State Legislative Session Weekly Digest

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Overview

Week 9 marked the last full week of the constitutionally limited 60-day legislative session for 2026. The week featured work on bills and amendments covering a variety of subjects, interspersed with numerous farewell speeches from term-limited legislators. The House and Senate adjourned *Sine Die* on Friday afternoon with notice that the Legislature would return at a date-to-be-determined in April to negotiate and pass an FY 27 state budget. Policy priorities favored by the Governor that were not passed may also be included in the special session call. Also to come is an already-scheduled special session from April 20-24, to consider congressional redistricting options in advance of candidate qualifying.

The edition of the digest touches on some of the final actions that passed in the 2026 regular session. We will keep you apprised on the planned special sessions and their progress. Once concluded, the Government Relations Team will issue a comprehensive report on all relevant actions of the state, including outcomes related to the Board of County Commissioners' 2026 State Legislative Agenda, and other actions that may impact the County.

Major Issues Discussed *(by Committee and Date)*

HOUSE AND SENATE FLOOR: WEEK NINE OF SESSION

CS/CS/SB 118, ASSESSMENTS LEVIED ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS, BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, from levying certain special assessments against more than a specified square footage amount per recreational vehicle parking space or campsite, etc.

AMENDMENT 652343 BY REPRESENTATIVE NIX

Clarify how counties, municipalities, and special districts levy special assessments on recreational vehicle parks.

- Prohibit basing assessments on residential classifications.
- Limit levies to the portion of each campsite not exceeding the defined maximum RV size.
- Require fair apportionment through occupancy rate considerations.
- Apply changes beginning with the 2026 property tax roll.

CS/CS/SB 118 passed by a vote of 111-1 in the House, and 38-0 in the Senate

SB 168, PUBLIC NUISANCES, BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Revising the list of places that may be declared a public nuisance to include the site of a gambling house; revising provisions relating to the assessment and collection of fines for public nuisances; deleting a limit on the total amount of fines that may be imposed on a public nuisance, etc.

SB 168 passed by a vote of 112-0.

CS/HB 273, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

Provides that boundaries of downtown development district may only be changed in specified manner; requires adopted budget of downtown development district to contain specified information; prohibits certain expenditures from exceeding specified percentage of budget; requires budget be approved in specified manner; revises agency agreements that provide state financial assistance to recipients or subrecipients to include specified special districts as entity to which such agency may provide for payment of invoices.

CS/HB 273 passed by a vote of 108-0.

CS/SB 296, VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DATING VIOLENCE, BY SENATOR BERMAN

Requiring the Division of Telecommunications within the Department of Management Services to consult with certain entities to conduct a feasibility study regarding a specified alert system; providing requirements for such alert system; authorizing victims of dating violence to apply to participate in the Attorney General's address confidentiality program; requiring the Attorney General to designate certain entities to assist victims of dating violence applying to be address confidentiality program participants, etc.

CS/SB 296 passed by a vote of 113-0.



CS/SB 432, INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES, BY SENATOR YARBOROUGH

Creating "Meg's Law"; prohibiting tobacco or nicotine dealers, or their agents or employees, from possessing, selling, possessing with intent to sell, delivering, or giving, directly or indirectly, nitrous oxide on or from the dealer's licensed premises; excepting from the list of Schedule I controlled substances certain xylazine animal drug products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and used for certain purposes; creating the offense of trafficking in xylazine, etc.

CS/SB 432 passed by a vote of 111-0.

CS/CS/SB 484, DATA CENTERS, BY SENATOR AVILA

Prohibiting an agency from entering into a nondisclosure agreement or other contract that restricts the agency from disclosing certain information to the public; specifying that local governments maintain authority to exercise power and responsibility over comprehensive planning and land development regulations related to large load customers; requiring an economic development agency to disclose business activities related to the location, relocation, or expansion of a data center; requiring the Florida Public Service Commission to develop minimum tariff and service requirements for large load customers, etc.

CS/CS/SB 484 passed by a vote of 92-16.

