

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”.

Bill	Description	Action Summary
<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. HB 53 was read a 3rd time and passed the full Senate unanimously on February 7th (Vote: 35 Yeas / 0 Nays). It was ordered enrolled on February 8th and next goes to the Governor for his action.</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. SB 168 also provides 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 passed its second committee of reference as a committee substitute (CS2) on February 6th (an amendment was adopted in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee that removes the entire appropriation from HB 145). <i>The bill was scheduled to be heard in its final committee of reference, Government Accountability, on February 13th; however, it was temporarily postponed. It is scheduled to be heard in Government Accountability on Monday, February 26th.</i></p>
<p>SB 1132 by Senator Hutson</p> <p>HB 915 by Representative Henry</p>	<p>Vessel Safety Inspection Decals</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. <i>SB 1132 passed its final committee of reference, Appropriations, unanimously on February 22nd. It next goes to the Senate floor.</i> 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>SB 1612 by Senator Rader</p>	<p>Airboat Regulation</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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. The reference to the Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee was removed and a reference to the Government Accountability Committee was added; the two remaining committee references are the Government Accountability Committee and the Commerce Committee. <i>HB 1211 passed its second committee of reference, Government Accountability, unanimously on February 22nd. It is scheduled to be heard in its final committee of reference, the Commerce Committee, on Monday, February 26th.</i> SB 1612 passed its second committee of reference, the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources, as a CS on February 14th (Vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays). <i>Its final committee stop is Appropriations; it is not scheduled to be heard at this time.</i></p>

2018 Legislative Session - Bills - Week 7

2/25/2018

Sorted by Bill Number

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary	(Blank = No Action)	Related Bills
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	2/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/26/18, 2:00 pm, 17 H - PCS	Similar SB 192 Public Meetings (Baxley)
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		Similar SB 912 Agency Rulemaking (Broxson)
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 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)

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)
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		Similar HB 1403 Rural Economic Development Initiative (Avila)
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		Similar HB 79 Public Meetings (Roth)
SB 262	Searches by Law Enforcement Officers	Farmer	Searches by Law Enforcement Officers; Prohibiting a law enforcement officer in this state from searching a person or his or her property without first informing the person of his or her lawful right to decline the search request by the law enforcement officer, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		Identical HB 233 Searches by Law Enforcement Officers (Jones)

SB 354	Government Accountability	Stargel	Government Accountability; Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; revising the responsibilities of the Justice Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each public defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include the establishment and maintenance of certain internal controls; prohibiting a board or commission from requiring an advance copy of testimony or comments from a member of the public as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be heard at a public meeting, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	2/22/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/27/18, 11:00 am, 412 K	Compare HB 1019 Financial Reporting (La Rosa) HB 1279 School District Accountability (Sullivan) SB 1804 School District Accountability (Stargel) HB 5203 Statewide Travel (Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee) HB 7055 Education (Education Committee) HB 7073 Government Integrity (Public Integrity & Ethics Committee) Similar HB 11 Government Accountability (Metz)
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)
SB 370	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Bradley	Land Acquisition Trust Fund; Requiring a specified annual appropriation to the Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibiting moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund from being used for specified costs, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2018		Compare HB 7063 Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee) Similar HB 1353 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)
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 411	Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety 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	2/20/2018 SENATE In Messages 2/20/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules	Similar SB 738 Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety System Plans (Perry)
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)
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 if CS/CS/HB 461 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law	2/20/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (795813, 435049); Placed on Third Reading, 02/21/18 2/20/2018 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 2 Nays)	Compare SB 958 Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield) Similar SB 956 Public Records (Mayfield) Linked HB 461 Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency (Massullo, Jr.)
HB 461	Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets Held by an Agency	Massullo, Jr.	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 applicability; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: on the same date that CS/HB 459 or similar legislation takes effect	2/20/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/21/18 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 113 Yeas / 0 Nays)	Compare SB 956 Public Records (Mayfield) Similar SB 958 Public Records/Trade Secrets (Mayfield) Linked HB 459 Public Records (Massullo, Jr.)

