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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 4:30 p.m. A quorum present—36:

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

Excused: Senators Jones and Yarborough

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senior Pastor Dr. Shaun Ferguson, Faith Temple Christian Center, Rockledge:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. We stand so honored to stand during this time of Holy Week. Today, within these sacred chambers, we declare: great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

We lift up in prayer every Senator, every public servant within these chambers. Father, we ask that you would grant them the wisdom, the strength, and the clarity as they lead. May they trust in you fully, seeking your guidance in every decision they make. Thank you for their service and the sacrifice of time away from their families. Bless their homes, Father, with peace, their hearts with grace, and their work with purpose. Let every relationship in this chamber be marked by unity and respect. May cooperation, kindness, and honor guide their interactions for we are reminded that where your presence is, there is unity. Father, we ask you also to bless every staff member working diligently behind the scenes. Encourage and strengthen them in their roles.

Lord, give each Senator courage to stand firm, even when the path is difficult. Let them represent the people of this state with boldness, compassion, and integrity. Lord, we speak blessings over today's ses-

sion, over our Senators, our Governor, and the great State of Florida. It is in your holy precious name, the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Maximo Anderson of Miami; Katie Nation of Tallahassee; and Mark Sumpter of Orange Park, 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. Ferdinand Formoso of Jacksonville, sponsored by Senator Yarborough, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Formoso specializes in interventional pain medicine.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Burgess—

By Senator Burgess—

**SR 1886**—A resolution commending the University of South Florida for its achievements as a national leader in academic and research excellence and designating April 15, 2025, as “USF Day” at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, in 1956, the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida (USF) was founded with the approved name of “University of South Florida,” in part, because it was the southernmost state university in Florida at the time, and

WHEREAS, now, in 2025, the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus is celebrating 50 years of serving the communities of Manatee and Sarasota Counties, and

WHEREAS, USF St. Petersburg, situated on 52 waterfront acres in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, hosts the state’s repository for human trafficking data, an important tool in assisting law enforcement with fighting this crime, and

WHEREAS, in addition to collecting and analyzing statewide data, USF’s Trafficking in Persons Risk to Resilience Research Lab is tasked with evaluating the effectiveness of state-funded initiatives to combat human trafficking and working with law enforcement and state agencies to report data on human trafficking investigations and prosecutions, and

WHEREAS, USF Health has tripled its research funding over the last decade, with seven academic departments ranked among the top 50 in the nation in funding from the National Institutes of Health as the university continues to move forward on a bold path of innovation and exploration, and

WHEREAS, USF is recognized as the fifth-youngest institution welcomed into the Association of American Universities and one of only two institutions in the State University System to have membership, and

WHEREAS, USF has been recognized as a preeminent university by the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, USF ranks 45th among U.S. public institutions, marking the 11th consecutive year it has been ranked in the top 50, according to *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual ranking of best colleges, and

WHEREAS, USF achieved a record-breaking \$738 million in research funding during fiscal year 2024, up nearly 7 percent over the previous year and an impressive increase of 35 percent since 2022, and

WHEREAS, USF has a total annual economic impact of \$6.01 billion and supports 68,704 jobs in this state, and

WHEREAS, USF was ranked by the *Princeton Review* as a top 50 best value college among public institutions for providing students with high-quality education and career readiness at an affordable cost, and was ranked among the best in the *U.S. News & World Report* Online Education Program rankings, with education, engineering, and business programs in the top 100 and the online MBA program in the top 25, and

WHEREAS, the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine is the top-ranked medical school in this state and is one of only 16 nationally, and the only one in this state, to be placed in *U.S. News & World Report's* highest tier of medical schools, and

WHEREAS, USF's 2024-2025 freshman class welcomed approximately 6,700 students across all three campuses, a 14 percent increase from last year, and the new class entered USF with an impressive academic profile, including an average high school GPA of 4.23, ACT score of 28.2, and SAT score of 1306, and came from across the state of Florida, all 50 states, and 73 countries, and included approximately 750 students that joined the Judy Genshaft Honors College and 54 National Merit Scholars, and

WHEREAS, USF was ranked among the top 100 schools by *U.S. News & World Report* for best colleges for veterans, and the university earned a Collegiate Purple Star Campus designation in 2024, which recognizes higher education institutions that provide critical support to military-connected students and families, and is one of only 18 universities in the nation selected as a Tillman Partnership University of the Pat Tillman Foundation, based on innovative veteran-specific support services and proven culture of community for military families, and

WHEREAS, USF takes pride in its vast network of nearly 400,000 alumni who are creating meaningful impacts in their communities throughout Florida and beyond, exemplifying the university's dedication to cultivating graduates who lead with purpose and serve with distinction, and

WHEREAS, that same pride and purpose has led USF to new heights in sports, with the football team earning the record for the largest shutout victory in bowl history with a 45–0 win against Syracuse in the 2023 Boca Raton Bowl, and in 2024, claiming victory over the San Jose State Spartans in a five-overtime thriller at the Hawaii Bowl, the longest game in bowl history at the time, making USF one of only 15 teams in college football to win back-to-back bowl games, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That April 15, 2025, is designated “USF Day” at the Capitol in recognition of the University of South Florida’s contribution as an exceptional institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Rhea F. Law, J.D., the eighth President of University of South Florida, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Burgess recognized USF President Rhea Law and USF mascot Rocky the Bull, who were present in the gallery in support of USF Day at the Capitol.

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

The President recognized former Senator Anitere Flores who was present in the chamber.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SENATOR BRODEUR PRESIDING

**CS for SB 7010**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 631.195, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain records made or received by the Department of Financial Services acting as receiver pursuant to specified provisions; revising the list of records that are exempt from public records requirements; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Ingoglia, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 7010** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Rodriguez

**SB 7008**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 559.952, F.S., which provides for an exemption from public records requirements for certain records provided to and held by the Office of Financial Regulation relating to the Financial Technology Sandbox; deleting the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 7008**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 7003** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Ingoglia—

**HB 7003**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 559.952, F.S., which provides an exemption from public record requirements for certain information held by the Office of Financial Regulation in Financial Technology Sandbox applications; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 7008** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Ingoglia, by two-thirds vote, **HB 7003** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	Brodeur	Gaetz
Arrington	Burgess	Garcia
Avila	Burton	Grall
Berman	Calatayud	Gruters
Bernard	Collins	Harrell
Boyd	Davis	Hooper
Bradley	DiCeglie	Ingoglia

Leek	Pizzo	Simon
Martin	Polsky	Smith
McClain	Rodriguez	Truenow
Osgood	Rouson	Trumbull
Passidomo	Sharief	Wright

Nays—None

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Consideration of **CS for CS for CS for SB 1828** was deferred.

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**CS for SB 1430**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postjudgment execution proceedings relating to terrorism; amending s. 772.13, F.S.; providing additional requirements for postjudgment execution proceedings to enforce judgments entered against terrorist parties under specified provisions; providing retroactive application of specified provisions; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 1430** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

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**CS for CS for SB 910**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans' benefits assistance; amending s. 435.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "specified agency"; creating s. 501.9741, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for referring an individual to a provider for advising, assisting, or consulting on any veterans' benefits matter; authorizing a provider to receive compensation only for services rendered during a specified period under certain circumstances; requiring that, before such services are rendered, a written agreement, which must include specified information, be signed by both parties; requiring that persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters for compensation provide a specified oral and written disclosure before entering into a business relationship with a client; providing requirements for such disclosure; prohibiting a provider who advises, assists, or consults on veterans' benefits matters from charging certain fees; prohibiting the charging of interest on payment plans; providing requirements in the event of the death of a veteran claimant; prohibiting certain guarantees; prohibiting a provider who advises, assists, or consults on veterans' benefits matters for compensation from taking certain actions; requiring a provider to ensure that individuals who directly assist a veteran in a veterans' benefits matter complete a specified background screening before entering into an agreement with a veteran for veterans' benefits matters; providing requirements for such screening; providing construction; requiring a provider to provide copies of certain documents to the veteran and maintain a copy of such documents; prohibiting a person who provides services from receiving compensation under certain circumstances and until certain conditions are met; providing that a violation is a deceptive and unfair trade practice that may be subject to specified penalties; providing construction; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 910** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

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**CS for CS for SB 832**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to former phosphate mining lands; amending s. 376.308, F.S.; providing conditions for a cause of action against certain former phosphate mine sites; creating s. 378.213, F.S.; authorizing landowners to record certain notice of former phosphate mines; specifying requirements for such notice; defining the term "former phosphate mine"; creating s. 404.0561, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to conduct gamma radiation surveys of former phosphate land parcels upon petition; providing conditions and requirements for such surveys; specifying that petitioners bear the cost of surveys; creating s. 768.405, F.S.; requiring that specified documentation of radiation levels be submitted in certain civil actions related to phosphate mining; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Burgess moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 1 (655340)**—Delete line 33 and insert:  
378.213(1); and

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

Senator Burgess moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 2 (940034) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 64-79 and insert:  
*measurements.*