SB 488, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES, BY SENATOR MASSULLO

Requiring licensure in lieu of registration of motor carriers operating certain qualified motor vehicles; revising due dates for motor fuel use tax returns submitted by licensed motor carriers; authorizing the department to inspect records necessary to verify the tax returns of motor carriers, motor fuel retail dealers, and motor fuel wholesale distributors; revising the apparent amount of property damage which requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify law enforcement of the crash, etc.

AMENDMENT 73989 BY REPRESENTATIVE YARKOSKY

Modernizes motor carrier regulations, focuses on motor fuel use rather than diesel, introduces updated licensing requirements, raises damage reporting thresholds, and permits e-mail notifications.

- Removes references to "diesel," focuses on "motor fuel," and aligns definitions with the International Fuel Tax Agreement.
- Transitions from 'commercial motor vehicle' to 'qualified motor vehicle' and requires new $4 fuel tax decals in place of identifying devices.
- Sets a $2,000 property damage threshold for crash reporting, up from $500.

- Authorizes electronic filing of returns, temporary permits, and e-mail notifications for suspensions, renewals, and license changes.

AMENDMENT 312799 TO THE AMENDMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE MANEY

Expands and modifies licensing privileges for disabled veterans and persons with disabilities.

- Permits a disabled veteran who has a permanent plate to keep the unique alphanumeric designation on reissuance, renewal, or transfer.
- Allows persons with disabilities to apply for specialized plates at tax collectors' offices; the plates may display a wheelchair symbol or "DV."
- Authorizes tax collectors to issue such plates immediately on demand.

AMENDMENT 520293 TO THE AMENDMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE PORRAS

Authorize licensees to reject certain franchise successions and transfers, limit excessive vehicle distributions, and clarify buyback responsibilities.

- Prohibits distributing more than 33.33 percent of a line-make to one or commonly controlled dealerships if at least 1,000 vehicles of that line-make are distributed in Florida during a 12-month period.
- Permits licensees to reject franchise successions or sales if the heir or buyer fails moral or financial criteria or would violate distribution thresholds.
- Specifies motor vehicles under buyback provisions and clarifies mileage thresholds for cost reimbursements.

AMENDMENT 106271 TO THE AMENDMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE YARKOSKY

Streamlines communications facility permitting by limiting local government restrictions and fees.

- Prohibits requiring providers to locate or survey other facilities and allows work to proceed if owners do not locate their lines.
- Bans deposits, escrow, and new fees or taxes for placing facilities and bars limiting the number of open permits.
- Enables a single application process for building and right-of-way permits, clarifies bonding terms, and provides indemnification limits.
- Disallows local landscaping or vegetation management requirements beyond right-of-way restoration.

SB 488 passed by a vote of 108-1 in the House and 36-0 in the Senate.



CS/SB 504, Code Inspector Body Cameras, by Senator Burgess

Requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, and to perform a periodic review of actual body camera practices; providing that certain provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors, etc.

CS/SB 504 passed by a vote of 111-0.

CS/SB 524, Department of Law Enforcement, by Senator Simon

Authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules relating to the Florida Medal of Valor and the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; specifying the circumstances under which an appointment or reappointment to the Medical Examiners Commission is considered in force; requiring the commission, rather than the Governor, to appoint district medical examiners for each medical examiner district; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to accept and process fingerprints taken of natural persons who are control persons of a licensee or are applicants for licensure, etc.

Amendment 222029 by Representative Sirois

Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to provide protective security for certain gubernatorial nominees and officers-elect.

- Provides a protective security detail for major-party nominees for Governor and Lieutenant Governor immediately following certification of primary election results.
- Continues protective detail until the nominee concedes the general election or after certification of the general election results, whichever occurs first.
- Extends protective detail for officers-elect until they officially assume office.

CS/SB 524 passed by a vote of 111-0.

CS/CS/SB 532, Clerks of the Court, by Senator Simon

Authorizing the cumulative excess of funds to be used in the development of the total combined budgets of the clerks of the court; requiring that a court use certain sale procedures in a foreclosure action; providing that only a clerk of court may conduct a foreclosure sale, etc.

