

The Legislative Process

To provide some background on the Legislative process, bills are placed in numerical order. “Companion” bills are bills from the other chamber that contain the same issue(s) and these will be listed and explained in the same entry. The lowest bill number of the companions will be listed first. With each weekly report, the title line of a bill that has had activity will be highlighted in green for the reader’s convenience. *It should be noted that during Session, committees are on a two-day notice requirement. This means at the time that this weekly report is written, committee agendas for the following Wednesday through Friday may not be known.*

Explanation of abbreviations, terms, and actions in this report:

- “HB” means House Bill.
- “SB” means Senate Bill.
- “HM” means House Memorial.
- “CS” means Committee Substitute. When a CS is filed, it indicates that the bill has been approved with amendments during a committee meeting. CS/CS means that the bill has been approved and amended in two committees; CS/CS/CS means it was approved and amended in three committees, etc. When looking for the most current version of a bill, always defer to the version with the most “CS”s, if any. It is important to note that a bill can go through all of its committees without any amendments or “CS”s.

Before a bill is considered passed it has to be “read” three times and approved with a majority vote by the full chamber: the First Reading is done when it is introduced to the respective chamber; the Second Reading is done after the bill has passed all committees of reference and is placed on the Special Order Calendar to be discussed and amended (if necessary) by the full chamber; and the Third Reading is when the bill is debated and voted upon by the full chamber. It also must be passed in both the Senate and House before it can be sent to the Governor for his action. Because of the limited time during a Session, a bill (except as noted below) is filed in both chambers so that it can get through its three readings in both chambers concurrently; these bills are called “companions”. Either the House bill or the Senate bill will pass its respective chamber first, then it will be sent to the other chamber, who will substitute its companion version by the one just received. This (second) chamber will have to pass the substituted bill, in order for the bill to be sent to the Governor.

Note: Bills that only apply to a limited geographical area (typically a city or county) are referred to as “local” bills; local bills are generally non-controversial, are initiated in one chamber (typically the House), and do not have companions; local bills have few committee references, are scheduled before committees in groups, and are considered in each chamber in a separate “Local Bill Calendar”.

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| <p>HB 53 by Representative Jacobs</p> <p>SB 232 by Senator Book</p> | <p>Coral Reefs</p> <p>These identical bills establish the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area. The conservation area includes the sovereign submerged lands and state waters offshore of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties from the St. Lucie Inlet in the north to the northern boundary of the Biscayne National Park in the south.</p> | <p>Both bills have been through all three committee references. HB 53 passed the full House unanimously (Vote: 107 Yeas/0 Nays) on January 25th and was sent over to the Senate. SB 232 was placed on the special order calendar for February 1st; it was substituted for HB 53 and read a 2nd time. It will have to be read a 3rd time for a final vote by the full Senate.</p> |
| <p>SB 168 by Senator Steube</p> <p>HB 145 by Representative Beshears</p> | <p>Nonnative animals</p> <p>These similar bills require FWC to establish a pilot program to mitigate the impact of priority invasive species on public lands or waters of the state. FWC is required to submit a report of its recommendations and findings regarding the pilot program by January 1, 2021. Additionally, FWC is required to identify nonnative animals that threaten the state's wildlife habitats. If a nonnative animal is identified by FWC, the Senate bill requires a pet dealer to implant the animal with a passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag before it is sold, resold, or offered for sale. Both bills provide for an appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund of \$300,000 annually during both the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year and the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, for a total appropriation of \$600,000.</p> | <p>These bills have three committee references in both the House and the Senate. SB 168 passed its final committee of reference on January 31st. It was placed on the calendar on February 1st and is on 2nd reading (will have to be voted on by the full Senate). HB 145 is scheduled to be heard in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, its second committee of reference, on February 6th.</p> |
| <p>SB 1132 by Senator Hutson</p> | <p>Vessel Safety Inspection Decals</p> | |

