	DiCeglie	Osgood
Avila	Gaetz	Passidomo
Berman	Garcia	Pizzo
Bernard	Grall	Polsky
Boyd	Gruters	Rodriguez
Bradley	Harrell	Rouson
Brodeur	Hooper	Sharief
Burgess	Ingolia	Simon
Burton	Jones	Smith
Calatayud	Leek	Truenow
Collins	Martin	Trumbull

Wright

Yarborough

Nays—None

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCE

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **SB 1324** was withdrawn from the committees of reference and further consideration.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 112** was ordered immediately certified to the House.

BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bill to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, March 12, 2025: **CS for CS for SB 112**.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Passidomo, Rules Chair
Jim Boyd, Majority Leader
Jason W. B. Pizzo, Minority Leader

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: **SB 178; SB 980**

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends the following pass: **SB 1226**

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: **SB 466**

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: **SB 492; SB 796; SB 1162**

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: **SB 878; SB 1054; SB 1168**

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: **SB 668; SB 890**

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Postsecondary recommends the following pass: **SB 1624**

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends the following pass: **SB 508; SB 1470; SB 1472; SB 1618**

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: **SB 810**

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 336; SB 884

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 662; SB 706; SB 994; SB 1318

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 800

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 942

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 578

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 952

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 346; SB 570

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

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 606

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

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 786

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 1244

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SJR 174; SB 176

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 182

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education recommends the following pass: CS for SB 102; SB 166; CS for SB 296

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 608

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

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 582; SB 1202

The bills were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends the following pass: SB 370

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

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1242

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

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1002

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 1228

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: CS for SB 282

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 7000; SB 7004; SB 7006

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 106; CS for SB 280

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 402

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

The Committee on Rules recommends the following pass: SB 36; SB 38; SB 40; SB 42; CS for SB 50; SB 118; CS for SB 126; CS for SB 150; CS for SB 160; SB 294; SM 314; CS for SB 348; SB 356

The bills were placed on the Calendar.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 988

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 678

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 736

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 716; SB 1198

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 806

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 756

The Committee on Health Policy recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 762

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 754

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1058

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 702

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 924

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 498

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 480

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 752

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1078

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1022

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 676

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 710

The Committee on Education Postsecondary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 312

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 576

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 944

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1070

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1132

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 248

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 448

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1128

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 262

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Committee on Rules recommends committee substitutes for the following: CS for SB 116; CS for SB 322

The bills with committee substitute attached were placed on the Calendar.

REPORT OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

The Honorable Ben Albritton
President of the Senate
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

March 10, 2025

The Honorable Ed Hooper
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
202 Senate Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear President Albritton and Chair Hooper:

The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining convened on March 10, 2025, in the *Reed Hall Committee Room*, 102 House Office Building, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide all parties involved in collective bargaining disputes with the State of Florida the opportunity to present their positions to the Florida Legislature, consistent with the provisions of section 447.403, Florida Statutes, and the open meeting provisions of Article III, section 4, of the State Constitution.

The parties presented their positions and indicated they are continuing to negotiate the issues at impasse. We recommend that negotiations continue and that the appropriate legislative committees be kept abreast of the issues agreed upon by the parties as well as the issues that remain at impasse or require legislative action to resolve.

Copies of presentations and other pertinent materials have been retained by staff and, for purposes of future public inquiry, are available through the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Com-

mittee or the Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining webpage located on the *Online Sunshine* website.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Randy Fine
 Alternating Chair

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

Office and Appointment

Florida Inland Navigation District

Appointees: Burkett, Austin	01/09/2027
Callaway, Patrick S.	01/09/2027
Crowley, T. Spencer	01/09/2027
Stapleford, James R.	01/09/2027
Trabulsky, Paul	01/09/2027

*For Term
Ending*

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

Senate Bills 7000-7014—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections—