CS/HB 925 is Substituted for CS/CS/SB 532

CS/HB 925, Clerks of the Court, by Representative Trabulsy

Authorizes Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, on behalf of clerks, to submit request for reimbursement to reimburse clerks for filing certain petitions, orders, appeals, and summons; increases rate at which clerks may be reimbursed for filing certain petitions, orders, appeals, and summons; authorizes clerk to be reimbursed for certain fees and charges; increases percentage of certain penalties that must be deposited into fine and forfeiture fund and decreases percentage of certain penalties that must be paid to municipality.

AMENDMENT 878376 BY SENATOR SIMON

Expands the use of cumulative excess funds for clerk budgets, revises traffic penalty distributions, and updates notice publication requirements.

- Removes mandatory 50% clerk transfer to General Revenue.
- Allows use of cumulative excess in clerk budgets and a 16% reserve.
- Adjusts local traffic penalty splits to increase fine and forfeiture funding.
- Updates "publicly accessible website" requirements for real property notices.
- Creates exceptions for school bus camera enforcement penalty distributions.

CS/HB 925 passed by a vote of 38-0 and 101-5 in the House.

CS/SB 576, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBERSECURITY, BY SENATOR HARRELL

Creating the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within the Florida Digital Service; requiring the grant program to be administered by the Florida Digital Service; requiring the Florida Digital Service to enter into certain data-sharing agreements with local governments for a specified purpose; requiring the Florida Digital Service to contract for information technology commodities and services and award such commodities and services to local governments, etc.

CS/CS/HB 1085 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/SB 576

CS/CS/HB 1085, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBER SECURITY, BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Creates Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within University of South Florida, to be administered by Florida Center for Cybersecurity; requires Florida Center for Cybersecurity to enter into data-sharing agreements with local governments and Florida Digital Service; requires Florida Center for Cybersecurity to administer grant program based on specified criteria to provide information technology commodities and services to local governments; requires Florida Center for Cybersecurity to contract for information technology commodities and services and award such commodities and services to local governments; requires Florida Center for Cybersecurity to prepare and submit specified report to Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and chairs of legislative appropriations committees.

AMENDMENT 497954 BY SENATOR HARRELL

Establishes the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within the Florida Digital Service to help local governments mitigate and defend against cybersecurity threats.

- Requires data-sharing agreements with local governments to facilitate security-related information exchange.
- Provides grants for IT commodities and services based on objective criteria.
- Gives preference to fiscally constrained counties.
- Allows acceptance of federal funds or grants.
- Takes effect July 1, 2026.

AMENDMENT 807678 TO THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR HARRELL

Change the deadline for required action to December 1 annually.

- Deletes the original line and inserts a new deadline of December 1 each year.

CS/CS/HB 1085 passed by a vote of 37-0.

AMENDMENT 137421 BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Establishes a new cybersecurity protection program allowing local governments to purchase IT services through the Florida Digital Service and requiring annual reporting.

- Allows local governments to buy IT commodities and services from Florida Digital Service contracts even without a grant.
- Requires the Florida Digital Service to issue annual reports detailing grant applications, awards, and funded cybersecurity services.
- Authorizes the Florida Digital Service to seek and accept federal grants to support the program.
- Specifies that the section is repealed on July 1, 2031, unless reenacted.

CS/CS/HB 1085 passed by a vote of 104-1 in the House and 39-0 in the Senate.

SB 594, LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLANS, BY SENATOR BURTON

Authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile homeowners for a specified time period; requiring each county and eligible municipality to include in its local housing assistance plan certain strategies; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to provide certain funds to mobile homeowners for rehabilitation and emergency repairs, etc.

SB 594 passed by a vote of 110-0.



CS/CS/CS/SB 686, AGRICULTURAL ENCLAVES, BY SENATOR MCCLAIN

Authorizing certain persons to apply to the governing body of the local government for certification of certain parcels as agricultural enclaves; requiring the local government to hold a public hearing within a specified timeframe to approve or deny such certification; authorizing certain persons to submit certain development plans; authorizing the development of certain parcels for commercial, industrial, or single-family residential purposes under certain circumstances, etc.

CS/CS/CS/SB 686 passed by a vote of 90-20.