(2) *The department shall provide a copy of the preliminary survey results to the petitioner within 30 days after completion of the survey. Within 60 days after receipt of the survey, the petitioner may request an additional survey based upon any reasonable belief that the survey was flawed or not representative of conditions on the site. The department shall conduct one additional survey within 90 days after receipt of the petitioner's request. The additional survey must meet the requirements of this section and is deemed final within 90 days after completion.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 11-13 and insert: phosphate land parcels upon petition;

On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 832**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—33

Mr. President	Calatayud	Ingoglia
Arrington	Collins	Leek
Avila	Davis	Martin
Berman	DiCeglie	McClain
Bernard	Gaetz	Passidomo
Boyd	Garcia	Polsky
Bradley	Grall	Rodriguez
Brodeur	Gruters	Rouson
Burgess	Harrell	Sharief
Burton	Hooper	Simon

Truenow	Trumbull	Wright
Nays—3		
Osgood	Pizzo	Smith

**SB 796**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to general permits for distributed wastewater treatment systems; amending s. 403.814, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing the Secretary of Environmental Protection to grant a general permit for the replacement of an existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with a distributed wastewater treatment system under certain circumstances; providing for the installation of distributed wastewater treatment units to proceed without any further action by the Department of Environmental Protection if a permittee submits a notification to the department at least a specified number of days before installation; providing requirements for such notification; requiring such a permittee to take specified actions for distributed wastewater treatment units they install; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **SB 796** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Truenow—

**CS for CS for CS for SB 700**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 110.205, F.S.; providing that certain positions in the department are exempt from the Career Service System; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental entities from adopting or enforcing any legislation that inhibits the construction of housing for legally verified agricultural workers on agricultural land operated as a bona fide farm; requiring that the construction or installation of such housing units on agricultural lands satisfies certain criteria; requiring that local ordinances comply with certain regulations; authorizing governmental entities to adopt local land use regulations that are less restrictive; requiring property owners to maintain certain records for a specified timeframe; requiring that use of a housing site be discontinued and authorizing the removal of a such site under certain circumstances; specifying applicability of permit allocation systems in certain areas of critical state concern; authorizing the continued use of housing sites constructed before the effective date of the act if certain conditions are met; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to submit certain information to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement on a certain schedule; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing the department to surplus certain lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural production; requiring the department to consult with the Department of Environmental Protection before making such determination; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to retain a rural-lands-protection easement for all surplus lands and deposit all proceeds into a specified trust fund; requiring the department to provide a report of lands surplus to the board of trustees; providing that certain lands are ineligible to be surplus; providing for retroactive applicability; amending s. 330.41, F.S.; defining terms;

prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on lands classified as agricultural; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully performing certain actions on private property, state wildlife management lands, or a sport shooting and training range; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; creating s. 366.20, F.S.; requiring that certain lands acquired or owned by an electric utility by a certain date be offered for fee simple acquisition by the department before the land may be offered for sale or transfer to a private individual or entity; requiring an electric utility to issue a written intent to sell through certified mail to the Commissioner of Agriculture within a specified timeframe before offering to sell or transferring certain lands; authorizing the commissioner to issue a written intent to purchase via certified mail within a specified timeframe after receipt of such written intent to sell; requiring the electric utility to be released from certain provisions under certain circumstances; requiring that certain offers accepted and received by the department within a specified timeframe be executed no later than a certain date; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; defining the term “electric vehicle charging station”; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring local governmental entities to issue permits for electric vehicle charging stations based on specified standards and provisions of law; requiring that an electric vehicle charger be registered with the department before being placed into service for use by the public; providing the department with certain authority relating to electric vehicle charging stations; providing a penalty; authorizing the department to issue an immediate final order to an electric vehicle charging station under certain circumstances; providing that the department may bring an action to enjoin a violation of specified provisions or rules; requiring the court to issue a temporary or permanent injunction under certain circumstances; amending s. 388.011, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms “board of commissioners” and “district”; defining the term “program”; amending s. 388.021, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 388.181, F.S.; authorizing programs to perform specified actions; amending s. 388.201, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring that the tentative work plan budget covering the proposed operations and requirements for arthropod control measures show the estimated amount to be raised by county, municipality, or district taxes; requiring that county commissioners’ or a similar governing body’s mosquito control budget be made and adopted pursuant to specified provisions and requiring that summary figures be incorporated into the county budgets as prescribed by the department; amending s. 388.241, F.S.; providing that certain rights, powers, and duties be vested in the board of county commissioners or similar governing body of a county, or municipality; amending s. 388.261, F.S.; increasing the maximum annual amount that a county, municipality, or district may receive, without contributing matching funds, in state funds, supplies, services, or equipment for a certain number of years for any new program for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods which serves an area not previously served by a county, municipality, or district; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.271, F.S.; requiring each program participating in arthropod control activities to file a tentative integrated arthropod management plan with the department by a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.281, F.S.; requiring that all funds, supplies, and services released to programs be used in accordance with the integrated arthropod management plan and certified budget; requiring that such integrated arthropod management plan and certified budget be approved by both the department and the board of county commissioners or an appropriate representative; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.291, F.S.; providing that a program may perform certain source reduction measures in any area providing that the department has approved the operating or construction plan as outlined in the integrated arthropod management plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.301, F.S.; revising the schedule by which state funds for the control of mosquitos and other arthropods may be paid; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.311, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.321, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.322, F.S.; requiring the department to maintain a record and inventory of certain property purchased with state funds for arthropod control use; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.323, F.S.; requiring that certain equipment no longer needed by a program be first offered for sale to other programs engaged in arthropod control at a specified price; requiring that all proceeds from the sale of certain property owned by a program and purchased using state funds be de-

posited in the program's state fund account; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.341, F.S.; requiring a program receiving state aid to submit a monthly report of all expenditures from all funds for arthropod control by a specified timeframe as may be required by the department; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.351, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.361, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.3711, F.S.; revising the department's enforcement powers; amending s. 388.381, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.391, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.401, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 388.46, F.S.; revising the composition of the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control; amending s. 403.067, F.S.; providing an exception for inspection requirements for certain agricultural producers; authorizing the department to adopt rules establishing an enrollment in best management practices by rule process; authorizing the department to identify best management practices for specified landowners; requiring the department to perform onsite inspections annually of a certain percentage of all enrollments that meet specified qualifications within a specified area; providing requirements for such inspections; requiring agricultural producers enrolled by rule in a best management practice to submit nutrient records annually to the department; requiring the department to collect and retain such records; amending s. 403.852, F.S.; defining the term "water quality additive"; amending s. 403.859, F.S.; prohibiting the use of certain additives in a water system which do not meet specified requirements; amending s. 482.111, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a pest control operator's certificate; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.141, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking pest control operator certification; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 482.155, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking limited certification for a governmental pesticide applicator or a private applicator; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing for the examination through a third-party vendor for an individual seeking a limited certification for commercial landscape maintenance; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make such examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.157, F.S.; revising requirements for issuance of a limited certification for commercial wildlife management personnel; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; deleting provisions requiring the department to make an examination readily accessible and available to all applicants on a specified schedule; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the department to take specified disciplinary action upon the issuance of a final order imposing civil penalties or a criminal conviction pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 487.044, F.S.; requiring the department to provide in-person and remote testing through a third-party vendor for the examination of an individual seeking a limited certification for pesticide application; authorizing a third-party vendor to collect and retain a convenience fee; amending s. 487.175, F.S.; providing that the department may suspend, revoke, or deny licensure of a pesticide applicator upon issuance of a final order to a licensee which imposes civil penalties or a criminal conviction under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; defining the terms "foreign country of concern" and "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 496.405, F.S.; revising which documents a charitable organization or sponsor must file before engaging in specified activities; requiring that any changes to such documents be reported to the department on a specified form in a specified timeframe; revising the requirements of the charitable organization's initial registration statement; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of the charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.415, F.S.; prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a foreign source of concern; providing penalties; amending s. 496.417, F.S.; authorizing the department to investigate or refer to the Florida Elections Commission certain violations of a charitable organization or sponsor; amending s. 496.419, F.S.; providing