SB 7016—A bill to be entitled An act relating to initiative petitions proposing an amendment to the State Constitution; providing legislative findings and intent; amending s. 15.21, F.S.; requiring the Secretary of State to have received the ballot summary and the full text of the proposed revision or amendment to the State Constitution from the sponsor and to have received the financial impact statement from the Financial Impact Estimating Conference before submitting an initiative petition to the Attorney General; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 16.061, F.S.; revising the criteria that the Attorney General uses when petitioning the Supreme Court for an advisory opinion related to a proposed revision or amendment to the State Constitution; requiring that a copy of the petition form be provided to the sponsor of the initiative petition; conforming a cross-reference; making a technical change; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “petition circulator”; reenacting and amending s. 99.097, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 100.371, F.S.; requiring the sponsor of an initiative petition to obtain a certain letter periodically; providing that a failure to obtain such letter results in the expiration of the initiative’s signatures and disbanding of the sponsor’s political committee; providing that certain initiative petition signatures expire and the sponsor’s political committee is disbanded under specified conditions; providing that such sponsor is not precluded from refiling the proposed amendment as a new petition; prohibiting a sponsor from sponsoring more than one initiative amendment; requiring a sponsor to register as a political committee and submit the ballot title, ballot summary, article and section of the State Constitution being amended, and full text of the proposed amendment to the Secretary of State; requiring that all information be available in alternative formats upon request; requiring the secretary to assign a petition number and submit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference for review, analysis, and a certain estimate; requiring the Division of Elections to publish the form on which petition signatures must be fixed; deleting a requirement that the secretary adopt certain rules; requiring a sponsor to post a certain bond before circulating petition forms; authorizing the waiver of such requirement if the sponsor provides a certain written certification under oath to the division; prohibiting sponsors from paying petition circulators if granted a waiver; providing that the waiver is rescinded

and signatures may not be verified under a specified circumstance; requiring that monetary contributions received by the sponsor be used for specified purposes, in a specified order; authorizing the division to accept a cashier’s check, official bank check, or money order in lieu of a bond; providing the requirements for the petition form; prohibiting persons, regardless of whether they are compensated for collection, from collecting signatures or initiative petitions if they have not been issued a petition circulator number; authorizing specified persons to collect signed initiative petitions from their immediate family; prohibiting such persons from physically possessing more than a certain number of petition forms; defining the term “immediate family”; authorizing the court to enjoin a petition circulator, regardless of whether compensated, from collecting signatures or initiative petitions until such petition circulator is registered under a specified condition; authorizing the division to revoke a petition circulator’s registration if the petition circulator commits certain violations; prohibiting certain persons from collecting signatures or initiative petitions; requiring that applications for registration include specified information; prohibiting persons from registering to collect signatures or initiative petitions until they complete a required training; providing the requirements for such training; providing civil penalties for the sponsors of initiative amendments that knowingly allow persons to collect petition forms on their behalf and violate specified provisions; prohibiting a sponsor from compensating a petition circulator based on the number of petition forms gathered or the time within which such forms are gathered; providing construction; requiring the division to make forms available to registered petition circulators in a certain format; deleting a requirement that supervisors of elections provide the division information on petition forms assigned to them; requiring sponsors to promptly deliver forms to the supervisor of elections in the county in which a voter resides within a specified timeframe after the form is signed; revising the civil penalties for failing to deliver forms within the prescribed timeframes; providing civil penalties for the sponsors of petitions if the person collecting petition forms on behalf of the sponsor signs the name of another, signs a fictitious name, or fills in missing information on the petition form; providing criminal penalties for persons who, while collecting petition forms, copy or retain a voter’s personal identifying information for a reason other than to provide such information to the sponsor of an initiative petition; providing civil penalties for sponsors who mail or provide prefilled initiative petitions; requiring the supervisor to record the date a submitted petition is received; requiring the supervisor to notify the division of any misfiled petition; prohibiting the verification of signatures until a deposit is received and processed by the supervisor; requiring supervisors to notify sponsors of the deposit amount which must be calculated in a specified manner; requiring supervisors to notify sponsors at the address of record of the need to replenish the deposit amount; prohibiting the verification of signatures until such deposit is replenished; requiring the supervisor to request replenishment of the deposit payment, and to notify sponsors each time such deposit is required, until specified circumstances occur; requiring the supervisor to return any remaining balance under specified conditions; revising the conditions under which a supervisor may verify a signature on an initiative petition form; requiring supervisors to electronically transmit digital images, which must meet a specified standard, of all signature forms to the division; requiring supervisors to retain all petition forms and identify those forms verified as valid from those deemed invalid until such forms are processed; requiring supervisors to deliver physical forms to the division; requiring the division to retain such forms for a specified timeframe; requiring supervisors to send a notice, which may be returned to the appropriate supervisor, to voters after their signature is verified; providing requirements for such notice; requiring the supervisor to revoke a voter’s petition form under specified circumstances and notify the division of such revocation; providing that supervisors of elections are required to post on their websites the actual costs of signature verification for all petition forms, and that they may increase such costs annually by a specified date; specifying that such costs include costs related to certain actions; revising the information relating to verification of signatures which supervisors are required to post on their website; requiring supervisors to notify the Office of Election Crimes and Security under a specified condition; requiring the office to conduct a preliminary investigation; authorizing the office to report findings of such investigations to the statewide prosecutor or a certain state attorney; providing that a signed petition form submitted by an ineligible or unregistered petition circulator must be invalidated; requiring the Secretary of State to rescind the certificate of ballot position if an advisory opinion from the Supreme Court deems the initiative petition invalid; requiring the Financial Impact Estimating