CS/CS/HB 803, BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS, BY REPRESENTATIVE TRABULSY

Provides for expiration of certain building permits issued by county and local government; prohibits DBPR from denying building permit for certain residential manufactured buildings; provides that under certain circumstances certain persons are not subject to discipline for performing job without applicable permits and inspections; prohibits local governments from requiring building permit for installation of certain walls or barriers; revises provisions relating to building code inspection services provided by private provider and private provider firms, including permit and administrative fees, responsibilities of private providers, permitting and inspection documents and reports, timeframes for issuing permits and notices, authority of local building official, notices of incomplete forms, authority of private providers acting as local building official, emergency inspection services, creation of uniform forms, audits, immunity, civil causes of action, posting of permits on specified websites, and adoption of specified registration system; requires Florida Building Commission to develop uniform commercial and residential building permit applications; provides permit requirements for backup power systems and distributed energy generation systems; prohibits association or certain committees from requiring building permit as prerequisite for certain review.

CS/CS/HB 803 passed by a vote of 109-0.

CS/CS/SB 848, STORMWATER TREATMENT, BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Prohibiting certain stormwater treatment and net improvement activities; defining the term “regional stormwater management system”; requiring that the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district require an applicant to provide certain documentation of adequate financial responsibility in order to meet certain requirements; authorizing water quality enhancement credits to be used by governmental entities to meet environmental resource permit stormwater treatment performance standards or achieve net improvement, pursuant to specified provisions, etc.

CS/CS/SB 848 passed by a vote of 112-0.

SB 962, Affordable Housing, by Senator Bradley

Revising the definitions of certain land use categories for which certain residential development may be authorized to exclude farms and farm operations and uses associated therewith, etc.

SB 962 passed by a vote of 109-2.

CS/CS/SB 984, Firefighter Cancer Benefits and Prevention, by Senator DiCeglie

Revising conditions under which a specified one-time payment must be made by a former employer upon a firefighter's cancer diagnosis; requiring a former employer to provide death benefits for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; deleting the requirement for the Division of State Fire Marshal to adopt rules for establishing employer cancer prevention best practices, etc.

Amendment 761459 by Representative Busatta

Extends death benefits eligibility for firefighters who die from cancer for one-year post-employment.

- Requires former employers to provide death benefits up to one year after termination if the firefighter previously met specified criteria and did not return to firefighting.
- Declares an important state interest.
- Takes effect July 1, 2026.

CS/CS/SB 984 passed by a vote of 109-0 in the House and 37-0 in the Senate.

CS/CS/HB 1019, Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, by Representative Conerly

Prohibits, beginning on specified date, certain use and sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-forming foam; requires, beginning on specified date, certain entities to submit aqueous film-forming foam inventories and disposal plans to DEP; prohibits, beginning on specified date, possession and use of aqueous film-forming foam; authorizes DEP to administer certain grants or cost share programs; provides penalties and injunctive relief; requires certain public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids and treated effluent to quarterly conduct specified samplings and submit results to DEP; limits purpose such samplings until specified standards are established by EPA and adopted by DEP.

CS/CS/HB 1019 passed by a vote of 107-0.

CS/CS/SB 1134, Official Actions of Local Governments, by Senator Yarborough

Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion; providing that certain ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, programs, and policies are void; providing that a county commissioner, a member of the governing body of a municipality, or any other county or municipal official acting in an official capacity who violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office, etc.

CS/CS/SB 1134 passed by a vote of 77-37.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1294, Biosolids Management, by Senator Bradley

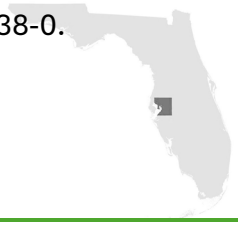
Prohibiting the land application of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products from exceeding the appropriate agronomic rate; requiring the owner or operator of certain land application sites to maintain application records for a specified timeframe and make such records available to the Department of Environmental Protection upon request; requiring the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, on a specified basis and beginning on a specified date, to publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for the reuse of bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products; prohibiting Class AA biosolids fertilizer products and certain Class AA biosolids compost products from being marketed or distributed for agricultural land application unless specified requirements are met, etc.

