

MARCH 29-APRIL 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Week 5 of the 2021 Legislative Session. In this Week's edition of the Delegation Digest, we are highlighting legislation that was heard during Session as well as Delegation member legislation that is on the move.

We are at the halfway mark of Session and things are moving along. Some committees have had their final meetings this week while others will have their final meeting next week with the exception of the Rules Committee. The full House and Senate will meet more regularly in the coming weeks.

To get more information on any piece of legislation within this newsletter, click on the bill title.

We wish you and your family a safe and healthy holiday.



LEGISLATION HEARD ON THE FLOOR

Please note this is just a snapshot of the bills heard on the floor. You can visit <u>Myfloridahouse.gov</u> or <u>Flsenate.gov</u> to view a complete list of bills.

HB 921 - Electronic Threats - Representative Snyder - HB 921 modernizes the crime of written threats to reflect the manner in which many people currently communicate. The bill amends s. 836.10, F.S., to prohibit a person from sending, posting, or transmitting, or procuring the sending, posting, or transmission of, a writing or other record, including an electronic record, in any manner by which it may be viewed by another person, when in such writing or record the person makes a threat to:

- Kill or do bodily harm to another person; or
- Conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

The bill expands the scope of current law to also criminalize publicly posting a threat online, even if it is not specifically sent to or received by the person who is the subject of the threat. The bill defines an "electronic record" as any record created, modified, archived, received, or distributed electronically which contains any combination of text, graphics, video, audio, or pictorial represented in digital form, but does not include a telephone call. The bill passed on the House floor on April 1, 2021, with 116 Yeas and 0 Nays.

HB 663 - Cottage Food Operations - by Representative Salzman - Cottage foods are certain food products that have been determined by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to be safe for production at a person's residence. Examples of permissible cottage foods are breads, honey, cakes, and popcorn. Food products containing meats and fresh fruits and vegetables or those that require temperature control are generally prohibited cottage foods. Current law allows a cottage food operation to sell cottage foods without conforming to state food and building permitting requirements if the annual gross sales of such products do not exceed \$50,000. Certain local, state, and federal operating standards must be followed, including those governing methods of sale, delivery, labeling, and storage. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to investigate complaints regarding food safety violations involving cottage foods. The "Home Sweet Home Act":

- Allows the sale and delivery of cottage food products by United States Postal Service or commercial mail delivery service.
- Increases the gross annual sales threshold from \$50,000 to \$250,000.
- Revises the definition of a "cottage food operation" to clarify that an operator is allowed to have business partners.
- Preempts the regulation of cottage food operations to the state, and prohibits local laws, ordinances, or regulations that prohibit a cottage food operation or regulate the preparation, processing, storage, or sale of cottage food products.

The bill was heard on the House floor on April 1, 2021, with 91 Yeas and 24 Nays.

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HB 5 - Civic Education Curriculum - by Representative Zika - The bill revises the social studies credit requirement for high school graduation. The bill requires that the United States Government course include a comparative discussion of political ideologies that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy in the nation's founding principles. To help students understand their roles, rights, and responsibilities as residents of the state, the bill requires the Florida Department of Education (DOE) to develop or approve an integrated civic education curriculum for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12. The bill provides requirements for the civic education curriculum to aid in students' development of civic responsibility and knowledge. As part of the curriculum requirements, the State Board of Education is required to develop civic-minded expectations for an upright citizenry. The bill also requires the DOE to curate oral history resources for use alongside the civic education curriculum.

The bill was heard on the House floor on April 1 and passed with 155 Yeas and 0 Nays. The Senate version (SB 1450) is in Senate Appropriations.

The Senate also has a **Civic Education bill SB 146 by Senator Brandes**. SB 146 authorizes the development and integration of a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum and the designation of a public school providing high-quality civic learning as a Freedom School. Specifically, the bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum that may be incorporated into a school's curriculum for the high school United States Government course, along with a process for district school boards to verify student completion of the practicum. School districts to include and accept nonpartisan civic literacy practicum activities and hours in requirements for academic awards. The State Board of Education annually designates each public school in the state which provides students with high-quality civic learning as a Freedom School, based on specified criteria. The bill was heard on the Senate floor on March 18, 2021, and passed with 39 Yeas and 0 Nays. The House heard the bill on April 1 and voted 114 Yeas with 0 Nays. This bill does not have a House companion.