Conference to submit the financial impact statement to the Secretary of State; requiring a certain statement to be included on the ballot if the conference does not complete an analysis and financial impact statement within a specified timeframe; providing that only the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly, may convene the conference; revising the membership of the conference; deleting a provision authorizing the court to remand the financial impact statement to the conference to be redrafted; requiring such statement to appear on the petition form and ballot; requiring a sponsor to refile a petition as a new petition under certain circumstances; deleting a provision that deems financial impact statements approved for placement on the ballot under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of State to update petition forms within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to make the petition circulator application available within a specified timeframe; providing that each petition circulator registration expires on a specified date; requiring the department to notify such petition circulators of the expiration of their registration within a specified timeframe; requiring the department to develop a certain training within a specified timeframe; authorizing supervisors of elections to increase the costs of signature verification within a specified timeframe; requiring the supervisors to post such cost on their publicly available websites as soon as the cost is determined; amending s. 101.161, F.S.; requiring that a certain statement be included on the ballot if a financial impact statement was not produced or the Financial Impact Estimating Conference did not meet to produce one; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 102.111, F.S.; requiring the Elections Canvassing Commission to certify the returns of constitutional amendments; amending s. 102.121, F.S.; requiring the commission to make and sign separate certificates for constitutional amendments; providing requirements for such certificates; amending s. 102.168, F.S.; providing for standing to contest the adoption of a constitutional amendment by any qualified voter or taxpayer; revising the grounds on which such parties may contest an election or a constitutional amendment; providing that the commission and the sponsor of the amendment are indispensable parties in any such action; amending s. 104.185, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for persons who fill in missing information on a petition form to secure a ballot position for a candidate, a minor political party, or an issue; amending s. 104.186, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for persons who compensate others based on the number of petition forms gathered, as prohibited by a specified section; amending s. 104.187, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 104.188, F.S.; defining the term “immediate family”; providing criminal penalties for certain persons who distribute, collect, deliver, or otherwise physically possess more than a certain number of petition forms other than their own or forms belonging to an immediate family member; creating s. 106.151, F.S.; prohibiting the use of public funds to advocate for or against any matter that is the subject of a constitutional amendment or revision; providing construction; amending s. 106.19, F.S.; providing that political committees sponsoring a constitutional amendment are liable for specified civil fines for submitting petition forms that do not provide the name and address of the petition circulator gathering such forms, regardless of whether the petition circulator is paid; amending s. 212.055, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “racketeering activity” to provide criminal and civil penalties for persons who commit crimes related to petition circulators and sponsors of initiative petitions; providing applicability; prohibiting the verification of a signed petition form for a specified period of time; providing construction; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By the Committee on Health Policy—

SB 7018—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 390.01118, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for certain information that could identify a minor petitioning a court to waive parental consent requirements before terminating a pregnancy; deleting the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Rules; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and Senators Burgess, Collins, Avila, and Davis—

CS for CS for SB 116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans; amending s. 265.003, F.S.; revising the maximum number of nominees for the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame submitted by the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame Council to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet; amending s. 292.05, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to conduct a study that includes a survey evaluating the extent to which specified persons are aware of certain existing programs or services; requiring that such survey also include specified recommendations; requiring that a certain report include additional actions taken by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and other information and recommendations as the department determines are necessary; requiring that a specified report include an evaluation of the health literacy of veterans in this state and recommendations on how to increase knowledge of programs and services available to such veterans; requiring the department to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States Department of Defense for a specified purpose; authorizing the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to engage county and city veteran service officers for assistance; amending s. 292.115, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program to include specialized mental health training; requiring individuals electing to participate in the pilot program to be trained to identify indicators of mental health conditions; requiring the department to contract with an organization developing and implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based mental health assistance training; amending s. 295.124, F.S.; revising a reference to the United States Code; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; requiring Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to advise the Department of Veterans’ Affairs on specified problems or needs of certain military personnel and their spouses; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; revising the collaborators of the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program to include a specified direct-support organization; amending s. 296.43, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to develop a plan to establish adult day health care facilities across this state to serve veterans and their families; requiring that such plans include specified information; requiring the department to provide a specified report to the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; authorizing the use of a specified percentage of proceeds from the sale of a specified specialty license plate for the promotion and administrative costs of the plate; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Simon—

CS for SB 248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular sports; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; specifying conditions for a home education student to participate in interscholastic athletics; revising the criteria a private school student must meet to participate in a sport at a Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) member school; deleting a provision limiting which non-FHSAA member private school students are eligible to participate in FHSAA sports; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Community Affairs; and Judiciary; and Senator Berman—