HB 469	Salvage of Pleasure Vessels	Harrison	Salvage of Pleasure Vessels: Requires salvors of pleasure vessels to provide specified verbal & written notice; provides exception; provides remedies for violations. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Similar SB 664 Salvage of Pleasure Vessels (Young)
HB 471	Unmanned Aircraft	Yarborough	Unmanned Aircraft: Prohibits operating drone over certain facilities; authorizes use of drone in certain circumstances to facilitate collection of evidence at scene of crime or traffic crash; authorizes use of drone by local or state agency for specified purposes. Effective Date: October 1, 2018	2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/28/18	Similar SB 624 Drones (Young)
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		Identical SB 780 Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies (Brandes)
HB 553	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Raburn	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to structures used in citrus production; oyster harvesting licenses; pesticide registration fees; Class "K" & concealed firearm licenses; charitable & sponsor sales promotions & solicitations; water vending machines; telephone solicitations; antifreeze & brake fluid brands; liquefied petroleum licenses & dealer practices; commercial weights & measures; sale & purchase of livestock; emergency powers & orders; agricultural commodity marketing; seed labeling, sale, & solicitation; Florida Forest Service; & government impostor & deceptive ads. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Compare HB 315 Telephone Solicitation (Ausley) SB 568 Telephone Solicitation (Young) Similar SB 740 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Stargel)

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)
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 attorneys and technical experts 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; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2018		Similar HB 439 Public Meetings and Records (Donalds)
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)
SB 624	Drones	Young	Drones; Redefining the term "critical infrastructure 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; authorizing the use of a drone by a local or state agency when used in the assessment of damage, flood state, wildfire, or land management, or the monitoring and collection of scientific or marketing data, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2018		Similar HB 471 Unmanned Aircraft (Yarborough)

SB 664	Salvage of Pleasure Vessels	Young	Salvage of Pleasure Vessels; Requiring salvors of pleasure vessels to provide specified written notice to a customer who is present on a pleasure vessel before engaging in a salvage operation of the vessel, etc. Effective Date: This act shall take effect July 1, 2018	2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays 2/23/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed	Similar HB 469 Salvage of Pleasure Vessels (Harrison)
SB 738	Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety 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)
SB 740	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Stargel	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Transferring authority to issue licenses for oyster harvesting in Apalachicola Bay from the department to the City of Apalachicola; revising permitting requirements and operating standards for water vending machines; revising the circumstances under which liquefied petroleum gas bulk delivery vehicles must be registered with the department; repealing provisions relating to packet vegetable and flower seed; creating the Government Impostor and Deceptive Advertisements Act, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018	2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays	Compare HB 315 Telephone Solicitation (Ausley) SB 568 Telephone Solicitation (Young) Similar HB 553 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Raburn)
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 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		Similar SB 1268 Regulatory Reform (Perry)
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		Identical SB 1574 Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards (Taddeo)
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)
HB 941	Administrative Procedures	Moraitis	Administrative Procedures: Revises positions that are exempt from Career Service System; 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 that DOAH shall require material incorporated by reference to be filed in specified manner; requires Administration Commission to appoint DOAH director from full-time administrative law judges employed with DOAH; requires Governor & Cabinet to appoint administrative law judges from nominees recommended by statewide nominating commission; specifies composition & term lengths of members of commission. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/28/18	Similar SB 1410 Administrative Procedures (Rader)

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/Trade Secrets (Mayfield)
SB 958	Public Records/Trade Secrets	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 997	Handgun Buyback and Safe Storage Program	Shaw	Handgun Buyback and Safe Storage Program: Creates program within FDLE to provide grants to support sheriffs' offices in sponsoring annual handgun buyback & safe storage events, subject to certain appropriation; specifies cash payment amounts for certain surrendered handguns; provides requirements & restrictions for such events; directs FDLE to establish criteria & process for grant applications; provides for voluntary contributions to program. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		