CS/CS/HB 1245 is Substituted for CS/CS/CS/SB 1294

CS/CS/HB 1245, Biosolids Management, by Representative Shoaf

Prohibits land application of Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products from exceeding appropriate agronomic rate; requires land application site owners and operators to maintain records; requires DEP to provide certain notice to such owners and operators and to adopt rules; requires University of Florida's IFAS to publish and make publicly available recommended agronomic rates for bulk Class AA biosolids fertilizer and compost products; authorizes bulk Class AA biosolids or biosolids products to be distributed or marketed as fertilizer and land applied if specified requirements are met; authorizes bulk Class AA biosolids compost products to be distributed or marketed as soil amendments and land applied if specified requirements are met; requires that certain bulk Class AA biosolids compost and fertilizer products be applied at certain land application sites; requires certain bulk Class AA products applied on certain lands meet certain requirements before application.

CS/CS/HB 1245 passed by a vote of 38-0.



CS/CS/SB 1296, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION, BY SENATOR MARTIN

Authorizing subpoenas to be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service; revising application requirements for employee organization registration and renewal of registration; specifying the criteria by which the commission determines the method and timing of elections; providing that a petition to clarify the composition of a bargaining unit may be filed with the commission under certain circumstances; providing that implementation of appropriations from the Legislature which are specifically directed to be disbursed as salaries for employees of local governments are considered a financial urgency; authorizing certain public employers, public employees, and employee organizations, or combinations thereof, to file certain charges with the commission, etc.

CS/CS/SB 1296 passed by a vote of 73-37.

CS/CS/HB 1329, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, BY REPRESENTATIVE BENARROCH

Revises length of time tentative budgets and final budgets must be posted on county, municipality, and special district websites; requires posting of such budgets to allow members of public to download and review certain information and data in specified formats; requires county and municipal budget officer to perform certain exercise before final adoption of budget; revises length of time adopted amendment must be posted on county's and municipality's website; requires posting of proposed amendment to meet certain requirements; provides exception for counties and municipalities that meet certain requirements; requires counties and municipalities that meet such exception to provide information in form and manner prescribed by DFS; authorizes counties and municipalities to apply for certain hardship waivers.

CS/CS/HB 1329 passed by a vote of 87-19.

CS/CS/SB 1334, ELECTIONS, BY SENATOR GRALL

Defining the term “document acceptable as evidence of United States citizenship”; revising the information the uniform statewide voter registration application is designed to elicit from an applicant to include a certain acknowledgment; requiring that an agreement between the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of State match information regarding the legal status as a United States citizen of applicants applying to vote; requiring supervisors to verify the current eligibility of certain applicants within a specified timeframe by reviewing specified information provided by governmental entities to make a determination under specified conditions; prohibiting a person from qualifying for nomination as a candidate of a political party if the person has not been a registered member

of such party for a specified timeframe; requiring that all voting be done by official ballot using certain pens, etc.

CS/CS/HB 991 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/CS/SB 1334

CS/CS/HB 991, ELECTION INTEGRITY, BY REPRESENTATIVE PERSONS-MULICKA

Revising definitions; revising the information the Department of State is required to include in a specified report; requiring persons to swear or affirm they have reviewed the voter registration instructions, are a United States citizen, and understand the penalties for providing false information; requiring the voter registration application to elicit documentation required by the United States Election Assistance Commission or federal law; requiring that an applicant's citizenship status be verified by the records of the DHSMV; providing that an applicant will be registered as an unverified voter, and must vote with a provisional ballot that will not be counted if his or her legal status as a United States citizen cannot be verified through the DHSMV; requiring the online voter registration system to transmit certain information to the supervisor of elections and generate certain notices; requiring the supervisor of elections to verify the legal status of certain applicants and provide certain notice; providing that, under specified circumstances, the online voter registration system may populate the applicant's information into a printable voter registration application; requiring an applicant's legal status to be verified for a voter registration application to be valid; providing that an applicant will be deemed an unverified voter if his or her application fails to meet specified requirements.