CS for CS for SB 262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trusts; amending s. 736.04117, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “authorized trustee”; revising how an authorized trustee may exercise the power to invade principal as an authorized trustee administering a trust; providing that notice of such exercise by an authorized trustee is not a trust disclosure document; providing that a trust disclosure document may not commence a limitations period unless such trust disclosure document is provided after the effective date of the exercise of the power to invade principal by an authorized trustee; providing applicability; amending s. 736.08125, F.S.; providing an exception with regard to protection of successor trustees; creating s. 736.10085, F.S.; barring certain actions initiated by specified parties against prior trustees; creating s. 736.1110, F.S.; providing that property devised to

or from a revocable trust which is devised, given, or distributed to a donee by a settlor during the settlor's lifetime is treated as a satisfaction of devise to that donee if certain criteria are met; providing that property distributed or given to a devisee during a settlor's lifetime is to be valued at the time the devisee came into possession or enjoyment of the property, or at the time of the death of the settlor, whichever occurs first; providing applicability; amending s. 736.1502, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "community property" and "community property trust"; amending s. 736.151, F.S.; providing that homestead property transferred by one or both settlor spouses to a community property trust will not be treated as a change of ownership for the purposes of reassessing the property; providing that such transfer qualifies as a change or transfer of legal or equitable title between spouses; providing construction and retroactive application; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senators Gaetz and Harrell—

CS for SB 312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Inc.; amending s. 1004.447, F.S.; requiring the board of directors of the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Inc., rather than the Board of Governors, to authorize the creation of a subsidiary of the corporation; requiring that the articles of incorporation of the corporation, rather than of the corporation and any authorized and approved subsidiary, be approved in a written agreement by the Board of Governors; revising the composition of the board of directors of the corporation; requiring the corporation, rather than the Board of Trustees of the University of West Florida, to certify specified information annually to the Governor and Legislature; amending s. 1004.4471, F.S.; authorizing subsidiaries of the corporation to enter into certain affiliation agreements; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Rules; and Judiciary; and Senator Rodriguez—

CS for CS for SB 322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property rights; amending s. 82.036, F.S.; specifying a requirement for a complaint to remove an unauthorized person from residential real property; correcting a cross-reference in the complaint; creating s. 82.037, F.S.; authorizing a property owner or his or her authorized agent to request the sheriff in the county in which the owner's commercial real property is located to immediately remove persons unlawfully occupying the owner's commercial real property if specified conditions are met; requiring such owners or agents to submit a specified completed and verified complaint; specifying requirements for the complaint; specifying requirements for the sheriff upon receipt of the complaint; authorizing the sheriff to arrest an unauthorized person for legal cause; providing that sheriffs are entitled to a specified fee for service of the notice to vacate immediately; authorizing the owner or agent to request that the sheriff stand by while the owner or agent takes possession of the commercial real property; authorizing the sheriff to charge a reasonable hourly rate; providing that the sheriff is not liable to any party for the loss or destruction of, or damage to, certain personal property; providing that the property owner or agent is not liable to any party for the loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal property unless it was wrongfully removed; providing civil remedies; providing construction; amending s. 689.03, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; prohibiting a person from unlawfully detaining or occupying or trespassing upon commercial real property and intentionally causing a specified amount of damage; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 817.0311, F.S.; prohibiting listing or advertising for sale, or renting or leasing, real property under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; reenacting ss. 775.0837(1)(c) and 895.02(8)(a), F.S., relating to habitual misdemeanor offenders and definitions, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 806.13 and 817.0311, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Burgess—

CS for SB 448—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedure; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; specifying that an agency's issuance of a guidance document or other statement interpreting a statute without express statutory delegation to issue such guidance is an in-

valid exercise of delegated legislative authority; amending s. 120.536, F.S.; prohibiting an agency from adopting a rule or issuing a guidance document without statutory delegation; reenacting and amending s. 120.541, F.S.; requiring an agency to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs for all proposed rules, notices of change, and final rules; requiring publication of materials used to produce estimates of regulatory costs in a specified manner; providing additional requirements for cost-benefit analyses for certain rules; requiring an agency to conduct retrospective cost-benefit analyses and assessment reports for certain rules, subject to certain requirements; requiring the Administrative Procedures Committee to set a review schedule for existing rules to undergo a retrospective cost-benefit analysis and review; providing exceptions; requiring the committee to separately review exempt rules; requiring the agency to perform specified actions during such reviews; amending s. 120.545, F.S.; revising requirements for the review of rules by the Administrative Procedures Committee; amending s. 120.55, F.S.; requiring that additional information be published in the Florida Administrative Code; amending s. 120.56, F.S.; specifying that guidance documents are subject to specified provisions; providing that a party subject to an enforcement action may challenge the action on the basis that the agency lacked statutory authority for the rule or guidance document; providing for award of costs and attorney fees; providing for challenges to rules on the grounds that an agency failed to comply with specified provisions; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator DiCeglie—

