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**Hillsborough
County Florida**

2023 Florida Legislative Session Summary Report

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Overview

- 368 bills passed
- Passage of a balanced budget as mandated by the Florida Constitution – this year, a record budget of \$117 billion
- This session Hillsborough County secured approx. \$9.1 million in appropriation projects:
 - African American Arts and Cultural Center-\$5,000,000
 - Hillsborough County: Emergency Operations Center Improvements-\$2,500,000
 - Hillsborough County Short Term Residential Treatment Beds-\$1,584,000

Bills That Impact Local Government

- 2018 Hillsborough County Citizen-Led Transportation Surtax-No legislative decision this session.
- Sovereign Immunity/Tort Reform-No legislative decision this session.
- SB 102 Housing (Live Local Act)-The bill enacts a comprehensive statewide workforce housing strategy to increase the availability of attainable housing options in Florida.
- SB 7024 Retirement-The bill makes several substantive changes to the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and provides the 2023-24 Contribution rates by class. The total County impact of SB 7024 will be \$325 M, compared to an estimated \$1.187B in HB 239, the House companion.
- SB 250 Natural Emergencies-The bill prohibits counties and municipalities, respectively, from prohibiting temporary shelters on residential property for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; Limits certain counties' ability to implement restrictive land use development; Limits certain counties' ability to increase building inspection fees.

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- SB 1718 Immigration-The bill prohibits a county or municipality from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization for the purpose of issuing an identification card or other document to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.
- SB 2500 Appropriations-A section within the budget suspends the creation of new city and county fertilizer bans past July 1 and funds a \$250,000 study at the University of Florida to evaluate their effectiveness.
- HB 155 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority-Dissolves TBARTA; provides for the discharge of liabilities & assumption of outstanding liabilities; requires TBARTA to settle & close its affairs & transfer pending activities; requires closure & dispensing of federal & state funds; provides for the distribution of TBARTA's remaining assets; requires notification of final dissolution; requires forwarding of TBARTA records.
- HB 1397 Regional Transportation-Provides legislative findings & intent; requires DOT to conduct a study of the organizational structure and operation of the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority; specifies requirements of study; requires DOT to submit a specified report to Governor & Legislature.

Thank You!

- To our State Delegation, and notably our appropriations sponsors.
 - Sen. Rouson & Rep. McClure
 - Sen. Collins & Rep. Alvarez
 - Sen. Burgess & Rep. Chaney
- Special Thanks to Rep. Garrison and Sen. Albritton
- Our state contract teams,
 - Jeff and Jon with Smith, Bryan, & Myers
 - Mat and Carlos with Ballard Partners

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