HB233 - Secondary Education by Representative Roach - To assess the status of intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity, the bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE) and Board of Governors of the State University System (BOG) to select or create a survey to be administered by all Florida College System (FCS) institutions and state universities annually. Beginning September 1, 2022, the results of this survey are to be compiled by the SBE and the BOG, respectively, and published each September. Additionally, to encourage intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity, the bill prohibits the SBE, the BOG, FCS institutions, and state universities from shielding students, faculty, or staff from protected free speech. The bill authorizes the recording, for specified purposes, of video and audio in classrooms at Florida's public institutions of higher education, while clarifying that the nonconsensual recording of video and audio in classrooms is permissible. Furthermore, faculty research, lectures, writings, and commentary, whether published or unpublished, are protected expressive rights. Any person injured by the unauthorized publishing of video and audio can seek civil remedy including injunctive relief and damages. Providing further protections for students, the bill requires that state university student government associations provide elected or appointed officers a direct appeal, with no conditions precedent, to a senior university administrator of any discipline, suspension, or removal from office. Furthermore, all FCS institutions and state universities are required to adopt student codes of conduct that meet a set of minimum due process protections including, but not limited to, a presumption of innocence for accused students, a burden of proof that must be carried by the institution, and a right to an impartial hearing officer.

HB 233 was heard on the House floor on March 18, with 77 Yeas and 42 Nays. The bill was heard on the Senate floor with questions from members on April 1, and was placed on third reading to be voted on April 7.

Senator Polsky

<u>SB 1836 - Public Records/Lottery Winners</u> - The bill amends s. 24.1051(3), F.S., to provide a public records exemption for 90 days from the date a prize is claimed, for the name of a winner of a lottery prize valued at \$250,000 or more, unless the winner consents to the release of his or her name, or if the disclosure is required by other provisions of current law.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act (act) and will stand repealed on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. The bill creates a public records exemption, and therefore it requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for final passage. The bill favorably passed its first committee - Senate Regulated Industries Committee.

Senator Powell

<u>SB 824 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program</u> - The bill allows a student that was found guilty of a felony charge, if committed while under the age of eighteen, to be eligible for an initial award from any of the scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. The bill passed its first committee this week - Senate Education Committee.

<u>SB 1810 - Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs</u> - The bill creates the Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program. The program will provide reimbursement for up to \$1,500 of annual veterinary costs associated with caring for a retired law enforcement dog by the former handler or adopter who incurs the costs. The bill provides legislative findings and definitions. The bill requires valid documentation of the dog's retirement from the law enforcement agency the dog served and a valid paid invoice from the veterinarian for veterinary care for reimbursement of costs to occur. The program will be administered and managed by a not-for-profit corporation in a contractual arrangement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) after a competitive grant award process.

<u>SB 1824 - Public Records/Division of Emergency Management or a Local Emergency Management</u> - provides that the following items held by the Division of Emergency Management or a local emergency management agency are exempt from disclosure under this state's public records laws:

- "Emergency response assessment reports"
- "Evaluation tools"
- "After-action reports."

The bill also exempts all data and records contained in an "emergency management electronic collaboration system." The bill passed favorably out of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security.

Senator Berman

<u>SB 1070 Estates and Trusts</u> - The bill amends laws on the transfer of property through wills, probate, and trusts. The bill creates a comprehensive statutory framework for the creation and operation of a directed trust. Directed trusts are authorized by current law. The bill creates a comprehensive statutory framework for the creation and operation of a community property trust. Community property trusts are not addressed in current law. The bill amends probate law to provide that, absent specific intent in the divorce judgment, an ex-spouse is not a beneficiary of the former spouse's will, regardless of when the will was signed. The bill also requires a probate court to allow a surety bond in lieu of a depository account requirement; provides that the limitations periods for an action against a trust's trustee apply to directors, officers, and employees of the trustee; and applies homestead property law applicable to wills to homestead property held in a decedent's revocable trust.

Senator Harrell

<u>SB 1992 - Solicitation of Nonmedical Services</u> - The bill defines what a deceptive and unfair trade practice act is when it involves a paid solicitation for nonmedical professional services, including legal services, regarding a drug or medical device. This bill was heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee but was temporarily postponed.

<u>SB 590 - Involuntary Examinations of Minors</u> - The bill requires public and charter schools to contact the parents of a minor student before the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for an involuntary mental health examination. The bill provides that a principal or their designee may delay notification if they believe it is necessary for the health and safety of the student or others. The bill is now in Senate Appropriations Committee.