CS for SB 480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nonprofit agricultural organization medical benefit plans; creating s. 624.4032, F.S.; providing legislative purpose; defining the term "nonprofit agricultural organization"; authorizing nonprofit agricultural organizations to provide medical benefit plans; specifying that such plans are not insurance for purposes of the Florida Insurance Code; requiring a specified disclosure; providing requirements for the disclosure; prohibiting the nonprofit agricultural organization from marketing or selling a medical benefit plan through specified agents; requiring the nonprofit agricultural organization to conduct an annual financial audit and make such audit publicly available; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Grall—

CS for SB 498—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust fund interest for purposes approved by the Supreme Court; creating s. 655.97, F.S.; authorizing financial institutions to hold funds in specified trust accounts to be used for specified purposes; requiring such financial institutions to quarterly select a certain interest rate alternative for a specified purpose; providing requirements for such interest rate alternatives; requiring a financial institution to submit a rate validation sheet and affidavit to the Chief Financial Officer within a specified timeframe attesting it will pay a certain interest rate; requiring that the affidavit attest that certain information is true and factual; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to verify certain information; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to determine, at specified intervals, the interest rate of a specified interest rate alternative; providing that such rates are effective on specified dates; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to inform a certain entity of the determined interest rate within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Leek—

CS for SB 576—A bill to be entitled An act relating to service of process; amending s. 48.091, F.S.; expanding the hours during which registered agents are required to keep the designated registered office open for the purpose of process service; specifying that certain registered agents may be served process in a specified manner; providing that process may be served on an employee of the registered agent in accordance with applicable law; authorizing a person attempting to serve process to serve an employee of the registered agent present at the registered office; amending s. 48.101, F.S.; authorizing service of process by personally serving the receiver for specified domestic entities in receivership during pendency of the receivership; amending s. 48.161, F.S.; requiring that a certain substituted service of process be issued in the name of the party to be served in care of the Secretary of State; deleting a provision requiring the Secretary of State to keep certain

records; authorizing the use of a specified substituted service method under certain circumstances; requiring parties using such method to send the notice of service and a copy of the process to the last known physical and, if applicable, electronic addresses of the party being served; revising the information that must be contained in a certain affidavit of compliance; providing that a certain service of process is effectuated under specified circumstances; providing that the Secretary of State and the Department of State are not parties to lawsuits and may not be served additional court filings by reason of specified substituted service; amending s. 48.181, F.S.; specifying that registered agents must have been designated under a specified provision for a specified purpose; authorizing substituted service on the Secretary of State in specified circumstances; providing that certain individuals are deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State as their agents on whom all process may be served in certain actions and proceedings; providing retroactive application; providing applicability and construction; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Martin—

CS for SB 676—A bill to be entitled An act relating to minimum wage requirements; amending s. 448.110, F.S.; providing that an employer is not subject to certain minimum wage requirements for specified employees; authorizing employees to opt out of the minimum wage requirements in a specified manner; requiring that the parent or guardian of an employee who is younger than 18 years of age sign such waiver on behalf of the employee; providing severability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Truenow—

CS for SB 678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pawnbroker transaction forms; amending s. 539.001, F.S.; authorizing pawnbroker transaction forms to be in digital or printed formats; authorizing a pawnbroker to use either format; revising recordkeeping requirements; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Burgess—

CS for SB 702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to provenance of digital content; amending s. 106.145, F.S.; defining the term “provenance data”; requiring that certain content created by generative artificial intelligence purporting to depict an electoral candidate include digital provenance data; amending s. 252.353, F.S.; creating a digital content provenance pilot program within the Division of Emergency Management; providing the pilot program’s purpose; requiring the division to include a conspicuous indicator with an encoded link on the digital images and videos it creates after a specified date to allow users to access provenance data; requiring the division to submit an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; providing for future repeal; creating s. 501.9741, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a provider of a generative artificial intelligence tool to apply provenance data, either directly or through a third-party technology, to synthetic content wholly generated by the provider’s generative artificial intelligence tool; requiring a provider of a generative artificial intelligence tool to make available to the public specified tools and readers to determine whether certain content was created by the provider’s generative artificial intelligence tool; prohibiting the inclusion of certain information in provenance data which is reasonably capable of being associated with a particular user, unless directed by the user; requiring social media platforms to retain provenance data of synthetic content provided to or posted on the platforms; requiring social media platforms to make such data available to platform users through a conspicuous indicator on such content; requiring that a capture device sold in this state have an option to record provenance data of certain content; requiring manufacturers of such capture devices to ensure provenance data can be read by third-party applications; providing that a violation of the act is an unfair or deceptive act or practice; requiring the Attorney General to enforce this section; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to notify any person suspected of violating the act and allow them to cure such violation within a specified timeframe before initiating enforcement action; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Osgood—