discretionary penalties for a charitable organization or sponsor whose registration is denied or revoked for submitting a false attestation; creating s. 496.431, F.S.; requiring the department to create the Honest Services Registry to provide residents with information relating to charitable organizations; requiring a charitable organization included in the Honest Services Registry to submit an attestation statement to the department; requiring the department to publish the Honest Services Registry on the department's website; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "cottage food product"; amending s. 500.12, F.S.; providing that the department requires a food permit from any person or business that operates a food establishment; revising exceptions; revising the schedule for renewing certain food permits; authorizing the department to establish a single permit renewal date for certain food establishments; amending s. 500.166, F.S.; requiring certain persons engaged in interstate commerce to retain all records that show certain information for a specified timeframe; amending s. 500.172, F.S.; authorizing the department to facilitate the destruction of certain articles that violate specified provisions; prohibiting certain persons from certain actions without permission from, or in accord with a written agreement with, the department; creating s. 500.75, F.S.; providing that it is unlawful to transport or offer to transport, import into this state, sell or offer for sale, furnish, or give away certain spores or mycelium; providing a penalty; creating s. 500.93, F.S.; defining terms; requiring the department to adopt rules to enforce the Food and Drug Administration's standard of identity for milk, meat, poultry, and poultry products, and eggs and egg products to prohibit the sale of plant-based products mislabeled as milk, meat, poultry, or poultry products, or egg or egg products; providing contingent effective dates; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing construction; repealing s. 501.135, F.S., relating to consumer unit pricing; amending s. 501.912, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "antifreeze"; creating s. 525.19, F.S.; requiring the department to create an annual petroleum registration program for petroleum owners or operators; requiring the department to adopt rules for such registration which include specified information; requiring that the registration program be free for all registrants; authorizing the department to require registrants to provide certain information during a state of emergency; creating s. 526.147, F.S.; creating the Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program within the department; requiring the grant program to provide funds up to a certain amount to be used for installation and equipment costs related to installing or modernizing transfer switch infrastructure at retail fuel facilities; requiring the department to award funds based on specified criteria; requiring retail fuel facilities awarded grant funds to comply with specified provisions; requiring such facilities to install a transfer switch with specified capabilities; requiring retail fuel facilities to provide specified documentation before being awarded funding; prohibiting certain facilities from being awarded funding; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management, to adopt rules; requiring that such rules include specified information; amending s. 531.48, F.S.; requiring that certain packages bear specified information on the outside of the package; amending s. 531.49, F.S.; revising requirements for the advertising of a packaged commodity; amending s. 564.06, F.S.; requiring that a certain percentage of revenues collected from certain excise taxes be deposited into the Florida Wine Trust Fund; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; requiring the department to foster and encourage the employment and retention of qualified veterinary pathologists; providing that the department may reimburse the educational expenses of certain veterinary pathologists who enter into a certain agreement with the department; requiring the department to adopt certain rules; requiring the department to extend certain opportunities to public school students enrolled in agricultural education to support Future Farmers of America programming; requiring the department to use contracts procured by agencies; defining the term "agency"; amending s. 570.544, F.S.; revising which provisions the director of the Division of Consumer Services must enforce; creating s. 570.546, F.S.; authorizing the department to create a process for the bulk renewal of licenses; authorizing the department to create a process that will allow licensees to align the expiration dates of licenses within a specified program; authorizing the department to change the expiration date for current licenses for a certain purpose; requiring the department to prorate the licensing fee for certain licenses; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 570.694, F.S.; creating the Florida Aquaculture Foundation as a direct support organization within the department; providing the purpose of the foundation; providing governance for the foundation; authorizing the department to appoint an advisory committee adjunct to the foundation; amending s. 570.822,

F.S.; defining the term “declared emergency,” rather than “declared natural disaster,” and revising the definition of the term “program”; providing that loan funds from the department may be used to restock aquaculture; authorizing the department to renew a loan application under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to defer or waive loan payments under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 570.823, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the silviculture emergency recovery program within the department to administer a grant program to assist certain timber landowners; requiring that such grants be used for certain purposes; requiring that only timber lands located on agricultural property are eligible for the program; requiring the department to coordinate with state agencies to provide financial assistance to timber landowners after a specified declared emergency; providing construction; authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement this section including emergency rules that may be effective for a specified timeframe; creating s. 570.831, F.S.; requiring, subject to appropriation of funds, the Cattle Enhancement Board, Inc., in coordination with the department, to establish a Florida beef marketing program; providing a purpose for such program; amending s. 581.1843, F.S.; deleting provisions that exclude certain citrus nurseries from certain requirements; deleting provisions relating to regulated areas around the perimeter of commercial citrus nurseries; repealing ss. 593.101, 593.102, 593.103, 593.104, 593.105, 593.106, 593.107, 593.108, 593.109, 593.11, 593.111, 593.112, 593.113, 593.114, 593.1141, 593.1142, 593.115, 593.116, and 593.117, F.S., relating to the Florida Boll Weevil Eradication Law; definitions; powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the entry of premises to carry out boll weevil eradication activities and inspections; reports by persons growing cotton; quarantine areas and the regulation of articles within a boll weevil eradication zone; the regulation of collection, transportation, distribution, and movement of cotton; cooperative programs for persons engaged in growing, processing, marketing, or handling cotton; the department’s authority to designate eradication zones, prohibit planting of cotton, and require participation in eradication program; regulation of the pasturage of livestock, entry by persons, and location of honeybee colonies in eradication zones and other areas; eligibility for certification of cotton growers’ organization; the certification of cotton growers’ organization; a referendum; an assessment; the department’s authority to enter agreements with the Farm Service Agency; liens; mandamus or injunction; penalty for violation; and the handling of moneys received, respectively; amending s. 595.404, F.S.; revising the department’s powers and duties regarding school nutrition programs; amending s. 599.002, F.S.; renaming the Viticulture Advisory Council as the Florida Wine Advisory Council; revising the membership of the Florida Wine Advisory Council; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.003, F.S.; renaming the State Viticulture Plan as the State Wine Plan; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.004, F.S.; making technical changes; providing that wineries that fail to recertify annually or pay a specified licensing fee are subject to certain actions and costs; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 599.012, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 616.12, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring a person who operates a minstrel show in connection with any certain public fairs to pay specified license taxes; deleting a provision that exempts such person from paying specified taxes; creating s. 687.16, F.S.; providing a short title; defining terms; prohibiting a financial institution from discriminating in the provision of financial services to an agricultural producer based on an ESG factor; providing an inference with regard to a certain violation; providing that the financial institution may overcome the inference by making certain demonstrations regarding its denial or restriction of financial services to an agricultural producer; authorizing the Attorney General to enforce specified provisions; providing that a violation of specified provisions constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice; authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and seek remedies for such unfair trade practices; authorizing an aggrieved party to seek an action for damages; amending s. 741.0305, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the department may temporarily suspend a person’s license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm or the processing of an application for such license; requiring the department to notify certain licensees or applicants of their right to a hearing; requiring the department to issue an order confirming the end of a suspension within a specified timeframe after an applicant or licensee submits a copy of a specified document to the department; requiring that such document be sent through electronic or certified mail to a specified location; requiring that the suspension re-

main in effect upon a certain disposition of a criminal case or injunction; providing construction; providing legislative findings; revising the duties of the department after the date of receipt of a completed application for a license to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm; requiring that a license issued under this section be temporarily suspended or revoked if the license was issued in error or if the licensee commits certain actions; amending s. 812.0151, F.S.; revising the elements of third degree and second degree felony retail fuel theft; creating s. 812.136, F.S.; defining terms; providing elements for the crime of mail theft; providing elements of theft of or unauthorized reproduction of a mail depository key or lock; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 934.50, F.S.; deleting certain exceptions from the prohibited uses of drones; providing that a drone may be used for certain purposes by a local governmental entity or person under contract with or acting under the direction of such entity; creating s. 1013.373, F.S.; prohibiting a local government from adopting any measure to limit the activities of public educational facilities or auxiliary facilities constructed by certain organizations; requiring that lands used for agricultural education or for the Future Farmers of America or 4-H activities be considered agricultural lands; reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to preference in appointment and retention, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 110.205, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 189.062(1)(a), F.S., relating to special procedures for inactive districts and state aid to counties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 388.271, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 482.072(3)(b) and 482.163, F.S., relating to pest control customer contact centers and responsibility for pest control activities of employee, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 482.161, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 487.156, F.S., relating to governmental agencies, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 487.044, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 496.405(2) and 496.406(2) and (4), F.S., relating to charitable organization or sponsor board duties and exemption from registration, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 496.405, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 500.80(1)(a), F.S., relating to cottage food operations, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.12, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 500.121(6), F.S., relating to disciplinary procedures, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 500.172, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 790.061, F.S., relating to judges and justices, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 790.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Berman moved the following amendments which failed:

**Amendment 1 (765612) (with title amendment)**—Delete lines 1455-1472 and insert:

Section 31. Subsection (8) is added to section 403.853, Florida Statutes, to read:

403.853 Drinking water standards.—

(8) *A local government may enact regulations relating to water fluoridation.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 180-183 and insert: amending s. 403.853, F.S.; authorizing local governments to enact regulations relating to water fluoridation;

The vote was:

Yeas—13

Arrington	Gaetz	Rouson
Berman	Harrell	Sharief
Bernard	Osgood	Smith
Bradley	Pizzo	
Davis	Polsky	

Nays—21

Mr. President	Brodeur	Calatayud
Avila	Burgess	Collins
Boyd	Burton	DiCeglie

Garcia	Leek	Rodriguez
Gruters	Martin	Simon
Hooper	McClain	Truenow
Ingoglia	Passidomo	Wright

Vote after roll call:

Nay to Yea—Calatayud

**Amendment 2 (154380) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 1472 and 1473 insert:

Section 33. Section 403.9285, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.9285 Fluoridation program.—

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

(a) “Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(b) “Underserved area” means a geographic area with health care resources that are insufficient to meet the needs of the service population. The term includes medically underserved areas as defined in s. 381.4019.