<u>SB 1318 - Organ Donation and Transplantation</u> - The bill amends various sections of the Florida statutes related to organ donation and transplantation. The bill is now in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

Representative Caruso

<u>HB 805 - Volunteer Ambulance Services</u> - The bill exempts certain faith-based volunteer first responder agencies that have operated for at least 10 consecutive years from the certificate of public convenience and necessity requirements. The bill prohibits a county or municipal government from limiting, prohibiting, or preventing a volunteer ambulance service from responding to an emergency or providing emergency medical services or transport within its jurisdiction. The bill also prohibits a county or municipal government from requiring a volunteer ambulance service to obtain a license or certificate or pay a fee to provide ambulance or air ambulance services within its jurisdiction. The bill was added to the House Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee agenda.

<u>HB 1091 - Substance Abuse Prevention</u> - The bill amends s. 381.887, F.S., to reflect that the purpose of the section is for the prescribing, ordering, and dispensing of emergency opioid antagonists. The bill requires DOH to develop and implement a statewide awareness campaign to educate the public on opioid overdoses and the safe disposal of opioids. It allows a pharmacist to order and dispense an emergency opioid antagonist to a patient or caregiver. The bill expressly authorizes personnel of a law enforcement agency or other agency, including, correctional probation officers and child protective investigators to possess, store, and administer emergency opioid antagonists. Finally, the bill amends s. 401.253, F.S., to require a basic life support service or advanced life support service that treats and releases, or transports to a medical facility, a person in response to an emergency call for a suspected or actual overdose of a controlled substance to report such incidents to DOH.

The bill passed favorably with a committee substitute by the House Professions & Public Health Subcommittee.

Representative Hardy

<u>HB 0551 - Solar Energy Systems Located on the Property of an Education Facility</u> - SB 188 amends s. 1013.44, F.S., to exclude any costs associated with a solar energy system that is located on the property of an educational facility from the total cost per student station for new construction. This bill was temporarily postponed in the Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee. The Senate bill (SB 188) sponsored by Senator Berman has passed its first committee - Senate Education Committee.

Representative Roth

<u>HB 1071 - Medicaid Coverage for Former Foster Youth</u> - The bill requires DCF to develop a program that facilitates the Medicaid enrollment of former foster youth. DCF may collaborate with community-based care organizations to implement the program, which must include:

- Notifying eligible or prospectively eligible young adults, caregivers, group homes, and residential programs about the eligibility and options for enrollment.
- Providing technical assistance to eligible young adults in enrolling.
- Publicizing options for Medicaid enrollment for young adults who have lived in foster care.

The bill modifies Medicaid eligibility standards for former foster youth, consistent with changes to federal law. Under the bill, former foster youth would maintain Medicaid eligibility until reaching age 26. The bill also directs DCF to allow for presumptive eligibility for former foster youth, as required under federal law. DCF is already compliant with the federal requirements codified by the bill. HB 1071 passed favorably out of the House Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee and is now in the House Healthcare Appropriations Subcommittee.

<u>HB 601 - Adoption Proceedings</u> - The bill amends current law to reduce the number of simultaneous adoption actions that can be filed by multiple parties to adopt the same child. The bill authorizes a dependency court to review DCF's decision to deny an application to adopt and eliminates the requirement for a denied applicant to initiate an administrative review of DCF's decision under Ch. 120, F.S. The bill amends s. 63.082(6)(b), F.S., to require a preliminary home study for all prospective adopters of a minor child who is under the supervision of DCF or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the dependency court, regardless of whether that individual is a stepparent or relative. HB 601 passed favorably out of the House Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee and is now in the House Health and Human Services Committee.

<u>HB 0965 - Florida Housing Finance Corporation</u> - The Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) is a public corporation created by the Legislature to assist in providing a range of affordable housing opportunities for Florida residents. Florida Housing administers federal and state resources to make loans, guarantees of loans, and to issue bonds to finance the development and preservation of affordable homeowner and rental housing. The bill makes the following amendments regarding Florida Housing bond financed transactions:

- Designates Florida Housing as the state fiscal agency to make the determinations required by s. 16, Article VII of the State Constitution, in connection with the issuance of Florida Housing bonds;
- Removes the authority of the State Board of Administration to authorize interest rates in excess of the maximum; and
- Removes the requirement that the claims-paying rating classification is consistent with rules adopted by the State Board of Administration.

The bill also removes the cap on contributions that service providers may make to a candidate for a member of the State Board of Administration. The bill passed favorably out of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Snyder

<u>HB 871 - Sovereign Immunity for Child Protection Teams</u> - The bill expands the immunity from civil liability to include any member of a Child Protection Team (CPT), which includes the independent contractors. Therefore, any member of a (CPT) is immune from civil liability for actions arising out of the scope of his or her employment under the control, direction, and supervision of the state or any of its agencies or subdivisions. The bill is now in its last committee - House Judiciary Committee.