AMENDMENT 903278 BY SENATOR GRALL

Strengthen voter-registration citizenship verification, expand acceptable IDs, tighten candidate qualification rules, and adjust ballot procedures to enhance election integrity.

- Clarify 'ballot' definition and shift from 'marksense' to 'official ballot.'
- Require documented proof of US citizenship at registration or upon request.
- Adjust candidate qualification: 365-day party affiliation, new name-change restrictions, mandatory dual-citizenship disclosure.
- Remove certain IDs (e.g., credit cards, educational ID) from polling place acceptance.
- Revise election timelines, including canvassing deadlines, and impose a 5-year limit to prosecute election fraud.

AMENDMENT 244250 TO THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR GAETZ

Strengthens candidate qualifying by imposing continuous party affiliation requirements, restricting certain name changes, and adding new declarations on citizenship and stock trading for federal candidates.

- Requires 365 consecutive days of requested party membership or no affiliation before qualifying.

- Bars candidates from changing names within that period, except for marriages, adoptions, or dissolutions of marriage.
- Mandates federal candidates disclose intentions or history of trading stocks outside a controlled trust arrangement.
- Creates new s. 99.0211 to provide expedited legal challenges and another mechanism to remove noncompliant candidates from the ballot.

CS/CS/HB 991 passed by a vote of 27-12 in the Senate and 77-28 in the House.

CS/SB 1366, CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, BY SENATOR BRODEUR

Increasing the statutory limits on the liability of the state and its agencies and subdivisions for tort claims; revising exceptions relating to instituting actions on tort claims against the state or one of its agencies or subdivisions; revising the period after which the failure of certain entities to make a final disposition of a claim shall be deemed a final denial of the claim for certain purposes; revising the statute of limitations for tort claims against the state or one of its agencies or subdivisions and exceptions thereto, etc.

HB 145 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/SB 1366

HB 145, SUITS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state and its agencies and subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions and exceptions thereto.

AMENDMENT 401768 BY SENATOR BRODEUR

- Revises the sovereign immunity law by raising liability caps, adjusting time limits, and clarifying claims procedures.
- Increases per-claim limit for tort actions against government from $200,000 to $350,000 and per-incident aggregate from $300,000 to $500,000.
- Reduces the notice period for filing claims from 3 years to 18 months.
- Changes the statute of limitations to 2 years for negligence, with varying deadlines for other claims.
- Allows certain sexual battery claims involving victims under age 16 to be filed at any time.

- Updates cross-references and conforming provisions for consistent application.

HB 145 passed by a vote of 36-0 in the Senate and 108-1 in the House.

CS/CS/SB 1434, INFILL REDEVELOPMENT, BY SENATOR CALATAYUD

Creating the "Infill Redevelopment Act"; requiring that a local government permit qualifying parcels to be developed with residential uses; prohibiting a local government from using the subdivision process to restrict development in a certain manner; requiring developers of such parcels to pay double the parks and recreation facilities impact fees for a certain purpose and provide certain written notice to property owners; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain local laws, ordinances, or regulations, etc.

CS/CS/SB 1434 passed by a vote of 87-24.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1452, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Revising the subsystem used for a certain report of disbursements made; deleting the Department of Financial Services' authority to make semimonthly salary payments; revising eligibility requirements for a hurricane mitigation inspection under the My Safe Florida Home Program; revising eligibility requirements for the My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program; providing that redemption in cash or through a debit card transaction shall be treated the same; revising the timelines and conditions under which stock, other equity interests, or debt of a business association is considered abandoned; ratifying specified rules relating to legal tender for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying conditions on effectiveness pursuant to chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida, etc.

AMENDMENT 344910 BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Expand and clarify hurricane mitigation inspection and grant requirements while updating how certain condominium associations qualify.

- Replaces "homeowner" with "applicant," allows 24-month reinspection, and requires a final inspection.
- Waives matching funds for low-income persons, providing grants up to $10,000 with no contribution.
- Requires coverage only for homes built before 2008 and valued at $700,000 or less.
- Adds a My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program for associations meeting 80% occupant income standards.
- Amends references in the Florida Financial Management Information System, removing the Accounting Information Resource Subsystem.