(2) The department shall develop a program to provide limited dental and oral hygiene services to residents of underserved areas in this state.

(3)(a) The program must include community-centered events and educational opportunities focusing on oral hygiene instruction.

(b) The program shall provide residents of underserved areas access to fluoride products, including fluoride toothpaste, fluoride tablets, and other fluoridated oral health products.

(4) The department, in consultation with the Department of Health, shall adopt rules requiring any public water system that does not provide water fluoridation or has elected to stop providing water fluoridation services to notify residents serviced by such system that water fluoridation services are not being provided.

And the title is amended as follows:

Between lines 183 and 184 insert: creating s. 403.9285, F.S.; defining the terms “department” and “underserved area”; requiring the department to create a program to provide limited dental and oral hygiene services to certain areas; providing requirements for the program; requiring the department, in consultation with the Department of Health, to adopt certain rules;

Senator Polsky moved the following amendment which failed:

**Amendment 3 (274106) (with title amendment)**—Between lines 3014 and 3015 insert:

Section 82. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The health effects experienced by children and adults from the fluoridation of drinking water are well documented, and water fluoridation has been a nationwide practice since the 1940s.

(b) Tooth decay is a common cause of chronic disease among children and, if left untreated, may decrease a child’s quality of life and negatively impact his or her ability to thrive.

(c) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that water fluoridation is a proven method to improve oral health in both children and adults.

(d) Some researchers have questioned the need for water fluoridation, suggesting that systemic fluoride exposure is associated with negative health effects, including cognitive impairment, neurobehavioral issues, and skeletal fluorosis.

(2) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study of the effects of water

fluoridation in communities that have elected to fluoridate their water system.

(a) The study must include all of the following information:

1. The number of communities in this state receiving fluoridated water through the community’s water system.

2. The financial impact of water fluoridation on this state.

3. The benefits and risks associated with water fluoridation for both children and adults.

4. Any health impacts documented or reported in the last 25 years, whether positive or negative, which were caused by or otherwise associated with water fluoridation in such communities.

(b) In conducting the study, OPPAGA shall consult with any interested entities.

(c) OPPAGA shall submit the study to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2026.

(3) This section expires June 30, 2026.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 492 and insert: lands; providing legislative findings; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to study the effects of water fluoridation; providing requirements for such study; authorizing OPPAGA to consult with any interested entity in conducting the study; requiring OPPAGA to submit the study to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration; reenacting s. 295.07(5)(a), F.S., relating to

Senator Truenow moved the following amendment which was adopted:

**Amendment 4 (340838)**—Delete lines 2658-2663 and insert:

(i) “Financial institution” means a company defined under s. 655.005(1)(h) and (i), which has total assets of more than \$100 million. A financial institution includes any affiliate as defined in s. 655.005(1)(a) or subsidiary company as defined in s. 655.005(1)(x), even if such affiliate or subsidiary company is also a financial institution.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for CS for CS for SB 700**, as amended, was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

## MOTIONS

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

**CS for SB 28**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Darline Angervil and J.R., a minor, by the South Broward Hospital District; providing an appropriation to compensate Darline Angervil, individually and as parent and natural legal guardian of J.R., and J.R. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of negligence of the South Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Martin, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 28** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—34

Mr. President	Boyd	Collins
Arrington	Brodeur	DiCeglie
Avila	Burgess	Gaetz
Berman	Burton	Garcia
Bernard	Calatayud	Grall

Gruters	Osgood	Simon	Burton	Hooper	Rodriguez
Harrell	Passidomo	Smith	Calatayud	Ingoglia	Rouson
Hooper	Pizzo	Truenow	Collins	Leek	Sharief
Ingoglia	Polsky	Trumbull	DiCeglie	Martin	Simon
Leek	Rodriguez	Wright	Gaetz	McClain	Smith
Martin	Rouson		Garcia	Osgood	Truenow
McClain	Sharief		Grall	Passidomo	Trumbull
			Gruters	Pizzo	Wright
			Harrell	Polsky	

Nays—None

### ABSTENTION

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.39(1), I am disclosing that certain provisions in **CS for SB 28** provide a special private gain or loss to me. The nature of interest is specified below.

Spouse is lobbyist on bill.

As established by Senate Rule 1.39(1), I abstain from voting on this matter.

*Senator Jennifer Bradley, 6th District*

**CS for SB 22**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Eric Miles, Jr., and Jennifer Miles, as copersonal representatives of their minor son, E.E.M., by the South Broward Hospital District, d/b/a Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; providing for an appropriation to compensate Eric Miles, Jr., and Jennifer Miles for the injuries and damages sustained by their son as a result of the negligence of the South Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on compensation and the payment of attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 22** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

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

Nays—None

**SB 8**—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to compensate Marcus Button for harms and losses he sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County School Board; providing an appropriation to Robin Button, as the surviving parent and natural guardian of Marcus Button, for harms and losses sustained as a result of the injury to her child, Marcus Button; providing legislative intent for the waiver of certain lien interests; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **SB 8** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	Berman	Bradley
Arrington	Bernard	Brodeur
Avila	Boyd	Burgess

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 806** and **CS for CS for SB 1624** was deferred.

**SB 994**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver license education requirements; amending s. 322.095, F.S.; specifying the age at which an applicant for a driver license must complete a traffic law and substance abuse education course; amending s. 322.1615, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a learner's driver license to complete a certain driver education course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Ingoglia moved the following amendment:

**Amendment 1 (739236) (with title amendment)**—Before line 14 insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.305 Wireless communications devices; prohibition.—

(4)(a) A ~~Any~~ person who violates paragraph (3)(a) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a ~~moving~~ ~~nonmoving~~ violation as provided in chapter 318, ~~and shall have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s. 322.27(3)(d)8.~~

(b) A ~~Any~~ person who commits a second or subsequent violation of paragraph (3)(a) within 5 years after the date of a prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3)(a) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318, ~~and shall have 4 points assessed against his or her driver license for the purposes of s. 322.27.~~

(c) *In lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a person who violates paragraph (3)(a) may elect to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the department. Upon the person's completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.*

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—

(4)(a) A ~~Any~~ person who violates this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s. 322.27(3)(d)8. ~~For a first offense under this section,~~ In lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a person who violates this section may elect to participate in a ~~distracted wireless communications device~~ driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Upon the person's completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.

(b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(12)(a) for a nonmoving traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first time violation of this section if the person



shows the clerk proof of purchase of equipment that enables his or her personal wireless communications device to be used in a hands-free manner.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 318.1451, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

(1)(a) The department shall approve and regulate the courses of all driver improvement schools, as the courses relate to ss. 318.14(9), 322.0261, and 322.291, including courses that use technology as a delivery method.

(b) *The department shall create a 4-hour basic driver improvement course specifically related to distracted driving which must include, but need not be limited to, testimonials from people whose lives have been affected by death or injury caused by distracted driving and which driver improvement schools shall offer to persons electing to participate in a distracted driving safety program pursuant to s. 316.305(4)(c) or s. 316.306(4)(a).*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2-10 and insert: An act relating to driver safety; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle; authorizing certain persons to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; authorizing the waiver of certain penalties and associated costs, and requiring the waiver of the assessment of points, upon completion of such program; amending s. 316.306, F.S.; authorizing a person to participate in a distracted driving safety program, upon completion of which certain penalties and associated costs may, and the assessment of points must, be waived for certain offenses; amending s. 318.1451, F.S.; requiring the department to create a specified driver improvement course related to distracted driving which driver improvement schools shall offer to certain persons; amending s. 322.095, F.S.; specifying the age at which an applicant for a driver license must complete a traffic law and substance abuse education course; amending s. 322.1615, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a learner's driver license to complete a certain driver education course approved by the department; providing an effective date.

Senator Ingoglia moved the following substitute amendment which was adopted:

**Substitute Amendment 2 (231840) (with title amendment)**—  
Before line 14 insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.305 Wireless communications devices; prohibition.—

(4)(a) ~~A any person who violates paragraph (3)(a) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s. 322.27(3)(d)8.~~

(b) ~~A any person who commits a second or subsequent violation of paragraph (3)(a) within 5 years after the date of a prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3)(a) commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 4 points assessed against his or her driver license for the purposes of s. 322.27.~~

(c) *In lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a person who violates paragraph (3)(a) may elect to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the department. Upon the person's completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.*

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—

(4)(a) ~~A any person who violates this section commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s. 322.27(3)(d)8. For a first offense under this section, In lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of points, a person who violates this section may elect to participate in a distracted wireless communications device driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Upon the person's completion of such program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of points must be waived.~~

Section 3. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 318.1451, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

(1)(a) The department shall approve and regulate the courses of all driver improvement schools, as the courses relate to ss. 318.14(9), 322.0261, and 322.291, including courses that use technology as a delivery method.