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| <p>HB 915 by Representative Henry</p> | <p>These similar bills authorize FWC to designate by rule the timeframe for the expiration of, and the specific design for, the safety inspection decal for vessels. The bill specifies that the decal may not be valid for more than five years, and, at a minimum, meet the standards specified in s. 327.70(2)(a), F.S., which requires the decal to be displayed: within six inches of the vessel's properly displayed vessel registration decal; or for a non-motorized vessel which is not required to be registered, on the forward half of the port side of the vessel above the waterline. The only difference is the House bill currently does not state that all decals issued on or before December 31, 2018 will be invalid and the effective date of the new decals will be January 1, 2019.</p> | <p>The Senate bill has three committee references and the House bill has two committee references. SB 1132 has one more committee stop, Appropriations, before going to the Senate floor. HB 915 passed both committees of reference and is on 2nd reading (will have to be voted on by the full House).</p> |
| <p>HB 1211 by Representative Abruzzo</p> | <p>Airboat Regulation</p> | |

SB 1612 by Senator Rader

These similar bills create “Ellie’s Law,” which, beginning December 31, 2018, prohibits a person from operating an airboat to carry passengers for hire on waters of the state unless he or she has all of the following onboard an airboat: a photographic identification card; proof of compliance with the boating safety education course requirements, as provided in s. 327.395, F.S.; proof of successful completion of a commission-approved airboat operator course that meets the minimum standards established by FWC rule; and a certificate of successful course completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. A person issued a captain’s license by the United States Coast Guard is not required to complete the boating safety education course; however, proof of such captain’s license is required to be onboard the airboat when carrying passengers for hire on waters of the state. The House bill provides that a person who violates the airboat operating provisions commits a 2nd degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to 60 days imprisonment or a \$500 fine. The Senate bill provides that a person who violates the airboat operating provisions commits a noncriminal infraction, for which the civil penalty is up to a maximum of \$500.

These bills have three committee references in both the House and the Senate. HB 1211 passed its first committee of reference, Careers & Competitions, as a committee substitute (CS) on January 30th. An amendment (technical changes) was adopted by the committee to make it a CS. SB 1612 has two more committee stops before going to the Senate floor.

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| Bill | Title | Sponsor | Summary | Actions (Blank = No Action) | Related Bills |
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| SB 156 | Florida Black Bears | Stewart | Florida Black Bears; Creating the Florida Black Bear Protection Act; prohibiting the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission from allowing the recreational hunting of Florida black bears mothering cubs that weigh less than 100 pounds under a black bear hunting permit; prohibiting prescribed burns in certain designated habitats during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Identical HB 559 Florida Black Bears (Olszewski) |
| HB 559 | Florida Black Bears | Olszewski | Florida Black Bears: Prohibits FWCC from allowing recreational hunting of certain Florida black bears; provides penalty for certain harvesting of saw palmetto berries; authorizes FWCC to designate certain habitats; prohibits prescribed burns in such habitats during specified times. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 156 Florida Black Bears (Stewart) |

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| HB 247 | Vessel Registration | Ausley | Vessel Registration: Authorizes DHSMV to issue electronic certificate of registration for vessel & use electronic mail for certain purposes; authorizes vessel operator to present such electronic certificate for inspection under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 632 Vessel Registration (Montford) |
| SB 632 | Vessel Registration | Montford | Vessel Registration; Authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue an electronic certificate of registration for a vessel, to collect electronic mail addresses, and to use electronic mail for certain purposes; authorizing a vessel operator to present such electronic certificate for inspection under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Similar HB 247 Vessel Registration (Ausley) |
| SB 388 | Anchoring Limitation Areas | Farmer | Anchoring Limitation Areas; Revising the anchoring limitation areas within the state to include additional specified areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Similar HB 1001 City of Hollywood, Broward County (Geller) |
| HB 1001 | City of Hollywood, Broward County | Geller | City of Hollywood, Broward County: Provides exception to general law; provides specified areas are narrow state waterways & anchoring limitation areas. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 388 Anchoring Limitation Areas (Farmer) |