AMENDMENT 347422 BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Clarifies that certain equity interests are not presumed abandoned due to inactivity, expands holder due diligence and notice requirements, and replaces various "unclaimed" references with "abandoned" throughout.

- Excludes certain equity and securities from abandonment if the holder maintains annual contact and activity indicators.
- Replaces "unclaimed" with "abandoned" in multiple sections.
- Requires more extensive holder searches and two notices for property over $1,000.
- Prohibits the immediate reporting of worthless or non-freely transferable securities.

AMENDMENT 712002 BY SENATOR TRUENOW

Ratifies specified rules relating to legal tender and repeals a prior repeal, preserving the relevant provisions.

- Ratifies the enumerated Florida Administrative Code rules on gold and silver coin procedures, penalties, and definitions.
- Satisfies conditions for effectiveness under Chapter 2025-100, Laws of Florida.
- Repeals s. 18 of chapter 2025-100, thereby retaining specified legal tender provisions.

AMENDMENT 573943 BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMARCA

Removes lines 736-898 from the bill and revises the title by deleting lines 40-56, narrowing references to s. 215.89, F.S.

- Eliminates language spanning lines 736-898.
- Deletes portions of the title in lines 40-56 pertaining to amending s. 215.89, F.S.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1452 passed by a vote of 30-0 in the Senate and 109-0 in the House.

CS/CS/SB 1474, BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT, BY SENATOR GAETZ

Prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing or renewing a permit for certain biosolids land application sites if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility that accepts septage for higher levels of treatment and which meets specified requirements, etc.

CS/CS/HB 1285 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/CS/SB 1474

CS/CS/HB 1285, BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT, BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYLES

Prohibits DEP from issuing or renewing a permit for certain biosolids land application sites if there is a permitted wastewater treatment facility within a specified distance of the application site and which meets specified requirements.

CS/CS/HB 1285 passed by a vote of 38-0.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1510, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BY SENATOR MASSULLO

Deleting provisions creating the Environmental Regulation Commission; requiring that residential properties of a specified size located in a certain area connect to a central sewer system or upgrade to a specified type of nutrient-reducing wastewater treatment system; authorizing remediation plans for certain properties to have certain requirements related to existing conventional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; revising legislative findings and intent for the Florida Communities Trust; revising the approval criteria for certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, etc.

CS/CS/CS/HB 1417 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/CS/CS/SB 1510

CS/CS/CS/HB 1417, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMARCA

Repeals, revises, and creates various provisions relating to Environmental Regulation Commission; solar facilities; stormwater management systems; central sewer system connections; wastewater treatment systems; coastal resiliency projects; and air pollution license fees.

AMENDMENT 215232 BY SENATOR MASSULLO

Establish stricter wastewater treatment requirements for certain properties by mandating connection to central sewer or upgrading to enhanced nutrient-reducing systems and ensuring permitting agencies notify owners of these obligations.

- Require commercial and residential properties of 10 acres or less in specified lagoon areas to connect to central sewer or upgrade to a 65% nitrogen-reducing sewage system by July 1, 2030.
- Mandate permitting agencies to inform property owners of these requirements if they submit repair, modification, or replacement applications for conventional onsite systems before the July 1, 2030, deadline.

CS/CS/CS/HB 1417 passed by a vote of 34-3 in the Senate and 110-0 in the House.

CS/CS/SB 1724, UTILITY SERVICES, BY SENATOR MARTIN

Requiring that a new agreement, or an extension, renewal, or material amendment of an existing agreement, to provide certain utility services at retail be in writing; requiring that certain public meetings be held as a condition precedent to the effectiveness of a new or extended agreement under which a municipality will provide specified utility services in

other municipalities or unincorporated areas; revising provisions relating to permissible rates, fees, and charges imposed by municipal water and sewer utilities on consumers located outside the municipal boundaries; requiring municipalities that provide specified utility services to report certain information by a specified date, and annually thereafter, to the Florida Public Service Commission, etc.