(b) *The department shall create a 4-hour basic driver improvement course specifically related to distracted driving which must include, but need not be limited to, testimonials from people whose lives have been affected by death or injury caused by distracted driving and which driver improvement schools shall offer to persons electing to participate in a distracted driving safety program pursuant to s. 316.305(4)(c) or s. 316.306(4)(a).*

(6) The department shall adopt rules establishing and maintaining policies and procedures to implement the requirements of this section. These policies and procedures may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(d) Course content.—The department shall set and modify course content requirements to keep current with laws and safety information. The department shall annually review changes made to major traffic laws of this state, including s. 316.126(1)(b), and shall require course content for courses referenced in this section to be modified in accordance with changes relevant to the courses. Course content includes all items used in the conduct of the course. *All basic driver improvement courses must include at least 1 hour dedicated to distracted driving which must include, but need not be limited to, testimonials from people whose lives have been affected by death or injury caused by distracted driving.*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2-10 and insert: An act relating to driver safety; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for the use of a wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle; authorizing certain persons to participate in a distracted driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; authorizing the waiver of certain penalties and associated costs, and requiring the waiver of the assessment of points, upon completion of such program; amending s. 316.306, F.S.; authorizing a person to participate in a distracted driving safety program, upon completion of which certain penalties and associated costs may, and the assessment of points must, be waived for certain offenses; amending s. 318.1451, F.S.; requiring the department to create a specified driver improvement course related to distracted driving which driver improvement schools shall offer to certain persons; requiring basic driver improvement courses to include certain content relating to distracted driving; amending s. 322.095, F.S.; specifying the age at which an applicant for a driver license must complete a traffic law and substance abuse education course; amending s. 322.1615, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a learner's driver license to complete a certain driver education course approved by the department; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **SB 994**, 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

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

Nays—None

**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 read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Burton, by two-thirds vote, **SB 7018** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 1696**, **CS for CS for SB 1666**, **CS for SB 1400**, **CS for CS for SB 1346**, **SB 952**, **CS for CS for SB 736**, **SB 726**, **CS for CS for SB 656**, and **CS for CS for SB 44** was deferred.

## MOTIONS

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

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and all bills temporarily postponed on the Special Order Calendar this day were retained on the Special Order Calendar.

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and **CS for SB 7016** was removed from the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, and returned to the calendar of bills on second reading.

## 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 Tuesday, April 15, 2025: **CS for SB 7010**, **SB 7008**,

**CS for CS for CS for SB 1828**, **CS for SB 1430**, **CS for CS for SB 910**, **CS for CS for SB 832**, **SB 796**, **CS for CS for CS for SB 700**, **CS for SB 28**, **CS for SB 22**, **SB 8**, **SB 7018**, **CS for SB 1696**, **CS for CS for SB 1666**, **CS for SB 1400**, **CS for CS for SB 1346**, **SB 952**, **CS for CS for SB 736**, **SB 726**, **CS for CS for SB 656**, **CS for CS for SB 44**.

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 820**

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 12**; **CS for SB 1050**

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

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 80**; **SB 200**; **CS for SB 496**; **CS for SB 622**; **CS for SB 1574**

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 614**; **SB 1182**; **SB 1578**; **CS for SB 1602**

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

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 1580**

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends the following pass: **CS for SB 1224**

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

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends a committee substitute for the following: **CS for SB 1662**

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

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends committee substitutes for the following: **SB 500**; **CS for SB 1140**; **CS for SB 1180**; **SB 1252**; **CS for SB 1344**; **CS for SB 1386**; **SB 1654**

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends committee substitutes for the following: **SB 524**; **CS for SB 1490**; **CS for SB 1800**; **CS for SB 1842**

The Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education recommends committee substitutes for the following: **SB 1382**; **SB 1590**

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends committee substitutes for the following: **CS for SB 324**; **SB 532**

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

The Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services recommends committee substitutes for the following: **CS for SB 1270**; **SB 1568**

The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1726

The Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 444

The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 766

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Board of Governors:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees, University of Florida	
Appointee: Davis, Jed V.	01/06/2030

Board of Trustees, University of North Florida	
Appointee: Patel, Nikul	01/06/2030

The Appropriations Committee on Higher Education recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College	
Appointees: Fleming, Edward P.	05/31/2025
Hobbs, Andrew	05/31/2025
Smith, Thomas Zachary	05/31/2027

Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University	
Appointee: Washington, T. Nicole	01/06/2030

Board of Trustees, University of Florida	
Appointee: Patel, Rahul	01/06/2030

Board of Trustees, University of West Florida	
Appointees: Bailey, Paul	01/06/2026
Garcia, R. Gates	01/06/2026
Young, Christopher Allan	01/06/2028

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

## INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

### FIRST READING

**Senate Bills 7000-7030**—Previously introduced.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services—

**SB 7032**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid enrollment for permanently disabled individuals; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; requiring that certain persons who receive specified Medicaid-covered services and who are permanently disabled be presumed eligible for continued Medicaid coverage during redetermination processes; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to continue to make payments for such services; providing exceptions; requiring certain persons to notify the agency and the Department of Children and Families of certain changes in disability or economic status; authorizing the department to conduct a redetermination of eligibility under certain circumstances; requiring the department to make notifications under certain circumstances; defining the term “permanently disabled”; requiring the agency to seek federal authorization to exempt certain persons from annual redetermination of eligibility; requiring the agency and the department to develop a specified process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

### FIRST READING

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Smith and Arrington—

**CS for CS for SB 324**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to construction disruption assistance; creating part XIII of ch. 288, F.S., to be entitled the “Construction Disruption Assistance Act”; creating s. 288.9991, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 288.9992, F.S.; providing legislative findings and purpose; creating s. 288.9993, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 288.9994, F.S.; establishing rulemaking authority; creating s. 288.9995, F.S.; establishing the Construction Impact Relief Revolving Loan Program within the Department of Commerce; authorizing the Legislature to fund the program; requiring the department to provide specified financial assistance to eligible small businesses within construction zones; requiring the department to develop a public awareness and marketing campaign to promote the program in partnership with specified entities; providing requirements for the campaign; requiring applicants to submit specified information with their applications; requiring an applicant to agree to accept consultation from the Florida Small Business Development Center Network as a condition to participate in the program; prohibiting an applicant from participating in the program under certain circumstances; creating s. 288.9996, F.S.; directing the department to maintain and publish certain information about the program on its website and to update such information as changes occur; requiring that such information be accessible to certain persons with disabilities; creating s. 288.9997, F.S.; providing that the department or any of its officers, employees, agents, or contractors are not liable in any civil action arising out of or relating to specified duties of the program; requiring an applicant to acknowledge that submitting an application does not guarantee funding; providing that the department is not liable for any damages resulting from the department denying an applicant a loan or delaying loan disbursement or from certain activities; providing construction; providing that certain determinations, prioritizations, and decisions made are deemed final agency action and not subject to further judicial review; providing an exception; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 288.9998, F.S.; requiring the department, by a specified date, to submit an annual report containing certain information to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education; and Senators Avila, Collins, and Yarborough—

**CS for SB 444**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human trafficking awareness; creating s. 1006.481, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to identify a curriculum regarding human trafficking awareness; specifying required components of the curriculum; author-

izing in-person or online training; requiring public schools to require that certain personnel have received certain training; requiring school employees to acknowledge completion of training; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; requiring charter schools to comply with requirements for human trafficking awareness training; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Senator Avila—

**CS for SB 500**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Spectrum Alert; creating s. 937.0401, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Spectrum Alert; requiring the department, in cooperation with specified entities, to develop a training program and alert system for missing children with autism spectrum disorder which is compatible with existing alert systems; specifying requirements for the training program; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish specified policies and procedures; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and Senator Harrell—

**CS for SB 524**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; subject to legislative appropriation and beginning on a specified date, requiring that the Department of Health's rules require that newborns be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the appropriate age; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Senator Ingoglia—

**CS for SB 532**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to toll payments; amending s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting certain disabled veterans and persons operating motor vehicles and motorcycles displaying certain license plates from the required payment of tolls for the use of toll facilities; reenacting s. 316.1001(1), F.S., relating to the required payment of tolls on toll facilities and penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 338.155, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Burgess—

**CS for CS for SB 766**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the registration of agents and organizations associated with foreign countries of concern; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; defining terms; requiring agents of foreign countries of concern and foreign-supported political organizations to register with the Division of Elections within a specified timeframe; requiring the registration of an agent of a foreign country of concern be signed under oath; requiring the division to create registration forms; providing requirements for such forms; requiring periodic updates by agents and organizations; providing penalties for violations; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Gruters—

**CS for CS for SB 1140**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a criminal offender substance abuse pilot program; creating s. 948.22, F.S.; creating a substance abuse accountability pilot program in a specified county; providing for eligibility for the program; specifying that eligible participants shall be advised of the program before entering a plea; providing for design and implementation of the program; specifying how long a person may participate in the program; providing that participants are entitled to an attorney at any court hearing related to the program; providing requirements for the program; author-

izing a court to terminate probation and participation in the program or place a person on administrative probation under specified circumstances related to the program; specifying personnel requirements; authorizing subgrants for personnel needs; specifying that program participation does not supersede ignition interlock requirements; requiring program evaluation by a specified date; requiring a report to certain officials by a specified date; providing for repeal of provisions; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Gaetz—