CS for SB 710—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for specified personal identifying and location information of employees of crime stoppers organizations and the board members and volunteers of such crime stoppers organizations; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Martin—

CS for SB 716—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenses by persons previously convicted of sexual offenses; creating s. 794.0116, F.S.; providing mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for specified sexual offenses when committed by registered sexual offenders or sexual predators; providing requirements for such sentences; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senators Truenow and Brodeur—

CS for SB 736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to brownfields; amending s. 376.303, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring certain property owners to provide information regarding institutional controls to the local government for mapping purposes; deleting local government requirements for such mapping; requiring that sites issued a site rehabilitation completion order without institutional controls be removed from the registry of all contaminated sites located in a brownfield area; amending s. 376.30781, F.S.; revising the conditions under which an applicant who has rehabilitated a contaminated site may submit and claim certain tax credits; specifying a timeframe within which such tax credit application must be submitted; revising the criteria for determining applicants who are redeveloping brownfield sites who may be eligible for certain tax credits; deleting the definition of the term “monetary compensation”; revising the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection must issue annual site rehabilitation tax credit certificate awards; revising the amount of time the department has to respond to a tax credit applicant regarding a certain notice; amending s. 376.78, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 376.79, F.S.; revising definitions, defining the terms “brownfield” and “brownfield site”; amending s. 376.81, F.S.; providing legislative findings; prohibiting the department or a delegated local pollution control program from denying a specified status or refusing to issue a specified order for certain brownfield sites that are only a portion of larger contaminated sites; providing applicability; amending s. 376.82, F.S.; revising the persons and sites eligible for participation in the brownfield program; revising requirements for such participation; requiring that completion of the performance of remediation obligations at the brownfield site be evidenced by a site rehabilitation completion order; revising the information necessary from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the department for a person’s participation in the program; specifying that certain brownfield sites are eligible to participate in the brownfield program under certain circumstances; amending ss. 196.1995 and 288.1175, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting s. 1004.53(1), F.S., relating to the Center for Brownfield Rehabilitation Assistance, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 376.79, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Simon—

CS for SB 752—A bill to be entitled An act relating to defamation, false light, and unauthorized publication of name or likenesses; amending s. 770.02, F.S.; requiring that certain articles or broadcasts be removed from any website over which the newspaper, broadcaster, or periodical has control within a specified period to limit damages for defamation; amending s. 770.04, F.S.; providing persons in certain positions relating to newspapers with immunity for defamation if such persons exercise due care to prevent publication or utterance of such a statement; declaring that the continued appearance on any website over which the newspaper, broadcaster, or periodical has control of a published statement determined to be false is deemed to be a new publication of the false statement for certain purposes and that the owner,

licensee, or operator is not entitled to a certain privilege; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Burton—

CS for SB 754—A bill to be entitled An act relating to International Baccalaureate bonus funding; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; revising the requirements for the calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership and certain bonuses based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students to include students who earn a minimum grade in a specified course; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Burton—

CS for SB 756—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance coverage for individuals with developmental disabilities; amending ss. 627.6686 and 641.31098, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “autism spectrum disorder” and “eligible individual”; reenacting ss. 409.906(26) and 943.1727, F.S., relating to optional Medicaid services and continued employment training relating to autism spectrum disorder, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 627.6686, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Berman—

CS for SB 762—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preventing the spread of avian influenza; creating the Be Ready Task Force within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; providing for membership and meetings of the task force; requiring the task force to develop specified recommendations; requiring the task force to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for dissolution of the task force; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Yarborough—

CS for SB 806—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Trust Code; amending s. 736.0110, F.S.; specifying circumstances in which the Attorney General has the exclusive authority to represent certain interests relating to a charitable trust having its principal place of administration in this state; prohibiting certain public officers of another state from asserting such rights; amending s. 736.0106, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 736.0405, F.S.; providing construction; reenacting s. 738.303(2)(b) and (d), F.S., relating to authority of a fiduciary, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 736.0110, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Calatayud—

CS for SB 924—A bill to be entitled An act relating to coverage for fertility preservation services; amending s. 110.12303, F.S.; requiring the Department of Management Services to provide coverage of certain fertility preservation services for state group health insurance plan policies issued on or after a specified date; specifying requirements and limitations regarding such coverage; prohibiting a state group health insurance plan from requiring preauthorization for certain covered services; authorizing health benefit plans to contain certain provisions under specified conditions; defining terms; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Davis—

CS for SB 944—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance overpayment claims submitted to psychologists; amending ss. 627.6131 and 641.3155, F.S.; requiring that insurance overpayment claims submitted to psychologists be submitted within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator True—
now—