SB 1078	Public Records/United States Census Bureau	Perry	Public Records/United States Census Bureau ; Creating an exemption from public records requirements for specified United States Census Bureau address information held by an agency; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	2/21/2018 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/27/18	Identical HB 7053 Public Records/United States Census Bureau (Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee)
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.)
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 1211	Airboat Regulation	Abruzzo	Airboat Regulation: Requires commercial airboat operator to have specified documents onboard; provides exception & penalty. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H 2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable by Government Accountability Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays 2/22/2018 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee 2/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 02/26/18, 2:00 pm, 212 K	Similar SB 1612 Airboat Regulation (Rader)

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)
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)
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		
HB 1353	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	Beshears	Land Acquisition Trust Fund: Requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Compare HB 7063 Natural Resources (Government Accountability Committee) Similar SB 370 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley)

HB 1359	License Plates	Grant (J)	License Plates: Revises provisions relating to dealer & fleet license plates & provisions relating to specialty license plate presale, discontinuance, fee distribution, & design; directs DHSMV to audit certain organizations receiving funds; establishes & deletes certain specialty license plates; provides for special license plates to be issued to Purple Heart & Bronze Star recipients. Effective Date: October 1, 2018	2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/22/18, 9:00 am, 17 H 2/22/2018 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Government Accountability Committee 2/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/26/18, 2:00 pm, 17 H	Compare SB 160 Specialty License Plates (Bean) SB 796 Specialty License Plates/Florida Beekeepers Association (Rader) SB 1104 Commercial Motor Vehicles (Brandes) SB 1170 Transportation (Perry) SB 1414 Specialty License Plates (Rouson) HB 1417 Juvenile Justice (McClure) SB 1552 Juvenile Justice (Bracy)
SB 1410	Administrative Procedures	Rader	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		Similar HB 941 Administrative Procedures (Moraitis)
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))
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		Identical HB 813 Licensure of Unarmed Security Guards (Willhite)

SB 1920	Public Records/Vessel Registrants	Montford	Public Records/Vessel Registrants; Providing an exemption for electronic mail addresses of vessel registrants collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; 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 632 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 247 Vessel Registration (Ausley) Linked SB 632 Vessel Registration (Montford)
HB 2029	Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA) Scrub-Jay Habitat	Harrell	Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA) Scrub-Jay Habitat: Provides an appropriation for the Treasure Coast International Airport (TCIA) Scrub-Jay Habitat. APPROPRIATION: \$600,000.00 Effective Date: July 1, 2018		
HB 5007	State-Administered Retirement Systems	Appropriations Committee	State-Administered Retirement Systems: Revises required employer retirement contribution rates for members of certain membership classes & subclasses of FRS; provides finding of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Compare SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee) Similar SB 7014 State-administered Retirement Systems (Governmental Oversight and Accountability)
HB 5201	Information Technology	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Information Technology: Transfers certain powers & duties of specified sections within AST to DMS by type two transfer; requires DMS to provide AST with financial management oversight; requires DEP to act as lead agency for certain geospatial data responsibilities; revises powers, duties, & functions of AST; requires AST to develop enterprise data inventory; revises provisions relating to state data center; requires state data center & state agencies to show preference for cloud computing solutions & assist customer entities in transitioning to cloud computing services. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Compare SB 390 Agency for State Technology (Brandes) SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee)

HB 5203	Statewide Travel	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Statewide Travel: Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018		Compare HB 11 Government Accountability (Metz) SB 354 Government Accountability (Stargel) SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee)
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	2/22/2018 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/28/18	Compare SB 1296 Division of Historical Resources (Steube)
SB 7014	State-administered Retirement Systems	Governmental Oversight and Accountability	State-administered Retirement Systems; Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018		Compare SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee) Similar HB 5007 State-Administered Retirement Systems (Appropriations Committee)
HB 7023	Florida Statutes/General	Rules & Policy Committee	Florida Statutes/General: Deletes provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replaces incorrect cross-references & citations; corrects grammatical, typographical, & like errors; removes inconsistencies, redundancies, & unnecessary repetition in statutes; & improves clarity of statutes & facilitates their correct interpretation. Effective Date: on the 60th day after adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in which enacted	2/20/2018 SENATE In Messages 2/20/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules	Identical SB 1342 Florida Statutes (Benacquisto)