**CS for CS for SB 1180**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual images; creating s. 800.045, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from possessing with the intent to promote specified depictions that include a lewd or lascivious image; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting, possessing, controlling, or intentionally viewing a depiction that includes a lewd or lascivious image; providing criminal penalties; providing applicability; amending s. 827.071, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "sexual conduct"; prohibiting a person from soliciting specified depictions of child pornography; specifying that the solicitation of each specified depiction or each child depicted is a separate offense; providing criminal penalties; revising applicability; creating s. 827.073, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing, controlling, or intentionally viewing a visual depiction he or she knows includes an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable minor; providing for prima facie evidence of intent to promote; providing criminal penalties; providing criminal penalties for persons who intentionally generate an altered sexual depiction of a minor; providing criminal penalties for persons who solicit an altered sexual depiction of a minor, without consent of the identifiable minor, and who know or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction; providing criminal penalties for persons who willfully and intentionally promote an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable minor, without consent of the identifiable minor, and who know or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction; providing for a civil cause of action; providing for injunctive relief, damages, and attorney fees and costs; providing applicability; amending s. 836.13, F.S.; defining the term "generate"; providing criminal penalties for persons who possess with the intent to promote an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without the consent of the identifiable person; providing criminal penalties for a persons who willfully generate or solicit an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person, without the consent of the identifiable person, and who know or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction; revising what is not considered a defense to such offenses; providing for a civil cause of action; providing for injunctive relief, damages, and attorney fees and costs; revising and providing applicability; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses created by and an offense revised by the act for purposes of the severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; making a conforming change; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Senator Yarborough—

**CS for SB 1252**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a feasibility study relating to a statewide pawn data database; defining terms; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a statewide pawn data database; specifying requirements for such database; requiring the department to report the results of the study to the Legislature; providing for repeal; providing an effective date.

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By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Collins—

**CS for CS for SB 1270**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; reenacting ss. 381.00316(2)(g) and 381.00319(1)(e), F.S., relating to the prohibition on discrimination by governmental and business entities based on health care choices and

the prohibition on mask mandates and vaccination and testing mandates for educational institutions, respectively, for purposes of preserving the definition of the term “messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine” notwithstanding its scheduled repeal; repealing s. 9 of chapter 2023-43, Laws of Florida, which provides for the repeal of the definition of the term “messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine”; amending s. 381.026, F.S.; revising the rights of patients, which each health care provider and facility are required to observe, to include that such facilities and providers may not discriminate based on a patient’s vaccination status; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; defining terms for purposes of background screening requirements for persons affiliated with medical marijuana treatment centers; requiring medical marijuana treatment centers to notify the Department of Health through electronic mail within a specified timeframe after an actual or attempted theft, diversion, or loss of marijuana; requiring medical marijuana treatment centers to report attempted thefts, in addition to actual thefts, to law enforcement within a specified timeframe; amending s. 381.988, F.S.; defining terms for purposes of background screening requirements for persons affiliated with medical marijuana testing laboratories; amending s. 456.0145, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria for licensure by endorsement under the MOBILE Act; amending ss. 458.315 and 459.0076, F.S.; authorizing certain physician assistants to be issued temporary certificates for practice in areas of critical need; amending s. 486.112, F.S.; defining the term “party state”; authorizing a remote state to issue subpoenas to individuals to testify or for the production of evidence from a party located in a party state; providing that such subpoenas are enforceable in the party state; requiring that investigative information pertaining to certain licensees in a certain system be available only to other party states; revising construction and severability of the compact to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 766.1115, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “health care provider” or “provider”; providing effective dates.

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Simon—

**CS for CS for SB 1344**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; renaming ch. 984, F.S.; amending s. 984.01, F.S.; revising the purposes and intent of ch. 984, F.S.; amending s. 984.02, F.S.; revising the legislative intent for prevention and intervention; amending s. 984.03, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 984.04, F.S.; deleting legislative intent; revising requirements for early truancy intervention; amending s. 984.06, F.S.; revising provisions concerning preservation of records and confidential information; amending s. 984.07, F.S.; providing for appointment of counsel in certain circumstances; providing for payment of counsel; providing for imposition of costs of appointed counsel on nonindigent parents in certain circumstances; providing for appointment of counsel to represent a parent or guardian in certain circumstances; amending s. 984.071, F.S.; revising provisions concerning production of an information guide concerning juvenile procedures; requiring specified departments to post the information guide on their websites; repealing s. 984.08, F.S., relating to attorney fees; repealing s. 984.085, F.S., relating to sheltering and aiding unmarried minors; creating s. 984.0861, F.S.; prohibiting the use of detention for specified purposes; amending s. 984.09, F.S.; revising provisions for a child’s punishment for contempt of court; limiting periods for placement for direct contempt or indirect contempt; revising procedures for procedure and due process; amending s. 984.10, F.S.; authorizing an authorized agent of the Department of Juvenile Justice to perform intake; revising provisions concerning referrals for service; requiring the abuse hotline to be contacted in certain circumstances; authorizing a child to remain in custody in certain circumstances; amending s. 984.11, F.S.; requiring that an array of voluntary family services be available to remediate specified problems; providing that certain families are not eligible for voluntary family services; providing eligibility for children in certain circumstances if the Department of Children and Families agrees; providing for an inter-agency agreement to govern such referrals; amending s. 984.12, F.S.; requiring parents to use health care insurance to the extent that it is available; deleting provisions concerning collection of fees; amending s. 984.13, F.S.; authorizing that a child be taken into custody pursuant to a finding of contempt; specifying placement of a child taken into custody in specified circumstances; revising the duties of a person taking a child into custody; amending s. 984.14, F.S.; revising provisions concerning voluntary shelter services and placement of children in such services;

deleting provisions concerning involuntary placement in a shelter; amending s. 984.15, F.S.; revising requirements for petitions for a child in need of services; amending s. 984.151, F.S.; providing for early truancy intervention; providing for additional services to be ordered if a student is found to be a truant status offender; revising provisions concerning compliance; providing for applicability in cases in which a student is found to be a child in need of services; providing for retention of jurisdiction by courts; providing an exception; providing for service of court orders on specified entities; amending s. 984.16, F.S.; requiring that a student’s school receive notice of certain actions by courts; amending s. 984.17, F.S.; specifying when a guardian ad litem may be appointed; revising provisions concerning representation of the Department of Juvenile Justice in cases in which a child is alleged to be in need of services; repealing s. 984.18, F.S., relating to referral of child-in-need-of-services cases to mediation; amending s. 984.19, F.S.; providing that an authorized agent of the department may have a medical screening performed on a child placed in shelter care; revising provisions concerning consent for medical care for a child in the care of the department; amending s. 984.20, F.S.; revising provisions for hearings in child in need of services cases; providing that the failure of a person served with notice to appear at the arraignment hearing constitutes the person’s consent to the child in need of services petition; requiring a specified notice in such petitions; amending s. 984.21, F.S.; specifying that an order of adjudication by a court that a child is a child in need of services is a civil adjudication and not a conviction; deleting provisions allowing a court to withhold an adjudication that a child is a child in need of services in certain cases; amending s. 984.22, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting provisions on the deposit of fees received; amending s. 984.225, F.S.; revising when a child in need of services may be placed in a shelter; revising placement procedures; providing for counseling orders; specifying the effect of a placement on the legal responsibilities of a parent, guardian, or custodian; providing limits for shelter stays; deleting provisions concerning exhaustion of less restrictive alternatives; providing for periodic review of placements; requiring a court to direct a staffing to take place with the Department of Children and Families under certain circumstances; authorizing transfer to the custody of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in certain circumstances; amending s. 984.226, F.S.; authorizing contracting for physically secure shelters; deleting provisions on representation in certain proceedings; requiring exhaustion of less restrictive placements before a child may be placed in a physically secure shelter; providing a time limit on secure shelter orders; providing legislative intent; revising provisions concerning review of secure shelter placements; providing for transfer to shelter placements in certain circumstances; requiring a court to direct a staffing to take place with the department under certain circumstances; providing for the transfer of a child to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in certain circumstances; transferring and renumbering s. 985.731, F.S., as s. 787.035, F.S., relating to offenses concerning providing sheltering unmarried minors and aiding unmarried minor runaways; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 985.03, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “child who has been found to have committed a delinquent act”; amending s. 985.24, F.S.; prohibiting placement of a child subject to certain proceedings into secure detention care; amending s. 1003.26, F.S.; authorizing that certain meetings with parents may be conducted virtually or by telephone; providing for child study team meetings in the absence of a parent, legal guardian, or custodian or child; revising interventions by such team; providing for promotion of a child who is responsive to intervention and meets specified requirements; revising provisions concerning required notice of a child’s enrollment or attendance issues; revising provisions concerning returning a student to a parent or other party in certain circumstances; amending s. 1003.27, F.S.; revising reporting requirements for reports by school principals to school boards concerning minor students who accumulate more than a specified number of absences; requiring actions by school boards; providing for remedial actions for failure to comply; revising provisions concerning habitual truancy cases; revising provisions concerning co-operative agreements; revising who may begin certain proceedings and prosecutions; deleting a provision concerning a civil penalty for students; revising provisions concerning truant students; amending s. 381.02035, F.S.; authorizing pharmacists employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice to import drugs from Canada under a specified program; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; revising provisions concerning the treatment of a finding that a minor violated specified provisions, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, for the purposes of determining whether a prior offense was committed; amending s. 985.12, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Justice