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| HB 469 | Salvage of Pleasure Vessels | Harrison | Salvage of Pleasure Vessels: Requires salvors of pleasure vessels to provide customers with specified written disclosure statements, work estimates, & notifications & to post specified signage on salvage vessels; specifies violations; provides remedies. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 664 Salvage of Pleasure Vessels (Young) |
| SB 664 | Salvage of Pleasure Vessels | Young | Salvage of Pleasure Vessels; Designating the Elorida Salvage of Pleasure Vessels Act"; requiring salvors of pleasure vessels to provide a specified written disclosure statement and salvage work estimate; requiring such salvors to obtain customer permission before exceeding the written estimate by more than a specified amount; requiring salvors to post specified signage on their vessels, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Rules | Similar HB 469 Salvage of Pleasure Vessels (Harrison) |
| HB 471 | Unmanned Aircraft | Yarborough | Unmanned Aircraft: Prohibits operating drone over or using drone to introduce contraband into certain facilities; provides criminal penalties; authorizes use of drone in certain circumstances to facilitate collection of evidence at scene of crime or traffic crash. Effective Date: October 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 624 Drones (Young) |

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| SB 624 | Drones | Young | Drones; Prohibiting a person from knowingly or willingly operating a drone over, allowing a drone to make contact with, allowing a drone to come within a certain distance of, or using a drone to introduce contraband into or within the secure perimeter of a fixed-site facility; authorizing the use of a drone if a law enforcement agency possesses reasonable suspicion that, under particular circumstances, swift action is needed to facilitate the collection of evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018 | 1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/30/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed | Identical HB 471 Unmanned Aircraft (Yarborough) |
| SB 1132 | Vessel Safety Inspection Decals | Hutson | Vessel Safety Inspection Decals; Providing rulemaking authority to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding expiration and design of safety inspection decals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/29/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations | Identical HB 915 Vessel Safety Inspection Decals (Henry) |
| HB 915 | Vessel Safety Inspection Decals | Henry | Vessel Safety Inspection Decals: Authorizes FWCC to adopt specified rules for vessel safety inspection decals. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 1132 Vessel Safety Inspection Decals (Hutson) |
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Agency Administration, Contracting, Rulemaking, and Public Meetings/Records
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| HB 83 | Agency Rulemaking | Spano | Agency Rulemaking: Requires certain notices to include agency website address for specified purpose; requires agency to prepare statement of estimated regulatory costs before adopting or amending rule other than emergency rule; requires agency to prepare statement of estimated regulatory costs before repealing rule in certain circumstances; requires DOS to include on Florida Administrative Register website agency website addresses where statements of estimated regulatory costs can be viewed. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (755203); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays) 1/31/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed | Similar SB 912 Agency Rulemaking (Broxson) - 01/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development |
| SB 912 | Agency Rulemaking | Broxson | Agency Rulemaking; Requiring certain notices to include an agency website address for a specified purpose; requiring the Department of State to include on the Florida Administrative Register website the agency website addresses where statements of estimated regulatory costs can be viewed in their entirety, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Similar HB 83 Agency Rulemaking (Spano) |

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| SB 110 | Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements | Campbell | Language Requirements for State Agency Websites and Advertisements; Requiring specified information to be published on state agency websites in certain languages; requiring state agencies to disseminate certain advertisements to the public in languages other than English through specified media outlets in certain counties; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to publish certain information on its website, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018 | | |
| HB 79 | Public Meetings | Roth | Public Meetings: Specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law | 1/29/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays 1/29/2018 HOUSE Now in Government Accountability Committee | Similar SB 192 Public Meetings (Baxley) |

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| SB 192 | Public Meetings | Baxley | Public Meetings; Specifying conditions under which members of any board or commission of any state agency or authority or of any agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | 1/31/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays) | Similar HB 79 Public Meetings (Roth) |
| HB 439 | Public Meetings and Records | Donalds | Public Meetings and Records: Expands exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; specifies when litigation is considered imminent; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 560 Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation (Steube) |