<u>HB 1167 - Tree Pruning, Trimming, or Removal on Residential Property -</u> To make the maintenance and removal of dead, dying, diseased, and overgrown trees easier for Florida residential property owners, s. 163.045, F.S., limits the ability of local governments to regulate tree maintenance, removal, and mitigation measures when a residential property owner acquires from a certified arborist or a Florida licensed landscape architect documentation that the tree presents a danger to persons or property. Specifically, when a residential property owner has such documentation, a local government may not require a: Notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on the owner's property. Property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed. HB 1167 defines the term:

- "Residential property," as used in s. 163.045, F.S., to mean any residential real property, manufactured or modular home, or mobile home park, including a single-family dwelling, duplex, triplex, quadruplex, condominium unit, or cooperative unit.
- "Mobile home park," as used in s. 163.045, F.S., to mean a use of land in which lots or spaces are offered for rent or lease for the placement of mobile homes and in which the primary use of the park is residential.

HB 1167 passed favorably out of the House Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee and is now in the House Local Administration and Veterans Subcommittee.

<u>HB 1045 - Delegation of the Administration of Prescription Medications</u> - This bill authorizes a registered nurse to delegate to a CNA or HHA medication administration to a patient of a nurse registry. The bill requires the Board, in consultation with AHCA, to adopt rules on the standards and procedures that a CNA must follow for medication administration to a patient of a nurse registry. HB 1045 passed favorably out of the House Professions and Public Health Subcommittee with a committee substitute.

Representative Silvers

<u>HB 311 - Public Records/Assessment Instruments</u> - The bill creates a new public record exemption that protects all examinations and assessments, including developmental materials and workpapers that are prepared, prescribed, or administered by FCS institutions, the state universities, or DOE. The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of the State University System shall make rules and regulations, respectively, governing the appropriate management of the protected materials.

The bill provides that the public record exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal on October 2, 2026, unless the Legislature reviews and reenacts the exemption by that date. The bill provides a public necessity statement as required by the State Constitution. HB 311 has been placed on the second reading House calendar.

<u>HB 1233 - Genetic Counseling Patient Protection Act</u> - The bill creates the "Genetic Counseling Patient Protection Act," requiring DOH to regulate and license genetic counselors. The bill:

- Creates requirements for initial licensure and renewal for genetic counselors;
- Authorizes DOH to adopt rules regarding continuing education requirements;
- Subjects genetic counselors to disciplinary action if they commit specified prohibited acts;
- Authorizes DOH to deny an application for licensure or impose penalties on a licensee who commits specified prohibited acts; and
- Exempts active-duty commissioned medical officers of the United States Armed Forces or Public Health Service and licensed health care practitioners from the requirements of the genetic counselor practice act.

<u>HB 1235 - Fees</u> - HB 1235, which is linked to HB 1233, requires DOH to adopt rules relating to the issuance and annual renewal of genetic counselor licenses. The bill authorizes DOH to charge an application fee of \$25 for a genetic counselor license. The bill also authorizes an annual renewal fee not to exceed \$25. The bill allows DOH to waive the fee by rule. Proceeds from the collected fees must be deposited into the DOH Administrative Trust Fund and used for the administration of genetic counselor licensure. The bill was passed favorably by the House Professions & Public Health Subcommittee.

Representative Slosberg

<u>HB 673 - DNA Evidence Collected in Sexual Offense Investigations</u> - CS/HB 673 creates "Gail's Law" to require FDLE, subject to an appropriation and no later than July 1, 2023, to create and maintain a statewide database tracking the location, processing status, and storage of SAKs. The database must be accessible by law enforcement, alleged victims, and alleged victims' parents, guardians, or other representatives. The database must track the status of a SAK from its collection throughout the criminal justice process all the way through the kit's destruction. The bill requires FDLE to adopt rules and that specified entities must participate in the database in accordance with those rules. The bill also requires FDLE to ensure that every victim or victim's representative is notified that the database exists and is provided with instructions on how to use it. The bill passed favorably out of its final committee.