CS/CS/HB 1451 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/CS/SB 1724

CS/CS/HB 1451, UTILITY SERVICES, BY REPRESENTATIVES BUSATTA

Requires certain public meetings as condition precedent to effectiveness of new or extended agreement under which municipality will provide specified utility services in other municipalities or unincorporated areas; requires municipalities that provide specified utility services to report certain information by specified date, and annually thereafter, to PSC; requires PSC to compile such information and submit report by specified date, and annually thereafter, to Governor and Legislature; provides for state preemption over subject of certain regional utilities authorities created after specified date.

AMENDMENT 211682 BY SENATOR MARTIN

Requires municipal utilities to formalize service agreements, hold public meetings, limit surcharges, and report usage data to the PSC.

- Mandates agreements be in writing and requires public meetings with affected municipalities.
- Caps water/sewer surcharges at 25% and phases out existing surcharges upon debt payoff.
- Requires annual public meetings and mandates annual reporting to the PSC on out-of-boundary service data.
- Preempts creation of new regional utilities authorities to the state.

AMENDMENT 407138 TO THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR MARTIN

Mandates new reporting requirements for municipalities regarding utility revenue, rate differentials, and nonutility spending.

- Requires disclosing the number of customers and total utility revenue.
- Requires identifying and quantifying rate differences for out-of-boundary customers.
- Requires stating how much utility revenue funds nonutility functions and the portion of the nonutility budget covered by these funds.

AMENDMENT 451889 TO THE AMENDMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE BUSATTA

Requires written agreements and public meetings for municipal utility services provided outside city boundaries, adjusts permissible rate surcharges, mandates annual reports, and preempts certain regional authority creation.

- Mandates new or extended municipal utility service agreements in writing, subject to local public input.
- Caps outside-boundary water and sewer rates at 25% above municipal rates, phasing out existing surcharges.
- Requires annual municipal utility reporting to the PSC on out-of-city customers, rates, and spending.
- Grants the PSC enforcement authority to ensure compliance with reporting requirements.
- Preempts future creation of regional utility authorities under certain conditions.

CS/CS/HB 1451 passed by a vote of 79-24 in the House and 30-6 in the Senate.

CS/CS/SB 1758, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, BY SENATOR GAETZ

Authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to conduct retrospective reviews and audits of certain claims under the state Medicaid program for a specified purpose; requiring the agency to seek federal approval to implement mandatory work and community engagement requirements for able-bodied adults as a condition of obtaining and maintaining Medicaid coverage; requiring the agency, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, to develop a business plan to implement specified provisions; revising the purpose of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee to include creation of a Medicaid preferred physician-administered drug list, a Medicaid preferred product list, and a high-cost drug list; requiring the department to develop and implement a food assistance payment accuracy improvement plan for a specified purpose, etc.

CS/CS/SB 1758 passed by a vote of 26-11.

CS/SB 7046, TAXATION, BY FINANCE AND TAX

Prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, from levying certain special assessments against more than a specified square footage amount per recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; prohibiting a taxpayer from being assessed certain penalties or interest under certain circumstances; revising a specified finding that a taxing authority must make in order to elect not to exempt certain property from certain ad valorem taxation; providing that the provision of electricity to a consumer at an electric vehicle charging station shall be considered the retail sale of electricity, etc.

CS/HB 1217 IS SUBSTITUTED FOR CS/SB 7046

CS/HB 1217, PROHIBITED GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES REGULATING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, BY REPRESENTATIVE SNYDER

Prohibits governmental entities from adopting certain net zero policies; prohibits governmental entities from using public funds in any manner that supports, implements, or advances certain net zero policies; prohibits governmental entities from imposing any charge to advance certain net zero policies; requires each governmental entity to annually submit to Department of Revenue certain affidavit; prohibits governmental entities from implementing, administering, or enforcing certain programs.

CS/HB 1217 passed by a vote of 24-12.

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Key Information and Dates

Here are other important session dates:

- April, 2026 — Budget Special Session
- April 20-24, 2026 — Congressional Redistricting Special Session
- June 23-26, 2026 — Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference in Orlando
- July 17-20, 2026 — National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA



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