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| SB 560 | Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation | Steube | Public Meetings and Records/ Imminent Litigation ; Expanding an exemption from public meetings requirements to allow specified entities to meet in private with an attorney to discuss imminent litigation if certain conditions are met; requiring the transcript of a private meeting concerning imminent litigation to be made public upon the occurrence of a certain circumstance, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018 | 1/29/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed 1/29/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading | Similar HB 439 Public Meetings and Records (Donalds) |
| HB 459 | Public Records | Massullo, Jr. | Public Records: Provides that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; removes or revises numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets. Effective Date: upon becoming a law | | Compare SB 958 Public Records (Mayfield) Similar SB 956 Public Records (Mayfield) Linked HB 461 Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.) |

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| HB 461 | Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency | Massullo, Jr. | <p>Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency: Provides exemption from public record requirements for trade secret held by agency; provides notice requirements; provides process for responding to public record requests; provides exception to exemption; provides that agency employee is not liable for release of records in compliance with act; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect</p> | | <p>Compare SB 956 Public Records (Mayfield) Similar SB 958 Public Records (Mayfield) Linked HB 459 Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)</p> |
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| SB 956 | Public Records | Mayfield | Public Records; Providing that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; deleting provisions exempting certain information from public records requirements under the Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; deleting provisions relating to a public records exemption for trade secrets held by Space Florida; deleting a requirement that certain trade secret information submitted to the Agency for Health Care Administration be clearly designated as such, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 958 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law | Compare HB 461 Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.) Similar HB 459 Public Records (Massullo, Jr.) Linked SB 958 Public Records (Mayfield) |
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| SB 958 | Public Records | Mayfield | Public Records/Trade Secrets; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a trade secret held by an agency; providing that an agency employee is not liable for the release of records in compliance with the act; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 956 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law | | Compare HB 459 Public Records (Massullo, Jr.) Similar HB 461 Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.) Linked SB 956 Public Records (Mayfield) |
| HB 589 | Public Meetings | Newton | Public Meetings: Specifies that certain boards and commissions are subject to public meetings requirements; revises public meeting notice requirements; provides that member of public has right to speak at public meeting; requires members of board or commission to respond to questions made at public meetings within a specified timeframe; repeals provision relating to reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 1092 Public Meetings (Rader) |

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| SB 1092 | Public Meetings | Rader | Public Meetings; Specifying that a board or commission of any entity created by general or special law is subject to public meetings requirements; providing that a member of the public has the right to speak at a public meeting of a board or commission; requiring a board or commission to prescribe a form on which members of the public wishing to exercise their right to speak must provide certain information; repealing provisions relating to the reasonable opportunity to be heard at public meetings, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Similar HB 589 Public Meetings (Newton) |
| HB 791 | Regulatory Reform | Diaz | Regulatory Reform: Establishes Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within EOG; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to establish regulatory baseline of agency rules; provides that new rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed regulatory baseline; requires agency proposing new rule to submit rule replacement request to committee; provides that rule replacement request or exemption request may not be approved until initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by specified amount. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays 1/30/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee | Similar SB 1268 Regulatory Reform (Perry) |

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| SB 1268 | Regulatory Reform | Perry | Regulatory Reform; Establishing the Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within the Executive Office of the Governor; requiring the Administrative Procedures Committee to establish a regulatory baseline of agency rules; providing that a proposed rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed the regulatory baseline; requiring an agency proposing a rule to submit a rule replacement request to the committee; providing that a rule replacement request or an exemption request may not be approved until the initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by a specified amount, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Similar HB 791 Regulatory Reform (Diaz) |
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| HB 941 | Administrative Procedures | Moraitis | <p>Administrative Procedures: Applies certain provisions applicable to rules other than emergency rules to repromulgated rules; requires agency provide notice of regulatory alternative by certain date; requires agency review of rules & repromulgation of certain rules; provides repromulgated rule is adopted upon filing with DOAH & becomes effective after specified time period; provides that DOAH shall require material incorporated by reference to be filed in specified manner. Effective Date: July 1, 2018</p> | | <p>Similar SB 1410 Administrative Procedures (Rader)</p> |
| SB 1410 | Administrative Procedures | Rader | <p>Administrative Procedures; Removing the authority of the Administrative Procedures Committee to petition an agency regarding a rule or a portion thereof exceeding the agency's rulemaking authority; applying certain provisions applicable to all rules other than emergency rules to repromulgated rules; requiring an agency to provide a copy of any proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to the committee by a certain date; requiring agency review of rules and the repromulgation of rules that do not require substantive changes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018</p> | | <p>Similar HB 941 Administrative Procedures (Moraitis)</p> |