Representative Skidmore

<u>HB 1025 - Student Retention</u> - The bill provides that a parent must submit the retention request in writing to the district school superintendent. The superintendent must grant any request received by June 30, 2021. If a request is received after the deadline, it is within the superintendent's discretion whether to consider and grant the request. The bill provides that a student retained at the request of a parent may not qualify for midyear promotion and must remain in the grade in which the student was retained until the end of the school year. The bill also requires school districts to report the number of students retained by parental request for all or part of the 2021-2022 school year to the Department of Education by June 30, 2022. The bill passed favorably out of the House Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee. The Senate version of the bill (SB 200) is sponsored by Senator Berman and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL BILLS

<u>HB 979 - Village of Wellington - Palm Beach County</u> - Sponsored by Representative Willhite - The bill provides an exemption from ss. 791.001 and 791.08, F.S., and prohibits the sale and use of fireworks located within the Equestrian Preserve of the Village of Wellington on all days of the year except for public displays supervised and conducted by a competent operator. The displays must be approved by the chiefs of the police and fire departments of Wellington and must not be hazardous to property or endanger any person. Written applications for permits must be made at least 15 days in advance of the date of the display. After permit approval, the sales, possession, use, and distribution of fireworks for the display must be lawful for the permitted purpose only. Permits are non-transferrable. The bill passed out of all its committees and was placed on second reading.

<u>HB 915 - Port of Palm Beach</u> - Sponsored by Representative Willhite - The bill provides that newly elected commissioners take office in the January following the general election at which they are elected; Repeals the requirement that each commissioner must execute a \$25,000 surety bond upon taking office and the additional \$25,000 surety bond required of the commissioner selected as secretary-treasurer of the Board; Authorizes the Board by majority vote to adjust the compensation of commissioners annually, and Revises the term "port manager" to "port director" and makes conforming changes throughout the charter. The bill passed favorably with a committee substitute from the House Local Administration and Local Veteran Affairs Subcommittee.

<u>HB 1185 - Indian Trails Improvement District</u> - Sponsored by Representative Roth - The Indian Trails Improvement District (District) is an independent special district in Palm Beach County that provides water control, water supply, and drainage using the construction and maintenance of canals, ditches, levees, dikes, pumping plants, and other works and improvements. The District was created by a special act in 1957 and its charter was re-codified in 2002. The District maintains 164 miles of canals and 458 miles of roads, providing service to over 40,000 residents. The bill authorizes the District to expend funds for the purposes of:

- Determining the feasibility of converting the District into a municipality pursuant to statute;
- Creating an incorporation committee with public membership to conduct hearings seeking community input on the review of the feasibility study and development of a draft municipal charter; and
- Developing a draft municipal charter.

The bill passed favorably out of the House Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

<u>HB 1035 - Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District</u> - Sponsored by Representative Roth - The Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District (District) is an independent special district created in 1971 by a special act. The charter of the District was most recently codified in 2002. The District operates a sewer and wastewater system serving the Towns of Jupiter and Juno Beach, the Village of Tequesta, and unincorporated portions of southern Martin County and northern Palm Beach County. The bill provides for the codification of existing special acts concerning the District, makes conforming changes, and repeals the existing special acts governing the District. The bill passed out of all its committees and has been placed on second reading.

IN AND AROUND THE CAPITOL



Here is a brief review from Senator Powell of some of last week's events as well as controversial bills that were presented in Tallahassee.



"On National Doctors Day, <u>HB 1001: Step Therapy</u> <u>Protocols</u> passed its first committee. Doctors spend each day ensuring that their patients are healthy and cared for; a patient's care should be between them and their doctor.

This bill brings us closer to ensuring that doctors have more influence over their patient's care plans. On this National Doctors Day, I want to thank all the doctors who work to put their patient's health and safety first." - Representative Willhite



"Cassie McGovern's story is one she wishes no other mother has to tell. In 2009, her 19 month old daughter, Edna Mae, tragically drowned. Cassie has devoted her life to raising awareness around child drownings ever since.

I'm thankful for her courage to testify on my water safety bill today, titled the "Edna Mae McGovern Act." Through the support of Chair Gruters and committee members, it passed the Education Committee unanimously.

Let us focus our attention on promoting water safety and swimming lessons early in a child's life."

- Senator Berman



Florida Channel Perspectives with Representative Kelly Skidmore - District 81. Representative Skidmore discusses her session priorities

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

To learn more and to get resources and information, visit the <u>Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida at ounce.org</u>





MORE THAN A REMINDER — ITS A MOVEMENT



In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America® launched the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign as a grassroots effort for individuals and organizations across the U.S. to take action. The campaign promotes healthy child development while raising awareness to prevent child abuse and neglect—before it ever happens.

WHY PINWHEELS?

Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the blue pinwheel as the nationally recognized symbol for prevention because it represents the great childhoods all children deserve and the prevention efforts that help make them happen. Today, it inspires all of us to play a role in providing the best possible environment for every child to flourish and thrive.



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