CS for SB 988—A bill to be entitled An act relating to securities; amending s. 517.021, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 517.061, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which securities transactions are exempt from registration requirements; conforming cross-references; amending s. 517.0612, F.S.; revising the filing requirements for securities issuers under the Florida Invest Local Exemption law; amending s. 517.0614, F.S.; revising circumstances under which securities offers and sales are not subject to integration with other offerings; amending s. 517.0616, F.S.; revising the registration exemptions that are available to specified issuers under certain circumstances; providing applicability of certain disqualification provisions under a specified Securities and Exchange Commission rule; amending s. 517.075, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 517.081, F.S.; revising the requirements for securities registration applications; amending s. 517.12, F.S.; revising the list of persons who must submit fingerprints for live-scan processing for registration applications; providing fees for fingerprint processing; defining the term “owner”; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to consider certain rules and regulations in waiving the fingerprint requirement; providing and revising definitions; revising the written assurances requirements that merger and acquisition brokers must receive from certain control persons under specified circumstances; revising the circumstances under which merger and acquisition brokers are not exempt from specified securities registration; conforming cross-references; amending s. 517.131, F.S.; defining the term “restitution order”; revising the circumstances under which a person is eligible for payment from the Securities Guaranty Fund; revising the requirements for applications for payment from the fund; conforming cross-references; amending s. 517.301, F.S.; specifying a prohibition against certain misrepresentations in a person issuing and selling securities; amending s. 517.34, F.S.; revising the maximum number of days by which a dealer or investment adviser may extend a delay on a disbursement or transaction; amending ss. 517.211 and 517.315, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Wright—

CS for SB 1022—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fines for public nuisance abatement; amending s. 893.138, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the assessment and collection of fines for public nuisances; defining the term “legal assistant”; removing a limit on the total amount of fines that may be imposed on a public nuisance; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Gruters—

CS for SB 1058—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Gulf of America; requiring state agencies to update geographic materials to reflect the new federal designation of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America”; requiring that specified materials and collections adopted or acquired by district school boards and charter school governing boards on or after a specified date reflect the new federal designation of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America”; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Simon—

CS for SB 1070—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electrocardiograms for student athletes; providing a short title; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring certain students to receive an electrocardiogram to participate in athletics, beginning on a specified date; requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to adopt a schedule requiring that, by a specified date, certain students receive, before competing, at least one electrocardiogram as a part of their medical evaluation; requiring that the FHSAA bylaws specify those students who must receive an electrocardiogram; revising provisions related to parental objections to requirements for participation in athletics to include objection to electrocardiograms; requiring that parents who object to an electrocardiogram provide a specified release

from liability; requiring the FHSAA to develop a standard form to document exceptions; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator McClain—

CS for SB 1078—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire prevention; amending s. 553.7932, F.S.; defining the term “alteration”; revising the definition of the term “fire alarm system project”; requiring a local enforcement agency to issue a permit for a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project within a specified time period; authorizing work to commence immediately; requiring the local enforcement agency to provide an inspection within a specified timeframe; requiring that certain plans and specifications be available for an onsite plans review during an inspection; requiring a contractor to provide additional documents, if necessary, within a specified timeframe; prohibiting a local enforcement agency from requiring additional plans reviews or documentation outside the scope of the permitted work; requiring that permit fees be refunded by a certain percentage if a local government fails to meet certain deadlines; providing exceptions; requiring local enforcement agencies to establish a simplified permitting process by a specified date; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; specifying a condition under which a local amendment to the Florida Fire Prevention Code is null and void; providing that a municipality may enforce only an ordinance that has been sent to the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire Marshal as of the date that the bid for a permit was submitted; amending s. 633.312, F.S.; requiring that a uniform summary inspection report include the total number of deficiencies found during the inspection of a fire protection system or hydrant; deleting the requirement for a brief summary of such deficiencies; deleting an exception from submitting certain information within a detailed inspection report; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Ingoglia—

CS for SB 1128—A bill to be entitled An act relating to building permits for a single-family dwelling; amending ss. 125.56 and 553.79, F.S.; prohibiting the expiration of certain building permits issued by a county or a local government, respectively, before a specified event; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; specifying that certain permit applications are deemed in compliance; requiring the local government to issue such permit within a certain timeframe; requiring certain attestations supporting permit applications; indemnifying local governments in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator True-now—