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| RPC2 | Florida Statutes/General | Rules & Policy Committee | PCB RPC 18-02 -- Florida Statutes/General | No Action in Week 3 | |
| HB 111 | Department of Management Services | Albritton | Department of Management Services: Creates task force to evaluate procurement laws & policies & make specified recommendations; specifies membership of task force; provides meeting requirements; provides for administrative & technical support of task force; requires task force to submit report to Governor & Legislature by certain date; provides for termination of task force. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 368 Department of Management Services (Brandes) - 12/11/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations |
| SB 368 | Department of Management Services | Brandes | Department of Management Services; Creating the Statewide Procurement Efficiency Task Force within the department; specifying the purpose and membership of the task force; providing that task force members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | | Similar HB 111 Department of Management Services (Albritton) |

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| HB 411 | Public Records and Public Meetings/Fire safety Systems | Clemons | Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety Systems: Provides exemption from public records requirements for firesafety system plans held by agency, exemption from public records & public meetings requirements for information relating to firesafety systems for certain properties & meetings relating to such systems & information, & exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings that would reveal such plans held by agency; provides for retroactive application, for future legislative review & repeal, & statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law | 1/26/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading | Similar SB 738 Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety System Plans (Perry) |
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| SB 738 | Public Records and Public Meetings/Fire safety System Plans | Perry | Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety System Plans; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for firesafety system plans held by an agency; providing an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for information relating to firesafety systems for certain properties and meetings relating to such systems and information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | | Similar HB 411 Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety Systems (Clemons) |
| HB 545 | Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies | Fine | Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies: Prohibits company that is on Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting proposal for, or entering into or renewing contract with agency or local governmental entity for goods or services; provides exceptions; requires specified provision in such contracts; requires company to make specified certification in specified circumstances; provides for preemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 109 Yeas / 3 Nays) | Identical SB 780 Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies (Brandes) |

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| SB 780 | Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies | Brandes | Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies; Prohibiting a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount; requiring such contracts entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2018, to include a provision authorizing termination of the contract under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Identical HB 545 Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies (Fine) |
| HB 1019 | Financial Reporting | La Rosa | Financial Reporting: Requires counties, municipalities, special districts, water management districts, & district school boards to submit certain budget & financial information to specified entities; requires certain budget information to remain posted on such entity's official website for specified period of time; revises reporting deadlines, with exception; provides penalties; requires Office of Economic & Demographic Research to develop forms for reporting certain budget information. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/26/2018 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee | Compare HB 11 Government Accountability (Metz) |

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| HB 1087 | Disaster Recovery Services Contracts | Watson (B) | Disaster Recovery Services Contracts: Authorizes political subdivision to add additional contractors to specified contracts for disaster recovery services for declared state of emergency; provides requirements for advertising & announcing of new or additional contractors; requiring contracts to comply with applicable federal public disaster assistance program requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 1456 Disaster Recovery Services Contracts (Thurston, Jr.) - 01/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules |
| SB 1456 | Disaster Recovery Services Contracts | Thurston, Jr. | Disaster Recovery Services Contracts; Authorizing a political subdivision, under specified circumstances, to add vendors to a contract or enter into a second contract for debris removal services after a declared state of emergency; providing an exception to competitive bidding and procurement requirements for debris removal service contracts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Identical HB 1087 Disaster Recovery Services Contracts (Watson (B)) |