annually develop and produce best practice models for prearrest delinquency citation programs; amending s. 985.126, F.S.; revising the requirements for a quarterly report on prearrest citation programs; amending s. 985.25, F.S.; providing for supervised release or detention of a child despite the child's risk assessment score in certain circumstances; limiting the number of categories that a child may be moved; amending s. 985.433, F.S.; requiring that a child be placed on conditional release rather than probation following discharge from commitment; repealing s. 985.625, F.S., relating to literacy programs for juvenile offenders; amending s. 985.632, F.S.; deleting a provision regarding development of a cost-effectiveness model and application of the model to each commitment program; amending ss. 95.11, 409.2564, 419.001, 744.309, 784.075, and 985.618, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 1382**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to access to school readiness programs for economically disadvantaged households; amending s. 1002.81, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “economically disadvantaged” and “single point of entry”; amending s. 1002.82, F.S.; revising the Department of Education's duties for adopting specific program support services to coordinate a comprehensive early learning program; amending s. 1002.84, F.S.; revising duties of early learning coalitions relating to the creation of a uniform waiting list; amending s. 1002.85, F.S.; revising requirements for the school readiness program plan; revising data elements relating to early learning programs collected by the Department of Education; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.; revising which groups of students receive priority in a school readiness program; amending s. 1002.89, F.S.; revising criteria for the determination of the annual allocation for the school readiness program; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Yarborough—

**CS for CS for SB 1386**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assault or battery on a utility worker; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; defining the term “utility worker”; providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against a utility worker engaged in work on critical infrastructure; amending ss. 901.15, 943.051, 985.11, and 985.644, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Harrell—

**CS for CS for SB 1490**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Children's Medical Services program; transferring operation of the Children's Medical Services Managed Care Plan from the Department of Health to the Agency for Health Care Administration, effective on a specified date; providing construction as to judicial and administrative actions pending as of a specified date and time; requiring the department's Children's Medical Services (CMS) program to collaborate with the agency in the care of children and youth with special health care needs; requiring the CMS program to conduct certain clinical eligibility screenings and provide ongoing consultation to the agency for a specified purpose; amending s. 409.974, F.S.; requiring the CMS program to transfer operation of certain managed care contracts from the department to the agency effective on a specified date; requiring the CMS program to conduct clinical eligibility screening for certain children and youth with special health care needs; requiring the program to provide ongoing consultation to the agency for a specified purpose; requiring the agency to establish specific measures for evaluation of services provided to children and youth with special health care needs; requiring the agency to contract with an independent evaluator to conduct the evaluation of services provided; specifying requirements for the evaluation; requiring the agency to submit the results of the evaluation to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 391.016, F.S.; revising the purposes and functions of the CMS program; amending s. 391.021, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 391.025, F.S.; revising the scope of the CMS program; amending s. 391.026, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the department to conform to changes made by the act; providing for the future repeal of s. 391.026(8) through

(11), F.S., relating to the department's oversight and administration of the CMS program; repealing s. 391.028, F.S., relating to administration of the program; amending s. 391.029, F.S.; revising program eligibility requirements; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 391.0315, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing for future repeal of specified provisions; repealing ss. 391.035, 391.037, 391.045, 391.047, 391.055, and 391.071, F.S., relating to provider qualifications, physicians and private sector services, provider reimbursements, third-party payments, service delivery systems under the program, and quality of care requirements, respectively; amending s. 391.097, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; repealing part II of ch. 391, F.S., consisting of ss. 391.221 and 391.223, F.S., relating to Children's Medical Services councils and panels; amending ss. 409.166, 409.811, 409.813, 409.8134, 409.814, 409.815, 409.8177, 409.818, 409.912, 409.9126, 409.9131, 409.920, and 409.962, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the agency to develop a comprehensive plan to redesign the Florida Medicaid Model Waiver for home and community-based services to include children who receive private duty nursing services; providing requirements for the redesign of the waiver plan; requiring the agency to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; providing effective dates.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; and Senator Brodeur—

**CS for SB 1568**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic prescribing; amending s. 456.42, F.S.; revising health care practitioners who may only electronically transmit prescriptions for certain drugs; revising exceptions; providing construction; republishing s. 456.43(1), F.S., relating to electronic prescribing for medicinal drugs; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

**CS for SB 1590**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to educator preparation; providing legislative intent; requiring the Department of Education to establish a workgroup to update and revise the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices; requiring the department to submit workgroup findings to the Governor and the Legislature by a certain date; requiring the State Board of Education to consider certain revisions and a specified rule by a certain date; requiring the department to develop a teacher examination; requiring the department to submit to the Governor and the Legislature an implementation plan for teacher preparation programs; creating s. 1012.551, F.S.; establishing guidelines for teacher preparation program uniform core curricula; creating s. 1012.552, F.S.; requiring the department to create a specified alternative certification pathway for teachers; amending s. 1012.98, F.S.; updating a reference to educational leadership standards; requiring training on instructional materials; requiring the department to develop criteria for certain mentors' training; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; and Senator Martin—

**CS for SB 1654**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to registration of sexual predators and sexual offenders; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; revising reporting requirements for sexual predators; revising requirements for an online reporting system; revising verification requirements; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 943.0435, F.S.; revising reporting requirements for sexual offenders; revising verification requirements; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Collins—

**CS for CS for SB 1662**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to appoint a specified number of assistant secretaries; specifying titles for such assistant secretaries; authorizing the secretary

to appoint an Executive Director of Transportation Technology; specifying that such assistant secretaries and executive director positions are exempt from career service and are included in the Senior Management Service; revising qualifications for members of the Florida Transportation Commission; requiring the commission to monitor transit entities that receive certain funding; requiring members of the commission to follow certain standards of conduct; providing legislative findings and intent; creating the Florida Transportation Research Institute; specifying the purpose and mission of the institute; requiring the institute to report to the department; providing for membership of the institute; requiring the department to select a member to serve as the administrative lead of the institute; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to appoint a representative of the department to serve as the executive director of the institute; requiring the department to coordinate with the members of the institute to adopt certain policies; authorizing the institute to award certain grants; authorizing the department to allocate funds to the institute from the State Transportation Trust Fund; authorizing the institute to expend funds for certain operations and programs; requiring the institute to submit an annual report to the Secretary of Transportation and the commission; revising the department's areas of program responsibility; amending s. 311.07, F.S.; providing that certain spaceport and space industry-related facility projects and commercial shipbuilding and manufacturing facility projects are eligible for grant funding under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council; requiring that the Florida Seaport Mission Plan include certain recommendations; requiring each port member of the council to submit a certain semiannual report to the department; amending s. 311.10, F.S.; requiring seaports located in specified counties to include certain statements in any agreement with the department as a condition of receiving certain grants or state funds; requiring that express approval for certain seaport conversions be obtained by specified entities upon recommendation by the funding agency; defining the term "cargo purposes"; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "special mobile equipment"; repealing s. 316.0741, F.S., relating to high-occupancy-vehicle lanes; amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; deleting language limiting the state funds that may be withheld due to certain violations by a public body or official to state funds for traffic control purposes; providing that such violations are cause for the withholding of state funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund; amending s. 316.550, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue a mobile crane special blanket permit for certain purposes; amending s. 330.27, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 330.30, F.S.; requiring a private airport of public interest to obtain a certain certificate from the department before allowing aircraft operations; requiring certain private airports to obtain a certain certificate from the department by a specified date; amending s. 331.371, F.S.; authorizing the department, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection, to fund certain infrastructure projects and projects associated with certain critical infrastructure projects; requiring such departments to coordinate in funding certain projects for a specified purpose; amending s. 332.003, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 332.005, F.S.; requiring airports to provide the Department of Transportation with the opportunity to use certain airport property for a specified purpose during a declared state of emergency; requiring that such use be conducted pursuant to a written agreement after a certain period of use; amending s. 332.006, F.S.; deleting a requirement that the department meet certain duties and responsibilities within the resources provided pursuant to a specified chapter; providing duties and responsibilities of the department relating to certain educational services; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; requiring commercial service airports to establish and maintain a certain program; defining the term "airport infrastructure"; requiring that such airports provide a certain annual certification to the department; requiring that a certain program report be open to department inspection and maintained for a specified period; providing requirements for such program; revising the list of projects for which the department must provide priority funding; authorizing the department to fund eligible projects performed by certain organizations and postsecondary education institutions; providing that certain programs are eligible projects; authorizing the department to provide certain matching funds; revising the circumstances in which the department may fund strategic airport investment projects; amending s. 332.0075, F.S.; revising definitions; requiring that certain information remain posted on a governing body's website for a certain period; revising the information that must be included on such website; requiring