CS for SB 1132—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumers’ right to repair certain equipment; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating s. 559.971, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 559.972, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 559.973, F.S.; requiring portable wireless device manufacturers to make certain items available to device owners and independent repair providers; prohibiting certain manufacturers from requiring authorized repair providers to continue purchasing certain information in a proprietary format; providing an exception; creating s. 559.974, F.S.; providing for enforcement; creating s. 559.975, F.S.; providing construction; creating s. 559.976, F.S.; providing applicability; creating s. 686.35, F.S.; defining terms; requiring original equipment manufacturers of agricultural equipment to make certain diagnostic and repair information available to independent repair providers and owners; prohibiting original equipment manufacturers from excluding certain information concerning security-related functions; providing construction and applicability; providing civil liability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator DiCeglie—

CS for SB 1198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraudulent use of gift cards; creating s. 817.091, F.S.; defining terms; providing criminal penalties for persons who, with the intent to defraud, commit specified prohibited acts related to gift cards; providing criminal penalties for persons who, with the intent to defraud, use for certain purposes gift cards or gift card redemption information; providing en-

hanced criminal penalties if the value of such violation exceeds a specified amount; providing an effective date.

REFERENCE CHANGES PURSUANT TO RULE 4.7(2)

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Burgess—

CS for SB 702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to provenance of digital content; amending s. 106.145, F.S.; defining the term “provenance data”; requiring that certain content created by generative artificial intelligence purporting to depict an electoral candidate include digital provenance data; amending s. 252.353, F.S.; creating a digital content provenance pilot program within the Division of Emergency Management; providing the pilot program’s purpose; requiring the division to include a conspicuous indicator with an encoded link on the digital images and videos it creates after a specified date to allow users to access provenance data; requiring the division to submit an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; providing for future repeal; creating s. 501.9741, F.S.; defining terms; requiring a provider of a generative artificial intelligence tool to apply provenance data, either directly or through a third-party technology, to synthetic content wholly generated by the provider’s generative artificial intelligence tool; requiring a provider of a generative artificial intelligence tool to make available to the public specified tools and readers to determine whether certain content was created by the provider’s generative artificial intelligence tool; prohibiting the inclusion of certain information in provenance data which is reasonably capable of being associated with a particular user, unless directed by the user; requiring social media platforms to retain provenance data of synthetic content provided to or posted on the platforms; requiring social media platforms to make such data available to platform users through a conspicuous indicator on such content; requiring that a capture device sold in this state have an option to record provenance data of certain content; requiring manufacturers of such capture devices to ensure provenance data can be read by third-party applications; providing that a violation of the act is an unfair or deceptive act or practice; requiring the Attorney General to enforce this section; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to notify any person suspected of violating the act and allow them to cure such violation within a specified timeframe before initiating enforcement action; providing an effective date.

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

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE:

The Secretary of State has certified that pursuant to the provisions of section 114.05, Florida Statutes, certificates subject to confirmation by the Senate have been prepared for the following:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>		<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees of Daytona State College	Appointees: Dye, Randall W., Deland	05/31/2027
	Lupoli, Nellie, Ormond Beach	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College	Appointee: Hobbs, Andrew, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	05/31/2025
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University	Appointee: Murphy, Sherry, Jupiter	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees, University of Florida	Appointee: Davis, Jed V., Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	01/06/2030
Board of Trustees, University of North Florida	Appointees: Davis, Jill Smith, Confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(4), F.S.	01/06/2030
	Patel, Nikul, Jacksonville	01/06/2030

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment

Board of Chiropractic Medicine

Appointee: Comerford, Jason, Palm Bay 10/31/2028

Referred to the Committees on Health Policy; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment

Florida Building Commission

Appointee: Hershberger, Rodney, Sarasota 07/27/2027

Referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Ethics and Elections.

Office and Appointment

Florida Transportation Commission

Appointees: Browning, John P., Jr., Palatka 09/30/2027
Haselden, Barbara L., St.
Petersburg 09/30/2026

Referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Ethics and Elections.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of March 4 and March 10 were corrected and approved.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Arrington—SB 70, SB 288, SB 870, SB 1212, SB 1364, SB 1514, SB 1714; Avila—SB 108, CS for SB 116, SB 118, CS for SB 150, SM 314, CS for SB 348, SB 356; Berman—CS for SB 344; Bernard—SB 356, SB 1212; Brodeur—SB 1162; Burgess—SB 132, SB 430, SB 718; Calatayud—SB 104, SB 622, SB 1212; Collins—SB 884; Davis—CS for SB 116, CS for SB 150; DiCeglie—SB 272; Garcia—CS for SB 150; Gruters—SB 118, SB 132, SB 1372, SB 1708; Ingoglia—SB 118, CS for SB 150; Martin—SB 734; Rouson—SB 272; Sharief—SB 398, SB 1212; Smith—SB 288, SB 330, SB 870; Trumbull—SB 1002; Yarborough—SB 952

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 3:44 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 or upon call of the President.