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| GOT2 | Statewide Travel Management System | Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee | PCB GOT 18-02 -- Statewide Travel Management System | | |
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| SB 1296 | Division of Historical Resources | Steube | Division of Historical Resources; Removing superfluous language regarding the division's responsibilities in issuing permits for survey, excavation, exploration, and salvage activities on state-owned lands or on state-owned sovereignty submerged lands; revising for minors the applicability of penalties relating to prohibited practices regarding archaeological sites and specimens, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | | Compare HB 6041 Division of Historical Resources (Stevenson) |

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| HB 6041 | Division of Historical Resources | Stevenson | Division of Historical Resources: Revises provisions governing Division of Historical Resources responsibilities in issuing permits for survey, excavation, & salvage activities on certain state-owned lands; repeals provisions relating to abrogation of offensive & derogatory geographic place names & division's authority to implement program for certain artifacts. Effective Date: upon becoming a law | | Compare SB 1296 Division of Historical Resources (Steube) |
| HB 1305 | Florida Orca Protection Act | Moskowitz | Florida Orca Protection Act: Prohibits specified activities relating to orcas; provides exceptions & penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | |
| SB 170 | Rural Economic Development Initiative | Grimsley | Rural Economic Development Initiative; Revising the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the Rural Economic Development Initiative; deleting a provision limiting the number of rural areas of opportunity that may be designated; deleting a provision listing the economic development incentives for which the Governor may waive criteria requirements or similar provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law | 1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Rules | Similar HB 1403 Rural Economic Development Initiative (Avila) - 01/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee |
| GAC2 | Natural Resources | GAC | PCB GAC 18-02 -- Natural Resources | 1/29/2018 HOUSE Committee Bill filed as HB 7063 | |

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| HB 7063 | Natural Resources | Government Accountability Committee | Natural Resources; Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to acquisition, management, & disposition of conservation lands; water supply facilities, public water systems, & domestic wastewater systems; water resource development & capital improvement projects; distribution & use of funds from Florida Forever Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund; rural-lands-protection easement programs; reservoir projects; & beneficial use of stormwater resulting from road construction; provides statement of important state interest. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2018. | 1/29/2018 HOUSE Filed (formerly PCB GAC2) 1/30/2018 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee 1/30/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee | Compare SB 370 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley) - 01/31/2018 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays) SB 992 C-51 Reservoir Project (Book) - 01/31/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 02/05/18, 4:30 pm, 37 S HB 1353 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears) - 01/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee |
| HB 813 | Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards | Willhite | Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards: Authorizes security officer training classes to be offered online; requires DACS to establish reporting requirements for verification of training submission. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Similar SB 1574 Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards (Taddeo) - 01/30/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed |

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| SB 1574 | Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards | Taddeo | Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards; Authorizing security officer training classes to be offered online under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish reporting requirements for verification of training submission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/29/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/30/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed | Similar HB 813 Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards (Willhite) - 01/26/2018 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading |
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| HB 177 | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs | Magar | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs: Expands eligibility for participation in state group health insurance program & prescription drug coverage program to include water management districts; requires DMS to conduct actuarial analysis to establish premiums. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Compare HB 257 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Porter) - 11/08/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction Identical SB 364 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Grimsley) - 12/11/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations |
| HB 225 | Employment Discrimination | Davis | Employment Discrimination: Prohibits employer from taking retaliatory personnel action against employee for evacuating under emergency evacuation order; provides exceptions; provides for remedies, relief, & attorney fees & costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | |

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| HB 227 | Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders | Willhite | Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders: Deletes certain limitations relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; provides first responders are entitled to workers' compensation benefits for mental or nervous injuries regardless of whether such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H 1/30/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/31/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed | - Compare SB 126 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Torres, Jr.) - 08/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; Rules SB 376 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Book) - 01/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations HB 629 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Asencio) - 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
| HB 251 | Reemployment After Retirement | Clemons (C) | Reemployment After Retirement: Authorizes retiree of FRS to be reemployed under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 406 Retirement (Steube) - 10/25/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations |
| HB 257 | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs | Porter | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs: Expands eligibility for participation in state group health insurance program & prescription drug coverage program to include Florida College System institutions; requires DMS to conduct actuarial analysis to establish premiums. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Compare HB 177 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Magar) - 10/03/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee SB 364 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Grimsley) - 12/11/2017 SENATE Now in Appropriations |

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| SB 280 | Telehealth | Bean | Telehealth; Establishing the standard of care for telehealth providers; providing that telehealth providers, under certain circumstances, are not required to research a patient's history or conduct physical examinations before providing services through telehealth; providing recordkeeping requirements for telehealth providers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/30/2018 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays 1/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services | Identical HB 793 Telehealth (Massullo, Jr.) - 12/08/2017 HOUSE Now in Health Quality Subcommittee |
| SB 364 | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs | Grimsley | State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs; Authorizing a water management district to participate in the state group health insurance program and the prescription drug coverage program upon the affirmative vote of a district's governing board; providing that monthly premium amounts be based on an actuarial analysis conducted by the Department of Management Services; requiring small counties, small municipalities, district school boards, and water management districts participating in the programs to bear the costs of the actuarial analysis, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Compare HB 257 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Porter) - 11/08/2017 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction Identical HB 177 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Magar) - 10/03/2017 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee |

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| SB 376 | Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders | Book | Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders; Revising the evidentiary standard for demonstrating mental and nervous injuries of first responders; deleting certain limitations relating to workers' compensation benefits for first responders; providing that law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics are entitled to benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law for mental or nervous injuries, regardless of whether such injuries are accompanied by physical injuries requiring medical treatment, under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018 | Compare SB 126 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Torres, Jr.) - 08/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; Rules HB 227 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Willhite) - 01/31/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed HB 629 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Asencio) - 11/27/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
| HB 379 | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System | Willhite | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; requires such members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifies required employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | Similar SB 606 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System (Steube) - 11/02/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations |

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| SB 380 | Criminal History Records in Applications for Public Employment and Admission to Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions | Clemens (J) | Criminal History Records in Applications for Public Employment and Admission to Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions; Prohibiting a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law; prohibiting public postsecondary educational institutions from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an applicant seeking admission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | Compare SB 102 Discrimination in Employment Screening (Bracy) - 08/28/2017 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal Justice; Rules HB 433 Discrimination in Employment Screening (Henry) - 11/01/2017 HOUSE Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee Identical SB 702 Criminal History Records in Applications for Public Employment and Admission to Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions (Farmer, Jr.) - 11/08/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education; Appropriations; Rules |
| HB 393 | Discrimination in Labor and Employment | Berman | Discrimination in Labor and Employment: Creates "Senator Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act"; prohibits employer from providing less favorable employment opportunities to employees based on sex, with exceptions; provides civil penalties & exemption; prohibits employer from taking certain employment actions against employees, engaging in certain activities relating to employee wages & benefits, & requiring employees to sign certain waivers & documents; authorizes employer to confirm wage or salary history under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | Similar SB 594 Discrimination in Labor and Employment (Stewart) - 11/02/2017 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules |

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| SB 406 | Retirement | Steube | Retirement; Providing an exception to the reemployment after retirement limitations to authorize a retiree of the Florida Retirement System to be reemployed by an employer under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | Identical HB 251 Reemployment After Retirement (Clemons (C)) - 10/18/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
| HB 517 | State Employees' Prescription Drug Program | Magar | State Employees' Prescription Drug Program: Requires DMS to implement formulary management cost-saving measures; provides requirements for such measures; removes provision that prohibits department from implementing restricted prescription drug formulary or prior authorization program in state employees' prescription drug program. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | Similar SB 954 State Employees' Prescription Drug Program (Passidomo) - 01/24/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government |
| SB 606 | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System | Steube | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; Adding 911 public safety telecommunicators to the class; requiring such members to have their retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions applicable to Regular Class members; specifying the required employer retirement contribution rates for the new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | Similar HB 379 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System (Willhite) - 11/01/2017 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
| HB 615 | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System | Raschein | Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds certain pilots & registered nurses to Special Risk Class beginning on specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | Similar SB 1778 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System (Flores) - 01/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations |

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| HB 651 | State Employment | Yarborough | State Employment: Repeals provisions relating to Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; prohibits organization, entity, or person from intentionally soliciting state employees for fundraising or business purposes within specified areas during specified times; provides exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 13 Nays) | Similar SB 950 State Employment (Mayfield) - 01/31/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays |
| HB 665 | Retirement | Clemons | Retirement: Specifies minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees & beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | 1/26/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/30/18, 8:30 am, 17 H - Workshop 1/30/2018 HOUSE Workshopped by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee | Identical SB 722 Retirement (Garcia) - 01/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government |
| SB 722 | Retirement | Garcia | Retirement; Specifying the minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | | Identical HB 665 Retirement (Clemons) - 01/30/2018 HOUSE Workshopped by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |

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| HB 793 | Telehealth | Massullo, Jr. | Telehealth: Encourages state group health insurance program to offer health insurance plans that include telehealth coverage; authorizes AHCA to pay for certain telehealth services as optional Medicaid services; defines terms; establishes standard of care for telehealth providers; authorizing use of telehealth to perform patient evaluations; provides that telehealth providers, under certain circumstances, are not required to research patient's history or conduct physical exam before providing services; provides situations when use of telehealth is not deemed to be practicing medicine without a license; authorizes certain providers to use telehealth to prescribe specified controlled substances; provides construction; requires DOH to develop & disseminate educational materials to specified licenses; provides recordkeeping requirements; provides patient consent requirements; encourages certain insurers to include services provided through telehealth under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 280 Telehealth (Bean) - 01/30/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services |
| SB 950 | State Employment | Mayfield | State Employment; Repealing provisions relating to the Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign; prohibiting an organization, an entity, or a person from intentionally soliciting state employees for fundraising or business purposes within specified areas during specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/26/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Similar Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K 1/31/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays | HB 651 State Employment (Yarborough) - 01/31/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 100 Yeas / 13 Nays) |
| SB 954 | State Employees' Prescription Drug Program | Passidomo | State Employees' Prescription Drug Program; Requiring the Department of Management Services to implement formulary management cost-saving measures; removing a provision that prohibits the department from implementing a restricted prescription drug formulary or prior authorization program in the state employees' prescription drug program, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2019 | | Similar HB 517 State Employees' Prescription Drug Program (Magar) - 01/24/2018 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading |

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| SB 980 | Publicly Funded Retirement Programs | Brandes | Publicly Funded Retirement Programs; Revising minimum requirements for actuarial reports for retirement systems or plans subject to part VII of ch. 112, F.S.; requiring the governing body responsible for the retirement system or plan to review the enrolled actuary's statement within a specified timeframe; requiring the unfunded liability of retirement systems or plans established on or after a certain date to be amortized within a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018 | | Identical HB 1363 Publicly Funded Retirement Programs (McClure) - 01/12/2018 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee |
| HB 1209 | The Florida Retirement System | Asencio | The Florida Retirement System: Revises definition of "normal retirement date"; revises provisions related to early retirement benefit calculation, deferred retirement option program, benefit commencement age, & years of service to conform to changes made by act; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018 | | Identical SB 1692 Florida Retirement System (Torres, Jr.) - 01/12/2018 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations |
| SB 2504 | State Employees | Appropriations | State Employees; Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units of state employees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018 | 1/26/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 01/31/18, 1:00 pm, 412 K 1/31/2018 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays 2/1/2018 SENATE Committee Bill Text Filed 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading 2/1/2018 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/07/18 | Similar HB 5005 Collective Bargaining (Trujillo) - 02/01/2018 HOUSE Filed |