the quarterly, rather than annual, update of certain information; revising information that the governing body of a commercial service airport must submit to the department annually; requiring a commercial service airport to provide certain notifications to the department; creating s. 332.15, F.S.; requiring the department to address certain needs in the statewide aviation system plan and the department's work program, designate a certain subject matter expert, conduct a specified review, and, in coordination with the Department of Commerce, provide certain coordination and assistance for the development of a viable advanced air mobility system plan; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the department; amending s. 334.045, F.S.; requiring certain measures developed and adopted by the Florida Transportation Commission to assess performance in a specified business development program, instead of disadvantaged business enterprise and minority business programs; amending s. 334.27, F.S.; providing powers of certain parking authorities; authorizing parking authorities to engage in certain activities upon entering into an interlocal agreement with certain political subdivisions; creating s. 334.62, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing the Florida Transportation Academy within the department; authorizing the department to coordinate with certain entities for specified purposes; amending s. 335.182, F.S.; defining the term "modification of an existing connection"; revising the definition of the term "significant change"; amending s. 335.187, F.S.; authorizing the department to modify or revoke certain access permits by requiring modification of an existing connection in certain circumstances; amending s. 337.027, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "small business"; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; requiring the department to give consideration to small business participation, instead of disadvantaged business enterprise participation; repealing s. 337.125, F.S., relating to socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises and notice requirements; repealing s. 337.135, F.S., relating to socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises and punishment for false representation; repealing s. 337.139, F.S., relating to efforts to encourage awarding contracts to disadvantaged business enterprises; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to require a surety bond in an amount that is less than the awarded contract price; amending s. 337.251, F.S.; revising factors that may be considered by the department when selecting certain proposals; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from prohibiting, or requiring a permit for, the installation of certain public sewer transmission lines; amending s. 337.406, F.S.; prohibiting camping on any portion of the right-of-way of the State Highway System; providing applicability; amending s. 338.227, F.S.; revising the purpose for which the department and the Department of Management Services shall create and implement a certain outreach program; amending s. 339.08, F.S.; defining the term "energy policy of the state"; prohibiting the department from expending state funds to support projects or programs of certain entities in certain circumstances; repealing s. 339.0805, F.S., relating to funds to be expended with certified disadvantaged business enterprises, a construction management development program, and a bond guarantee program; amending s. 339.2821, F.S.; requiring the department to ensure that it is supportive of small businesses, rather than ensuring that small and minority businesses have equal access to participation in certain transportation projects; repealing s. 339.287, F.S., relating to electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure plan development; amending s. 339.651, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to make a certain amount available from the existing work program to fund certain projects annually; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions relating to Strategic Intermodal System supply chain demands; amending s. 341.051, F.S.; providing for the reallocation of certain funds; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions providing for the reallocation of certain funds; amending s. 348.754, F.S.; revising the types of businesses the Central Florida Expressway Authority is required to encourage the inclusion of in certain opportunities; amending s. 349.03, F.S.; revising membership requirements for the governing body of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority; amending ss. 110.205, 322.27, 365.172, 379.2293, 493.6101, and 493.6403, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Calatayud—

**CS for SB 1726**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; creating s. 20.701, F.S.; requiring members of a state uni-



versity board of trustees and members of the Board of Governors to be United States citizens and either residents of this state or graduates of a state university beginning on a specified date; providing that specified offices are deemed vacant under certain circumstances; amending s. 112.3144, F.S.; requiring certain members of the Board of Governors to comply with specified financial disclosure requirements beginning on a specified date; amending s. 1001.01, F.S.; revising term limits for members and the chair of the State Board of Education; amending s. 1001.61, F.S.; providing term limits for members and the chairs of the Florida College System institution boards of trustees; authorizing trustees to serve until the appointment of a successor; amending s. 1001.64, F.S.; providing that certain actions related to the president of a Florida College System institution are not subject to approval by the State Board of Education; requiring that a presidential search committee be appointed to make the appointment of such president; providing requirements for such committee; requiring that such president be recommended by the committee; authorizing the renewal of a presidential contract for a specified period; amending s. 1001.70, F.S.; providing term limits for appointed members of the Board of Governors; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations regarding state university public opinion survey research; requiring the Board of Governors to review the admission criteria of state universities; requiring that state university program admission criteria be posted on state university websites; providing that the president of a state university is appointed by the university board of trustees; requiring that a presidential search committee be appointed to make the appointment of such president; providing requirements for such committee; requiring that such president be recommended by the committee; authorizing the renewal of a presidential contract for a specified period; deleting a requirement that the Board of Governors confirm the selection and reappointment of such president; revising the requirements for certain state university capital outlay projects to be included on a specified list; amending s. 1001.71, F.S.; providing term limits for appointed members of university boards of trustees; deleting obsolete language and a certain consideration for appointed members; authorizing appointed members to serve until a successor is appointed; amending s. 1004.085, F.S.; defining the terms “syllabus” or “syllabi” and “term”; adding certain materials to lists of textbooks and instructional materials; requiring that the current syllabi for specified courses be posted as a hyperlink in a specified system and include specified information; amending s. 1004.098, F.S.; defining the term “final group of applicants”; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; prohibiting a Florida College System institution or state university from imposing a certain graduation requirement; amending s. 1011.47, F.S.; authorizing a university board of trustees to approve the transfer of unreserved cash from one auxiliary enterprise to support another auxiliary enterprise under certain conditions; providing effective dates.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Calatayud—

**CS for CS for SB 1800**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Parkinson’s disease; creating s. 1004.4352, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; establishing the Consortium for Parkinson’s Disease Research within the University of South Florida; establishing the Parkinson’s Disease Research Board; providing for the membership and duties of the board; requiring the board to direct the operations of the consortium; providing duties of the consortium director; providing research requirements for the plan; requiring the board to award funds to board members for certain purposes; requiring the board to issue an annual report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Burton—

**CS for CS for SB 1842**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to out-of-network providers; amending s. 456.0575, F.S.; requiring a health care practitioner or his or her employee to confirm whether a referral provider participates in the provider network of the patient’s health insurer or health maintenance organization under certain circumstances; authorizing the practitioner or his or her employee to confirm the referral provider’s participation in a specified manner; providing applicability; requiring a health care practitioner to notify a patient in

writing that certain services are not covered services under the patient’s health coverage; requiring that such notice be documented; providing for health care practitioner disciplinary action under certain conditions; authorizing the Department of Health to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

## REFERENCE CHANGES PURSUANT TO RULE 4.7(2)

By the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Senator McClain—

**CS for SB 492**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mitigation banks; amending s. 373.4136, F.S.; beginning on a specified date, revising the schedule for credit release upon issuance of a mitigation bank credit permit; providing specifications for such schedule; authorizing a mitigation bank applicant to propose an alternative credit release schedule and requiring the Department of Environmental Protection or water management district to consider such credit release schedule; revising the results of the establishment of a mitigation bank service area; revising the projects or activities eligible to use credits released from a mitigation bank for certain purposes; authorizing a project applicant to receive a one-time use of certain credits in certain circumstances; providing requirements for a permit applicant if the number of released credits within a mitigation service area only partially offsets certain impacts; requiring the department and water management districts to apply a proximity factor in a specified manner to make a certain determination; specifying multipliers for such proximity factor; specifying that the use of certain multipliers meets certain requirements; requiring the department or water management district to contact certain mitigation banks and request a certain accounting within a specified timeframe after receiving a certain request from the applicant; prohibiting such accounting from including certain credits; providing that mitigation banks contacted by the department or water management district are allowed a specified timeframe to reply to such request; providing a presumption if a mitigation bank does not respond within a certain timeframe; requiring the department or water management district to make a certain determination upon receipt of the requested accounting; requiring the department or water management district to notify the applicant of such determination within a specified timeframe; authorizing only the permit applicant to rely on such determination for a specified timeframe and for specified purposes; beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, requiring each mitigation bank in this state to submit a certain accounting to the department or water management district; providing requirements for such accounting; requiring the department or water management district to compile such accountings for a specified purpose and to submit a report that includes certain information to the Legislature on a specified date and annually thereafter; amending s. 704.06, F.S.; requiring certain water management districts, upon application by the owner of a parcel subject to a conservation easement, to release a conservation easement if specified conditions are met; providing for the valuation of the property for certain tax purposes upon such release; specifying that land released from the conservation easement may be used for development consistent with certain zoning; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Senator Ingoglia—

**CS for SB 532**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to toll payments; amending s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting certain disabled veterans and persons operating motor vehicles and motorcycles displaying certain license plates from the required payment of tolls for the use of toll facilities; reenacting s. 316.1001(1), F.S., relating to the required payment of tolls on toll facilities and penalties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 338.155, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

## CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of April 9 and April 14 were corrected and approved.



**CO-INTRODUCERS**

Senators Arrington—CS for SB 500; Calatayud—CS for CS for SB 196; Gruters—SB 890; Osgood—CS for SB 584, CS for CS for SB 1140; Pizzo—CS for SB 1742

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 6:11 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 or upon call of the President.

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