HB 7025	Florida Statutes/Non-current Repeals or Expiration	Rules & Policy Committee	Florida Statutes/Non-current Repeals or Expiration: Repeals specified provisions that have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration & may be omitted from 2018 Florida Statutes only through reviser's bill duly enacted by Legislature. Effective Date: on the 60th day after adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in which enacted	2/20/2018 SENATE In Messages 2/20/2018 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules	Identical SB 1344 Florida Statutes (Benacquisto)
HB 7053	Public Records/United States Census Bureau	Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee	Public Records/United States Census Bureau: Creates exemption from public records requirements for specified United States Census Bureau address information held by agency; provides exception to exemption; authorizes access to other related confidential or exempt information; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	2/20/2018 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/21/18 2/21/2018 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays)	Identical SB 1078 Public Records/United States Census Bureau (Perry)
HB 7063	Natural Resources	Government Accountability Committee	Natural Resources: Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to acquisition, management, & disposition of conservation lands; beach management; greenways & trails; arthropod control; water supply facilities, public water systems, & domestic wastewater systems; water resource development & capital improvement projects; state park passes; distribution & use of funds from Florida Forever Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund; rural-lands-protection easement programs; reservoir projects; basin management action plans; beneficial uses & management of stormwater; LAKEWATCH Program; provides statement of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	2/20/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 02/22/18, 1:00 pm, 212 K 2/22/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays 2/24/2018 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed	Compare HB 131 Coastal Management (Peters) SB 174 Coastal Management (Hukill) SB 370 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Bradley) SB 992 C-51 Reservoir Project (Book) HB 1353 Land Acquisition Trust Fund (Beshears)
RPC2	Florida Statutes/General	Rules & Policy Committee	PCB RPC 18-02 -- Florida Statutes/General		
GOT2	Statewide Travel Management System	Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	PCB GOT 18-02 -- Statewide Travel Management System		

GAC2	Natural Resources	Government Accountabili ty Committee	PCB GAC 18-02 -- Natural Resources		
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Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary	Actions (Blank = No Action)	Related Bills
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) Identical SB 364 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Grimsley)
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		
HB 227	Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders	Willhite	Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders: Provides that first responders are entitled to workers' compensation benefits for posttraumatic stress disorder in specified circumstances; provides standard of proof of such disorder & requirements relating to such benefits; provides time for notice of injury or death; requires employing agency to provide mental health training. Effective Date: July 1, 2018	2/25/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 02/26/18, 2:00 pm, 17 H	Compare SB 126 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Torres, Jr.) SB 376 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Book) HB 629 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Asencio)
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)
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) SB 364 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Grimsley)
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	2/22/2018 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 20 Yeas, 0 Nays 2/22/2018 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on Jr.) 2nd reading	Similar HB 793 Telehealth (Massullo,
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) Identical HB 177 State Group Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Programs (Magar)

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	2/22/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Compare Appropriations, 02/27/18, 11:00 am, 412 K	SB 126 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Torres, Jr.) HB 227 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders (Willhite) HB 629 Workers' Compensation for First Responders (Asencio)
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)
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) HB 433 Discrimination in Employment Screening (Henry) Identical SB 702 Criminal History Records in Applications for Public Employment and Admission to Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions (Farmer, Jr.)
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)
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))
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		Compare SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee) Similar SB 954 State Employees' Prescription Drug Program (Passidomo)

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)
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)
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	Similar SB 950 State Employment (Mayfield)
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	Identical SB 722 Retirement (Garcia)
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)
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	Similar SB 280 Telehealth (Bean)
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	Similar HB 651 State Employment (Yarborough)

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)
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)
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.)
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	Compare SB 2500 Appropriations (Appropriations) HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (Appropriations Committee) Similar HB 5005 Collective Bargaining (Appropriations Committee)